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CHURCH FAMILY NOTICES Sunday 4th July

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A note from our Minister:

This Sunday is the fourth of July. In the USA it's known as Independence Day. Over here it's just another day! Some days are special to some people – birthdays, wedding anniversaries, etc. For Christians Sundays are special – the Lord's Day, a day to come together as God's Family, a day of rest (unless you're on one of the rotas for that week). Last Sunday was special as we held our first 'almost' normal worship at both churches and it reminded many of you how precious it is to get together each week – a chance to focus on God, pray through Jesus, and seek the comfort and guidance of the Holy Spirit. I hope that the pain of isolation we have all experienced over the last 15 months will remind us to not take meeting together with God (or each other) for granted.

Dunscore Church Plant Sale (with monies from Dunesslin teas) has raised over £2000 – well done to all who helped, supported, donated, mingled, slurped, and munched!

Next Sunday we are trying something a bit different at Dunscore – Café Church! (We're going to try it at Moniaive too, at the end of the month after Gala Day.) The idea is to create a less formal time for us to come together – a blend of Messy Church, Zoom crafts, and singing over a cuppa! I hope the variety of worship at both our churches will contain something you can invite a friend to. Enjoy each day made special by our walk with Jesus.

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 God to meet with you each day, not just Sundays!

Next Sunday:

from 9.50am – **Morning Worship** 'live' on CairnValley Churches YouTube channel

10am – **Morning Worship** in St Ninian's Church

11.45am – **Informal Café-style Church** in Dunscore Church

Bring Pens and Pencils and if children are coming colouring pens as well.

There will be tables for family groups and Coffee/Tea will be available.

Quiz, Singing, Lego Bible Story as we look at our Church Emblem!

Book your table/seat now!

THANK YOU! A massive thank you to everyone who supplied baking, plants, bric a brac, time and effort to our Church sale and to everyone who attended, bought and sampled any of the above.

Over £2000 was raised between our event on Saturday and teas and plants at Dunesslin on the Sunday.

What a great weekend for renewing friendships.

There are some polystyrene boxes in the Glenriddell car-park to be collected whenever it suits the owners.

VISITORS TO HERITAGE CENTRE - A group from Glasgow are visiting the Church on Monday afternoon, 12th July. They are part of the Council of Christians and Jews (CCJ) project group planning to widen awareness of Jane Haining's story across Scotland. They are coming to see the Heritage Centre and all things relating to our Jane Haining story. Pam will meet them off the train and accompany them in the Community Bus. They will be at the Glenriddlell Hall at 1pm for a light lunch. If you would like to meet them, you would be most welcome to share this (and bring a contribution) Please contact Pam regarding this if you wish to come to the Hall. They will thereafter be in the Church and area before they return for their train.

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 - 18th July - 10 am St Ninian's, Moniaive 11.45 am Dunscore

25th July - 10 am St Ninian's, Moniaive Café Church 11.45 am Dunscore

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.

Please send items for inclusion in the CFNs to Colin Mitchell c.mitchell50@btinternet.com