



Dunscore Church Family Notices
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Today

10am – Joint Service in St Ninian's, Moniaive

****No Dunscore service today****

A Message from our Minister:

ALLELUIA! Christ is Risen!

He is Risen indeed! ALLELUIA!

Today it will be good to meet up physically (or via Zoom) and share in Worship and Fellowship.

This means singing and praying, sharing a cuppa and a blether ... together.

BUT ... we are celebrating Jesus leaving His Disciples! His Ascension left them behind. Without His physical presence what were they to do?

They kept meeting, sharing, praying, as they anticipated what He had promised – the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in a new way. We do not have Jesus' physical presence but we can learn from the Disciples as we meet, share, and pray, seeking the (literal) inspiration of the Holy Spirit to make Jesus as real to us as He was to them!

This year is the 70th Anniversary of the Queen ascending to our throne and will be marked by lots of events in our communities next weekend – friends getting together to celebrate.

Last Thursday we celebrated Jesus ascending to the Throne of Heaven – our Friend in high places! Ascension is about going up ... today Brian McBride (now COVID-free) will join with us and share about those who take to the skies with MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship) seeking to share the real Love of Jesus through practical help in remote areas of the world.

I have been 'up' in Edinburgh (by Zoom) at the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland this past week. A privilege and a challenge in these times of change!

Our Kirk Sessions and Boards meet together this week (Tues 31st) to look ahead at change of times!

How we plan our worship and activities as we face change under the revised levels of Ministry is vital – pray for our Elders and Board members to have wisdom, imagination and (most of all) the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Let us know any ideas, comments, or concerns, about service times and formats and how they work to best serve the Mission of the Church in our communities.

So we join together on the great journey of faith, following Jesus, the Way, step by step.

God Bless,

Mark

PRAYER for this week:

*Lord Jesus,
You Ascended as King of kings,
and reign in us by the Holy Spirit;
You Ascended as Living Saviour,
and live within us by the Holy Spirit;
You promised to come again as Lord of All,
inspire that hope in our hearts by the Holy Spirit.
Guide us to live in Your Way of Faith, Hope, and Love,
through Your Grace fill us with Your Peace,
as we seek to serve You and all people.*

Prayer theme – Ask for God’s help in the down-to-earth life of service and love-sharing.

This Tuesday 31st. Joint Board Session and Board Meeting

7 for 7.30pm in St. Ninian’s church, Moniaive. Important meeting to discuss the future.

Next Thursday & Sunday - Dunscore Jubilee Celebrations

Look out for more details of the programme.

Thursday 2nd June - 7pm. **Lighting the village beacon** on ‘High Germany’.

Walk up or meet 6pm in church carpark if you need a lift.

Sunday 5th June - 12 - 4pm. **Picnic, games and competitions** in the playpark.

Next Sunday: PENTECOST SUNDAY

10am – **Holy Communion** in St Ninian’s, Moniaive

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

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

ECO Snippet

Look for recycled content and corporate responsibility programs where they will take their products back at the end of their life.

Heritage Centre Open 2-4pm on Sundays

Do visit and tell your friends about our Heritage Centre in the church. Lots of information about the history of the village and Jane Haining. Friendly welcome and good coffee guaranteed.

The First Base Food Bank is more important than ever!

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 June CFNs to **Mark Buchanan**.

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From St. Mungo’s Church notices:

‘The fasting & prayer conference includes meals’.