



Dunscore Church Family Notices
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A Message from our Minister – :

Today is the start of another year!

Not New Year's Day, Chinese New Year, Jewish New Year, or any of those, but a change to our service times – 10am is now Dunscore Church time (except when it's Messy Church) and 11.30am is now St Ninian's time (with a cuppa from 11am on the first Sunday of the month) and watch for the times for our Joint Worship on the fifth Sunday of the month!. However hard we try to regulate and plan things (even Sunday worship times) it can become complicated when real life intervenes.

The children have been very excited this past week as school comes to an end (for the Summer at least!) and the holidays begin! However, as adults know only too well, life goes on whatever the calendar says. I am sure the distraction of extra social events, galas, and get-togethers over the Summer helps us cope with the ordinary. Meeting with friends in the daylight is a pleasure and something to be enjoyed and treasured – even wrapped in our cagoules, hidden beneath the hoods!

Let's embrace the chaos, enjoy the uncertainty, and 'go with the flow' – confident that God is the same yesterday, today, and forever and that He wants only good for us in whatever comes along.

God Bless,

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Prayer for this week –

*Almighty, Eternal, Infinite God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
in the chaos of life help me remember that You remain
the same:
yesterday, with all its regrets casting a shadow on me;
today, with immediate issues to deal with;
forever, into the unknown future.
Thank You for Your promise to be with me always.
Help me to appreciate what I have now,
be thankful for what You have done for me in the past,
and trust You for the future.
I pray through One God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

Prayer Theme – Praise God that He only wants good for you in your life.

*This afternoon: from 2pm – **OPEN GARDEN** at Dunesslin House
(Dunscore Church team doing teas!)*

PS: watch for Gala details in both villages – lots to take part in and enjoy.

Sunday 10th July –

10am – **Café Church** in Dunscore Church (also on Zoom)

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

11.30am – **Morning Worship** in St Ninian's, Moniaive

Help! We need a safeguarding officer – Aly Robertson has stood down as our church safeguarding officer and we thank her for all her service in this important post. If you could help by becoming our Safeguarding Officer please speak to Mark or Colin (Training supplied)

Eco Snippet – "Love Thy Neighbour... Tomorrow as well as Today ". Some people fear that the problems facing the environment are too big for individuals to make any difference. Eco-congregation shows that we can all do things, however small, that really will help. If many people each do a little, collectively that means a lot gets done. Small actions, day in day out, add up to big results.

Iona Volunteering Opportunity

Ever thought of joining the team on Iona? We have a few short-term volunteer spaces, for specific roles, at Iona Abbey this summer. You'll find details on our website www.iona.org.uk/about/vacancies. The Abbey team welcomes guests from many countries to Iona each week to explore issues of common concern - including the environment, peace-building, poverty & inequality, racism, refugees, inclusion & diversity, interfaith dialogue. We work together, we worship together and we share meals as part of our common life. We look forward to hearing from you.

Get in touch with us, VolunteerApplications@iona.org.uk if you'd like to find out more.

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.