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CHURCH FAMILY NOTICES Sunday 18th July

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A note from our Minister:

Another week ... another change ... but not yet! We have to wait for each Government announcement, then wait for the changed rules to start. What do we do in between?

Some of us will double-check the upcoming changes to ensure that the right things are put in place. (Thanks to those who do that for our congregations and churches – not an easy job! ... but vital!).

Some of us will shrug our shoulders, breathe a heavy sigh, and carry on.

Some of us will barely notice and continue to do our own thing regardless.

Sheep are a strange bunch too! They follow, they wander, they stand, they get lost.

The Bible often describes us as sheep in need of a Shepherd and points to Jesus as the Good Shepherd caring for His flock. Why not join the flock as we listen for the call of our Shepherd each Sunday – it will make you feel less like a lost sheep!

God Bless & elbow bumps,

Mark

PRAYER for the summer: *Lord Jesus, You walked on earth at a time of upheaval and change, give us the patience, the faith, and the wisdom we need to walk in Your Way through this stage of the pandemic. Show us what lessons You have for us and guide our forward steps over this summer so that we can better reflect You in our lives and better show You to others.*

PRAYER THEME – Ask Jesus to be your Shepherd when you feel like a lost sheep.

Saturday:

Moniaive Gala Day – displays throughout the village and outside St Ninian's

Next Sunday:

10am – **Gala Café Church** at St Ninian's Church

from 11.40am – **Morning Worship** 'live' on CairnValley Churches YouTube channel

11.45am – **Morning Worship** in Dunscore Church

ECO SNIPPET - The spring is sprung.

The mineral water in my shop has a label telling me it is from a 3000 year old source. The "best before" date is two years hence. If the water has been in the acquifer for 3000 years (probably longer).....why should it go off in a sealed plastic bottle?

The answer is in that dreaded word...plastic. During the process of making the plastic, traces of catalyst or plasticiser, which may include antimony, remain in the plastic and are leached out into the water over time.

Let's all renew our efforts to reduce the use of plastic. President Obama said " We need change....and yes we can "

GARDEN OPEN - The Glenkens Church of Scotland is hosting an open day at Ardarroch Garden courtesy of Annikki Lindsay on Saturday 17th July from 10am – 4pm. This is a wildlife friendly environment developed over 30 years on a south-west facing hillside overlooking Kendoon Loch. You can find it on the B7000 at postcode DG7 3UD, to the north of Dalry. Teas will be provided. We invite you to plan a visit on that day and to pass the word around to others. Entry by donations for the Glenkens Church of Scotland.

First Base Food Bank: Please remember to support this excellent charity. It is still hard for many folk living on little income. I know that many of you give through 'Just Giving' online 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 DG1 2NH.

Coming Soon

1st August- 10 am St Ninian's, Moniaive 11.45 am Dunscore

8th August - 10 am St Ninian's, Moniaive 11.45 am Dunscore Café Church

15th August 10 am St Ninian's, Moniaive 11.45 am Dunscore **22nd August** - 10 am St Ninian's, Moniaive Café Church 11.45 am Dunscore

29th August tbc Joint Service

NOTES Café Church – a less formal time together, not as loud as Messy Church but a chance to invite a friend to something less 'churchy' than most weeks. Community Events – both villages are having pared down Galas this year. Moniaive 'tour' of Queen on **Sat 24th July**. Dunscore Gala Day on **Sat 14th August**. This may inform our services on the Sundays following ... watch this space.

Live Broadcasts - via CairnValley Churches YouTube channel. To begin with these will be from Dunscore Church services, except on 11th July and 8th August when they will be from St Ninian's. And Finally: Nothing messes up your Friday like finding out that it's only Tuesday Notes for inclusion in July's CFNs by Friday morning please.

Our YouTube channel is called CairnValley Churches. If you want to watch the live stream, it would be a good idea to go to YouTube.com, go to the "search" (probably at the top of the screen) and look for CairnValley Churches. When you find it, there will be a Subscribe button, click this. Channels that you have subscribed to will appear in a list probably to the bottom left of the screen. You can now just click on this to go to the CairnValley Churches channel and click on past services to watch them, or click on the live link (when we are live streaming) to watch the service live

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