



## **Dunscore Church Family Notices**

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**SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

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### **TODAY:**

**10am – Café Church** in St Ninian's, Moniaive

**11.45am – Holy Communion** in Dunscore Church (also on Zoom)  
followed by the **Annual Congregational Meeting**

### **A Message from our Minister:**

God wants to be involved in all aspects of our lives, whether formal, informal, organised, or spontaneous and Jesus was faced with all sorts of situations when He walked on earth. Next Sunday we will be praying for the COP26 meeting due to start in Glasgow soon, celebrating all the saints of God's Church, and remembering those who we love, but see no longer. Whatever we face in our lives, let's ask Jesus to be with us as we try to live His Way each day.

God Bless,

**Mark**

### **A Message from Lubuto:**

"...in terms of politics Zambia is known in Africa to be the beacon of peace ... just had peaceful elections in Zambia that saw the opposition party form the government, there were of course a few incidents of violence but not so serious to disturb the peace that our great nation has enjoyed. Secondly, COVID cases have been well handled by the government, though people are still sceptical with the taking of COVID drugs, Of late there has been an increase on the number of people getting vaccinated. Today a lot of people have known the importance of wearing face masks & sanitising. That in itself has led to the significance reduction of COVID cases. The government has made a lot strides to that effect. Schools have been opened & life is slowly coming to normal.

The issues of the bus is still giving us headache. We are still far from reaching the target, however we would like at this stage wish to acknowledge your tireless support made through all the donations you made to us so far. That gives us a push & has been the motivating factor. Our slow progress in terms of fundraising for the bus has been worsened by the fact that the roof for the old church building has serious leakages & so we decided to do a bit of fundraising as well to replace it with a new one before the on sets of the rainfall season. That's all I can say for now. Stay blessed. **Rev Friday Sinkonde, Minister.**

### **Next Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October:**

**10am – Joint Worship – Saints & Sinners in St Ninian's, Moniaive**

**from 2pm – Churches open for Remembering, Giving Thanks and Prayer**

– see poster in Dunscore and Moniaive – light a candle, place a picture, prayerfully remember

## **PRAYER for October:**

Creator God, Heavenly Father,  
Your Creation shows Your Love;  
Saviour God, Jesus,  
Your Life and Death show Your Love;  
Helper God, Holy Spirit,  
Your presence shows Your Love.  
May we reflect You in all that we do and say,  
and clearly show Your Love in our lives.

**PRAYER THEME** – Ask Jesus to be alongside you in all aspects of your life this week.

**Today Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October.... Church Stated Annual Meeting** will take place after our Church Service today.

**Tues 9th November. 7.30pm Dunscore Church Board** meeting in Church.

## **Connect**

The Connect group held the last session of their study of the book of Proverbs last Thursday. We are now having a short break and will resume with an Advent themed bible study from Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November through until 16<sup>th</sup> December. All are welcome to join us when we restart.

Tim Harmer ([timharmer95@gmail.com](mailto:timharmer95@gmail.com))

## **Eco Snippet - Who do you bank with?**

Are they ethical? Chances are, if you are with one of the high street banks, they will be using your funds for many things that you might not agree with. Building Societies (even the national ones) are a good option as they tend to have a local presence and tend to invest in more ethical areas.

## **COP26 Glasgow 31<sup>st</sup> October – 12<sup>th</sup> November**

**Kath Aitken writes** – "I'm sure you have all seen several sites giving information about COP26, however I would thoroughly commend watching a webinar which was organised by Christian Aid. It has 5 slots of about 10 minutes of easy listening by a Scottish Government minister highlighting our government's plans relating to climate justice, and speakers from Friends of the Earth, Oxfam and other organisations. The speakers are extremely sincere and well informed and focus on the challenges faced by people of "The Global South" ie Southern Hemisphere where the results of climate change are even more life threatening than they are for us. This is [the link](#) to watch the webinar.

## **First Base Food Bank**

... I spoke recently to Mark Frankland of First Base who told me that pre-Covid they were distributing **600 food parcels** a week throughout Dumfries & Galloway. At its peak during lockdown this had risen to **2,400!!!** It has now levelled off to around **1,400**. **BUT** he dreads the result of the £20 a week reduction in universal credit received during the pandemic and knows that the numbers will soar again. Winter is just starting so please do help ... there are a number of ways of doing this.

**You can:** Donate through 'Just Giving' on line [www.justgiving.com/first-base](http://www.justgiving.com/first-base)

**OR** Mark Frankland would be delighted to receive cheques made out to 'The First Base Food Agency' at First Base Food Bank 6 Buccleuch Street, Dumfries DG1 2NH

**OR** I will be happy to take a donation in church and send it via 'Just Giving'.

Many thanks for your help. **Sheila**

Please send items for CFNs until 7<sup>th</sup> November to **Tim Harmer** - [timharmer95@gmail.com](mailto:timharmer95@gmail.com)