



Dunscore Church Family Notices

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SUNDAY 17th October 2021

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TODAY:

10am – Morning Worship in St Ninian’s Church, Moniaive

11.45am – Morning Worship in Dunscore Church (also on Zoom)

3pm Zoom link with Lubuto <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86939887756>

A Message from our Minister:

“The best laid plans ...” you all know the quotation and you all know the reality in life. As with most groups we’ve been putting together the plans for our services up to the end of the year and it’s not easy to fit it all in! Some things are familiar, some new – watch your inbox and CFNs for details of Communion, Baptism, Remembrance and beyond.

This afternoon we have a chance to Zoom with our friends in Lubuto - same link as normal <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86939887756> - from 3pm. The details of what we will do together are still being finalised and we may ‘make it up’ as we go along, but it will be great to share time with them and find out how they are doing and where they are up to and be encouraged by their infectious enthusiasm and faith. Who knows, we may even encourage them too! Log in to find out. (Some of us will be in Dunscore Church for this – join us there or from your living room.)

As followers of Christ we need to align our plans with His way and be open to the movement of the Spirit, the Wind of God, even if the diary is booked up! Do you go with the Holy flow?

God Bless,

Mark

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 – Pray for your plans to be in line with Jesus’ will and the Spirit’s flow.

Next Sunday 24th October:

10am – Café Church in St Ninian’s, Moniaive

11.45am – Holy Communion in Dunscore Church (also on Zoom)

followed by the Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday 24th October.... Church Stated Annual Meeting will take place after our 11.45am Church Service next Sunday. We will have proposals for 3 new Board members. Coffee will be served and the ASM will be short. No recruiting is done on the day as members being proposed to join the Board have to be asked for their permission beforehand, so no arm twisting on the day is involved.

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 4th November through until 16th December. All are welcome to join us when we restart. Tim Harmer (timharmer95@gmail.com)

“For as pressing milk produces curds and pressing the nose produces blood, so pressing anger produces strife.” Proverbs 30v33

Eco Snippet

11 billion till receipts are handed out in the UK each year. Many contain toxic chemicals making them impossible to recycle. If you have the option, ask for an email receipt.

Dunscore Kirk Session - Elders and Board members are invited to a meeting to discuss the way forward for churches (particularly Dunscore) in light of the new Presbytery and reduction in number of ministers (not Mark as he has security of tenure). We began this discussion at the Session meeting last Tuesday and will continue it this **Tuesday (19th)** at 7.30. Please join us if you can.

COP26 Glasgow 31st October – 12th November

The Moderator of the General Assembly has written to ask us to pray for our leaders involved in COP26 and the momentous decisions facing them; for those whose lives are most blighted by climate injustice; and for the earth which is part of God's beautiful creation. He asks us to remember in our prayers all those working on behalf of our Church in relation to COP26, including a chaplaincy provision offered through Glasgow Cathedral, open to any who would value an opportunity to reflect in a safe and sacred space, and those involved in arranging a special COP26 ecumenical service to be held on Sunday 7 November at Glasgow Cathedral, which will be live-streamed.

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

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 October CFNs to **Tim Harmer** - timharmer95@gmail.com