

**Dunscore Church Family Notices**

Registered Scottish Charity SC016060, Congregation Number 080454

# SUNDAY 4th October 2020

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**TODAY at 10.30am – Harvest Festival together via Zoom**

ZOOM link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86178216115

Tel. 0131 460 1196 with meeting ID: 86178216115#

**A note from our Minister:**

Today is our Annual Harvest Festival. A chance to thank God for His gracious provision, remember those in need and share with others. It’s also a chance to show off!

**Whether it’s a picture or a ‘live’ display – Show Us Your Produce!**

This week’s prayer was written with Ministers in mind but applies to us all – I hope it helps.

God Bless &amp; elbow bumps, **Mark**

Due to CoVID, instead of gifts of tinned goods for the Food Bank we ask that you make a financial

donation to them – this can be used to purchase items/food for those who are in need at this time. HOW TO GIVE …

You can donate directly to the **First Base Foodbank** on their Just Giving page. You will find this at: [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mark-frankland4](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mark-frankland4) If you prefer to give cash or a cheque (made out to Dunscore Church) you can send this to our Treasurer, Robert Waugh at: Craigeller, Mansegate, Dunscore, DG2 0TD with a note to say that it is for First Base Foodbank. Robert will gather these and pay them to First Base.

**HELP NEEDED … Glencairn Memories …**The Glencairn & Moniaive congregation are putting together a ‘souvenir’ pull-out section for the next Glencairn Gazette. Please let Mark or Nan or any Moniaive Elder have your pictures, anecdotes, and memories – deadline 20th October!

**Samaritan's Purse:** The Christian charity which collects boxes filled with presents for Christmas and a Christian message to children of all ages in various countries where there is great need, is still operating, despite Covid 19. You can either fill a box yourself, and drop it off at the Glenriddell Hall on a date to be confirmed or take it directly to Pagan's Funeral Directors, 102 Annan Rd, Dumfries by early November or go on-line and fill and pay for one. For more information go to  [www.samaritans-purse.org.uk](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/)

***Worship under the current restrictions …*** With continued restrictions on the use of our buildings we will join together mainly via the internet

 ***Zoom*** video-conferencing for our main Sunday worship (also by telephone!)

 ***YouTube*** for recordings of the Sunday Worship and other resources

 ***Facebook*** posts for ongoing encouragement and information

 **Email** for general contact and updates,

 - but … we are aware that some of you are not connected to such things.

Your Elder will ensure that you get a copy of the CFN each week and these include the hymns, a few thoughts on the reading for Sunday Worship, and other ideas to enable you to join in the ongoing worship, prayer and study life of the congregations as you are able.

\*\* **TOGETHER AT HOME … 7pm Sunday & Thursday.**

Join in prayer, thought and reflection. Use the weekly prayer and theme from CFNs.

 Light a candle. Look at pictures of friends/family/congregation. Listen to restful music.

 As we pray in the name of Jesus, the Holy Spirit will unite us across the distancing.

***This Week: PRAYER OF THE WEEK –*** God of inclusive love, You know each and every one of

us.

*You know that some of us are doing just fine,*

*others are freaking out, while others struggle to breathe.*

*The weight of the moment and the need for grace and mercy*

*are pushing some of us to our knees.*

*Help us all to pray honestly,*

*to speak truthfully and compassionately,*

*to act kindly and seek justice fervently.*

*Help us all to see You in the kindness of friend and stranger,*

*to hear You in the laughter, cries, and silence,*

*to know You in the midst of our circumstances.*

*May Your Spirit be at the heart of all we do.*

*May Jesus be at the centre of our lives.*

*May Your Kingdom be made real in our communities,*

*through the work of Your church*

*in Jesus’ Name and for His sake.*

***PRAYER THEME –*** Thank God for the good things He gives you and ask for the help you need.

***Next Sunday:***

***10.30am – Messy Church*** *via* ***Zoom***

***3pm –*** *Prayer & Reflection ‘live’ in Moniaive Church*

**The Post Office** has returned to the Glenriddell Hall is now open at the following times:

Monday 11.00 – 12.30

Wednesday 12.30 – 1.30

Friday 11.45 – 1.45

Only one customer at a time and face coverings need to be worn.

