

**Church Family Notices**

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Sunday 14th March 2021

**A note from our Minister:**

It’s ‘All Change!’ again …

The Church of Scotland have declared that Annual Meetings cannot be held via Zoom so Dunscore won’t get theirs this year!

The Scottish Government have changed the rules of lockdown, allowing us to use our buildings for

worship again subject to restrictions as before Christmas. Watch CFNs and websites for copies of Annual Reports and revised Holy Week and Easter plans. Like me, your diaries and calendars are covered in Tippex splodges every time the goalposts are shifted – thank you for your patience, endurance, and faithfulness over the past year.

Today we take an opportunity to thank those we often take for granted – Mums! We are reminded that God wants us to have an ‘attitude of gratitude’ with us along life’s journey.

God Bless &amp; elbow bumps,

Mark

This month:

PRAYER FOR March – Lord God Almighty,

grant us Your Grace

to withstand the temptations around us

and resist the temptations within us

and follow You, the only God,

with pure hearts and minds,

through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

PRAYER THEME – Pray that the “chances &amp; changes of this world” don’t distract you from God.

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

**Monday 15 March**

7:30pm - Talk on National Parks of South West USA – Pam and Colin are giving a talk using Zoom. This in aid of Church Funds. Please e mail Colin at [c.mitchell50@btinternet.com](mailto:c.mitchell50@btinternet.com) to obtain a link. Donations welcome

**Wednesday 17th March**

From 6am – Lenten Meditation on YouTube

**Thursday 18th March**

7:30pm – Connect Study Group – DANIEL Chapter 8 ‘Superpowers in Conflict’

via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/402568082>

**Next Sunday 21st March:**

10.30am – Morning Worship Together via Zoom

followed by Coffee Break/Blether Time

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**Sunday 28th PALM SUNDAY**

order your ‘Palm Sunday in a bag’ from Jen – call 07810628002

**Worship for Dunscore with Glencairn & Moniaive Churches**

In light of the Scottish Government's announcement that Church buildings can be re-opened for worship from Friday 26th March, Mark is looking at some changes/additions for Holy Week so keep your eye on the CFNs and church website!

**MARCH**

16 Tue 7:00pm Zoom Prayer & Reflection

17 Wed YouTube Lenten Meditation

21 10.30am Morning Worship via Zoom + Coffee Break

24 Wed YouTube Lenten Meditation

28 10.30am Palm Sunday Zoom Messy Church Special

31 Wed YouTube Lenten Meditation

**APRIL**

1 Thu7:00pm Maundy Thursday Zoom The Last Supper

2 Fri Good Friday YouTube At The Cross

4 10.30am Easter Day Zoom with ‘live stream’ Organ & Coffee + Egg Break!

**Eco Snippet**

Buy from sustainable businesses:

As manufacturers and retailers strive to provide us with the cheapest possible products, they cut corners – harming people and the planet. It’s often the poorest in the world who bear the main brunt.

So when you do buy new, look for brands that are transparent about the materials they use and the working conditions of their employees. Get more informed with Ethical Consumer magazine, which provides 130 detailed product guides which subscribers can customise according to personal concerns.

**First Base Food Bank**

Please remember to support this excellent charity. Winter is here and it will be a long and a hard one for many folk living on little income. I know that many of you give through ‘**Just Giving’** on line [www.justgiving.com/first-base](http://www.justgiving.com/first-base) but as an alternative, Mark Frankland would be delighted to receive cheques to ‘**The First Base Food Agency’**, 6 Buccleuch Street, Dumfries DG! 2NH. I think the need will be greatest from January to March …Many thanks.

**CHRISTIAN AID LENT & EASTER APPEAL 2021**

Christian Aid is now 75 years old and this year the Lent and Easter appeal is focused on looking forward as well as reflecting on the past. Full details are on the Christian Aid Website – [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

A prayer sheet will be circulated via email, let Mark know if you need a hard copy.

**GET YOUR KILT ON!**

**Christian Aid Virtual Kilt Walk**

You can also raise money for Christian Aid by taking part in the virtual charity fundraising walk over the weekend of **23- 25 April 2021**. So anyone, anywhere in Scotland can safely take part! And every pound raised will be topped up by 50% from The Hunter Foundation. Go to [www.kiltwalk.co.uk](http://www.kiltwalk.co.uk) for more details and to register. The Church of Scotland’s Moderator, Rev Dr Martin Fair will be donning his kilt for Christian Aid.

**Notes** for inclusion in March CFNs by Friday morning please to Tim Harmer on 01387 820861 or [timharmer95@gmail.com](mailto:timharmer95@gmail.com)

**MOTHERING SUNDAY 2021**

**Hymn 122**

Let all the world in every corner sing,

‘My God and King!’

The heavens are not too high,

His praise may thither fly;

the earth is not too low,

His praises there may grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing,

‘My God and King!’

Let all the world in every corner sing,

‘My God and King!’

The Church with psalms must shout,

no door can keep them out;

but, above all, the heart

must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing,

‘My God and King!’

George Herbert (1593-1633)

Who to thank?

**Song JP232**

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 … {x3

Right where we are. *Alleluia …*

Thank You, Lord, for loving me, {x3

Right where I am. *Alleluia …*

**Hymn 694**

Brother, sister, let me serve you,

let me be as Christ to you;

pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,

and companions on the road;

we are here to help each other

walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you

in the night-time of your fear;

I will hold my hand out to you,

speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;

when you laugh, I’ll laugh with you;

I will share your joy and sorrow

till we’ve seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven

we shall find such harmony,

born of all we’ve known together

of Christ’s love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,

let me be as Christ to you;

pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my servant too.

Richard AM Gillard (b.1953)

**Colossians 3:12-17**

Bear with … with gratitude

**Hymn 181**

For the beauty of the earth,

for the beauty of the skies,

for the love which from our birth

over and around us lies:

*Christ, our God, to You we raise*

*this our sacrifice of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour

of the day and of the night,

hill and vale, and tree and flower,

sun and moon and stars of light:

*Christ, our God …*

For the joy of ear and eye,

for the heart and mind’s delight,

for the mystic harmony

linking sense to sound and sight:

*Christ, our God …*

For the joy of human love,

brother, sister, parent, child,

friends on earth, and friends above,

for all gentle thoughts and mild:

*Christ, our God …*

For each perfect gift and sign

of Your Love so freely given,

graces human and divine,

flowers of earth and buds of heaven:

*Christ, our God …*

Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917)