



**Dunscore Church Family Notices**  
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## **SUNDAY 21st August 2022**

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### *A Message from our Minister:*

As we continue to investigate Faith on Sundays during August, I hope that it is encouraging for you and helps to build up your Faith in Jesus. However, I am aware that for some of you it may raise more questions. That is why we are holding the Alpha Course from 1<sup>st</sup> September. A chance to meet others on the journey, share a meal, hear a short talk, then discuss what is on your mind. 11 weeks may seem like a lot, but there is a lot to cover. And ... it's free! The Alpha Course has helped many millions of people around the world. People with faith have found that it helps increase and strengthen that faith. People with questions have found answers and learnt where to go for guidance. Others have come with nothing and left with everything! Check the website and CairnValley Churches on YouTube, or ask me or Rev Tim for more information.

Not quite 'back-to-school' but certainly as life-changing.

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** Ask God to reassure you of His Love and reduce your anxiety.

*Next Sunday:*

10am – **Holy Communion Together with KiKs** in Dunscore Church (also via Zoom)

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

11.30am – **Café Church** 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.

**Coming soon ...**



**ALPHA COURSE** starts 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022

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

**Eco Snippet** - Recycling can help the amount of new materials being produced and upcycling is an innovative way of transforming old items into something valuable and “new”.

This could include jam jars as candle holders or old tins as plant pots – the possibilities are endless and projects like these give you the opportunity to be creative

**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 4<sup>th</sup>

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](http://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 August CFNs to Colin at

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