**Connect Discussion Group -** The Discussion group continues with a study of Paul’s letter to the Colossians online on Thursday evenings. If you would like to join in please contact Tim Harmer- timharmer95@gmail.com

**KIRK SESSION MEETING –** there will be a Session meeting by Zoom on **Tuesday 13th October** at **7.30.** Please send Colin any agenda items by Friday 9th. Thank you

**A-POLITICAL APHORISMS**

The problem with political jokes is they get elected. (Henry Cate, VII)

We hang the petty thieves and appoint the great ones to public office. (Aesop)

Politicians are the same all over. They promise to build bridges even where there is no river.

(Nikita Khrushchev)

Politicians are people who, when they see light at the end of the tunnel, go out and buy some more tunnel. (John Quinton)

A politician is a fellow who will lay down your life for his country. (Tex Guinan)

I have come to the conclusion that politics is too serious a matter to be left to the politicians.

(Charles de Gaulle)

Instead of giving a politician the keys to the city, it might be better to change the locks. (Doug Larson)

Notes for inclusion in September’s CFNs to Tim Harmer, by Friday midday please. You can contact him on timharmer95@gmail.com

**HARVEST FESTIVAL 2020**

**Hymn 229**

We plough the fields and scatter

the good seed on the land,

but it is fed and watered

by God’s almighty hand;

He sends the snow in winter,

the warmth to swell the grain,

the breezes and the sunshine

and soft refreshing rain.

All good gifts around us

are sent from heaven above;

then thank the Lord,

O thank the Lord,

for all His Love.

He only is the Maker

of all things near and far;

He paints the wayside flower,

He lights the evening star;

the winds and waves obey Him,

by Him the birds are fed;

much more to us, His children,

He gives our daily bread.

 All good gifts …

We thank You then, O Father,

for all things bright and good,

the seed-time and the harvest,

our life, our health, our food.

Accept the gifts we offer

for all Your Love imparts,

with what we know You long for:

our humble, thankful hearts.

M Claudius (1740-1815) trans JM Campbell(1817-1878)

**Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Firstfruits!**

**Song** (wave your produce!)

Thank You, Lord, for this fine day, {x3

Right where we are.

 Alleluia, praise the Lord {x3

 Right where we are.

Thank You, Lord, for fruit and veg, {x3

Right where we are. Alleluia …

Thank You, Lord, for fish and chips, {x3

Right where we are. Alleluia …

Thank You, Lord, for all Your gifts, {x3

Right where we are. Alleluia …

**Philippians 4:4-9 Rejoice!**

Prayers & Lord’s Prayer

**Hymn** (new words, old tune!)

Our legacy is dire, our people

trample down the Earth;

through fire and smoke and slavery

abundance turns to dearth.

Yet Christ, opposing, crucified

and risen, to transform,

with hope enlists each one of us

to turn from endless harm.

We moan, and claim despair our lot

as if that comfort brought;

and crises wait in line to bring

our vaunted wealth to naught.

Yet each new day brings hope and

opens doors we never saw.

The risen Christ defies denial

and only love is law.

We are not creatures yet to come:

we’re called to choose right now;

dependent on the bees, the trees,

the soil we tend and plough.

We won’t infest, no: we’ll invest

our love, our wisdom deep,

in hope beyond horizons bleak:

sustaining-Christ’s bequest!

David Coleman

**John 6:25-35 The Bread of Life**

Hymn 231

For the fruits of all creation,

thanks be to God:

for these gifts to every nation,

thanks be to God;

for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,

silent growth while we are sleeping,

future needs in earth’s safe-keeping,

thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,

God’s will is done;

in the help we give our neighbour,

God’s will is done;

in our world-wide task of caring

for the hungry and despairing,

in the harvest we are sharing,

God’s will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,

thanks be to God;

for the good we all inherit,

thanks be to God;

for the wonders that astound us,

for the truths that still confound us,

most of all, that love has found us,

thanks be to God.

Frederick Pratt Green (1903-2000)