



Dunscore Church Family Notices
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A Message from our Minister:

Autumn (meteorologically) starts on Thursday (1st September). Nights draw in, leaves fall, temperatures drop, gardens die back. The hedgerows are full of fruit, nuts hang on trees, leaves change into a rich array of colour. Which way do you see it?

I know that many people love the Autumn but for others it's really the dreaded start of Winter.

As we watch for the signs of Autumn it reminds us to look for the signs of God's Kingdom. Signs of Faith, signs of Hope, signs of Love in a world which can seem hopeless, loveless, and faithless.

As things change around us we need to flex our faith 'muscles' to keep hope and love alive within us, asking the Holy Spirit to make us aware of Jesus' presence even in the midst of change.

Thursday 1st also sees the start of the Alpha Course (7pm, Dunscore Church), a way to develop our faith and increase our understanding of God and His Love for us.

Whatever you think of Autumn, whatever you think of Jesus, it's time to decide!

God Bless,

Mark

PRAYER for AUGUST: *Almighty God,*

*thank You for those who have shown faith in their lives,
who have served as examples for me.*

Lord Jesus,

*thank You for the example of Your own life,
encouraging the faith of people You met.*

Holy Spirit,

thank You for Your inspiration and strength

*as my own faith grows.
I believe, help my unbelief,
for Jesus' sake.*

PRAYER THEME - Try to flex your faith 'muscles' and ask God to give you courage.

Thursday:



ALPHA COURSE starts

Thursday evenings at 7pm in Dunscore Church

A meal, a short talk, lots of discussion

Bring your questions, bring your doubts, bring your faith

A chance to grow your faith

Next Sunday:

10am – **Morning Worship** in Dunscore Church (also via Zoom)

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

11.30am – **Holy Communion** 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)

Help! We volunteers to be on CFN Rota – There are vacancies to assist with CFN collation and production. This is not a very onerous task and help is always available. Please contact John Drabble if you can help.

Eco Snippet - If you are a reader buy pre – read books OR even better, still, visit the Glenriddell Hall and borrow one!

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. On **Sunday 4th**

September we are taking part in **Doors Open Day**. This is the description of the Dunscore Church event -

A Heritors' Gothic church with features including an impressive pulpit and curved balcony. The church houses the Dunscore Heritage Centre

with information about the church, village and Jane Haining who was born in Dunscore but was killed in Auschwitz.

On Sunday 4 September at 2:00 pm, there will be a talk in the church about our local Hero of the Holocaust, Jane Haining.

Also on Sunday 4 September at 3:00 pm, there will be a guided walk round the village Memory Trail including the site of the library started by Robert Burns, the Hearse House and the Auschwitz Oak.

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 any items for the September CFNs to Linda Mushett at linm122@outlook.com

(We need volunteers to join our CFN rota!!)