



Dunscore Church Family Notices

Registered Scottish Charity SC016060, Congregation Number 080454

SUNDAY 20th March 2022

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TODAY:

10am – Morning Worship in St Ninian's, Moniaive

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86939887756>

or

Telephone: 0131 460 1196 enter ID code: 869 3988 7756

A note from our Minister:

There have been a few noteworthy days this week:

Commonwealth Day – celebrating nations trying to work together.

Ides of March – a time to be aware and beware of the traps of life

St Patrick's Day – remembering the Patron Saint of Ireland

I suspect many of you are skeptical of the usefulness of the Commonwealth, the superstitions about omens and fate, and whether Patrick actually chased snakes!

We often mark events and people that we are unsure about. Perhaps it is habit, perhaps a hope that part of it might be true, perhaps it's a good excuse for a party!

Every Sunday Christians join together to celebrate Jesus, to seek God's strength for the week ahead, and to ask for the help of the Holy Spirit to be guided by love in all we do.

If you feel skeptical, join us to see if God can meet you in the doubt and uncertainties of life.

If you want hope, join us to find something to hold on to.

If you want a party ... join us anyway!

God Bless,
Mark

Prayer Theme – Pray for courage to seek God's help and admit your need of Him.

Prayer of the Week

*Father of mercy,
alone we have no power in ourselves
to help ourselves.
When we are discouraged by our weakness,
strengthen us to follow Christ,
our pattern and our hope;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.*

Next Sunday: MOTHERING SUNDAY

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

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

online: Zoom live – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86939887756>

followed by **Annual Dunscore Congregational Meeting**

NB

MARK is 'off' this week so please contact Colin Mitchell (Dunscore – 01387 820455), Nan Tait (Moniaive – 01848 200403), or Rev Tim Harmer (01387 820861) in an emergency.

Church Stated Annual meeting

will be held after the Mothering Sunday service at 11.45 on Sun 27 March.

Please come along and hear how your church has done over the past year and plans for the future.

Dunscore Digest:

The Digest is coming out soon. Please send anything for inclusion to Matthew at auchenage@gmail.com by next Sunday 27 March.

Family Church

The Church would like to make more of encouraging all the family to feel they can attend worship on Sundays.

Following on from the success of Messy Church on the second Sunday of the month we are starting a special young person's initiative on the fourth Sunday of the month from 27th March. We hope this will help families to feel they can bring along their children to worship on these Sundays. The separate session for our youngsters will run alongside the normal Sunday worship service to enable parents to join in with worship whilst the young people have their own age-appropriate gathering. The sessions will be led by adults and will use teaching material produced by Churches Together. The sessions will aim to be fun and include games, craft activities, drama and art.

Tim Harmer

Plant Sale 28th May

Don't forget when you are doing a Spring Clean, save your books and bric a brac which we will be selling in addition to plants.

Connect

The Connect group is meeting this Thursday 3rd March at 7.30pm. We continue with a short course through Lent following John's gospel. All are welcome to join us at 7.30pm in the Church.

Tim Harmer (timharmer95@gmail.com)

Zoom Church

If any of our Church Family who join our service via zoom has any feedback good or bad, please let Matthew know via email on Auchenage@gmail.com or by phone 01387820448 It's very useful to know if there are any issues that may be able to be sorted.

The Village Library

There is now a small 'Help Yourself Library' in the Glenriddell Hall which is available when the Post Office is open. It will be refreshed regularly. If you have books you would like to donate, please put in the cardboard box beside the bookshelf.

First Base Food Bank

Mark Frankland of First Base has told us that they distribute around 1,400 food parcels a week.

YOU CAN: Donate through 'Just Giving' online - 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. Many thanks for your help. Sheila

Please send items for the CFNs for March:
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