



Dunscore Church Family Notices

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SUNDAY 25th October 2020

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TODAY at 10.30am – Worship Together via Zoom

Folk will need pencil, paper, pens and artistic flair this week!

ZOOM link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86939887756>

Tel. 0131 460 1196 with meeting ID: 86939887756#

A note from our Minister

I hope the return to GMT hasn't upset your rhythms! Time is very important to us as humans. The seasons and the flow of the year guide our celebrations and thoughts whether we know it or not.

The impending arrival of November brings time to remember – almost poetic!

All Saints' Day, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Sunday, Armistice Day all come in quick succession.

Amidst all this remembering we are taking the opportunity to remember in the way Jesus taught us – Holy Communion. As we did in May, we will hold a Communion Service via Zoom on Thursday

5th November. As well as remembering Him and what He has done for us, we also take the chance to re-commit ourselves to His Way of Love. More of which during our worship today!

God Bless & elbow bumps,

Mark

Worship as Lockdown continues ...

** With the restrictions on the use of our buildings we mainly use 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.

PRAYER & REFLECTION ... 3pm 2nd & 4th Sundays

Quiet time in church (with face-masks, social distancing, no singing) for half an hour.

A chance to simply meet with God in a place of Prayer and Worship.

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.

A Meditation for October - <https://youtu.be/ih8KvvPqpo4>

This Week:

PRAYER OF THE WEEK –

Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

PRAYER THEME – Ask the Holy Spirit to make you an effective channel for God's Love

Next Sunday:

10.30am – Worship Together via Zoom

pm - Remember, Pray, Give Thanks for those we have lost

Churches open in pre-booked slots

Contact Nan (Moniaive), Colin (Dunscore)

See Update Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe Box Appeal: 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, instructions on the website as below, and drop it off at the **Church Car Park on Thursday 12th November between 10 – 11.30am** after which they will be taken to Pagan's Funeral Directors, 102 Annan Rd, Dumfries **or** take them in yourself in office hours between **9-13th & 16th November** **or** go on-line to fill and pay for one. For more information go to www.samaritans-purse.org.uk

The Post Office has returned to the Glenriddell Hall and 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 is taking a break for a couple of weeks. We will be joining in with the Communion on Thursday evening 5th November and then continuing with a study of the Old Testament and an Advent course to take us up to Christmas from Thursday 12th November. If you would like to join in please contact Tim Harmer- timharmer95@gmail.com

Eco Snippets - Have a one in one out policy for make-up and consider recycled or bamboo toilet paper.

Dunscore Digest: There will be a winter edition of the Digest coming out soon. Please could you send anything for inclusion to Matthew at auchenage@gmail.com by **Sunday 8 November**.

Jokes:

A man phoned the hospital in a state of excitement:

'My wife is pregnant! Her contractions are only two minutes apart!!!'

The nurse asked, 'Is this her first child?'

The man quickly responded, 'No you fool -- this is her husband!'

Getting in the mood for Christmas here is a Christmas cracker joke:

What is the difference between unlawful and illegal.

The first is something that is against the law the second is a sick bird.

CFNs - Next Sunday is 1st November so following this week's jokes you will be relieved to know that John Drabble will be taking on CFN production for November, notes for inclusion in November's CFNs should go to him by Friday midday please at jdrabble@btopenworld.com

Hymn 212

Morning has broken, like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,
praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight; mine is the morning,
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!

Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

Activity – When I grow up ...

Song 528

Make me a channel of Your Peace.
Where there is hatred
let me bring Your Love;
where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in You.

Oh, Master,
grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of Your Peace.
Where there's despair in life
let me bring Hope;
where there is darkness, only light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master, grant ...
Make me a channel of Your Peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive;
and in dying that we're born to Eternal Life.

Sebastian Temple (1928-1997) from the Prayer of St Francis

Prayers & Lord's Prayer

Hymn 627

Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost,
taught by You, we covet most,
of Your gifts at Pentecost,
holy, heavenly Love.

Faith that mountains could remove,
tongues of earth or heaven above,
knowledge, all things, empty prove
without heavenly Love.

Though I as a martyr bleed,
give my goods the poor to feed,
all is vain, if Love I need;
therefore give me Love.

Love is kind and suffers long;
Love is meek, and thinks no wrong,
Love than death itself more strong;
therefore give us Love.

Prophecy will fade away,
melting in the light of day;
Love will ever with us stay;
therefore give us Love.

Faith and Hope and Love we see,
joining hand in hand, agree;
but the greatest of the three,
and the best, is Love.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

Matthew 22:34-end

Notes:

Love God.
Love your neighbour as yourself.
Be a clear channel for Love!

Hymn 644

O Jesus, I have promised
to serve You to the end;
be now and always near me,
my Master and my Friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if You are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if You will be my guide.

Oh, let me feel You near me:
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me, and within;
but, Jesus, draw still nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.

Oh, let me hear You speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
Oh, speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
true guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, You have promised
to all who follow You,
that where You are in Glory
Your servant shall be too;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve You to the end:
now give me grace to follow,
my master and my friend.

John Ernest Bode (1816-1874)