



Dunscore Church Family Notices
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Bible Sunday

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A Message from our Minister:

As we start October, Summer and Harvest behind us, Remembering and Christmas ahead, things are quiet ... for a while at least! A chance to re-charge the batteries before the pumpkins need decorating and the clocks change – the extra hour helps too!?

As we get older time seems to go more quickly and it feels harder to fit everything into our schedules and often God gets shoved down the lists we live by. All Hallows will be here sooner than you think (or want) so we must use the weeks of October to keep Jesus at the top of our priority list (or bucket list if you're that way inclined).

How we use our time is important. Quiet times with God. Times of service to others in Jesus' Name. Times to receive from the Holy Spirit the gifts and power we need to live in His way.

As Christians we claim to belong to Christ. Is there enough evidence of that to convict you?

Let's re-charge together, focusing on Jesus, letting the Holy Spirit refill us, acknowledging God's call on our lives, our time, and the resources He has given us.

God Bless,

Mark

PRAYER for this Week:

*O God,
where we have brought an agenda or expectation
that is faithless or cynical, forgive us.
Where we have considered ourselves better than we are,
or more deserving than others, forgive us.
Where we have forgotten the call to faithfulness
and dismissed Your importance in our lives, forgive us.
Where we have demanded special treatment
and disregarded that which truly matters, forgive us.
Give us a renewed faith today, O God;
remind us of Your calling on our lives
and restore us to true community.
In Jesus' Name and by the Spirit's Power.*

PRAYER THEME – Ask the Holy Spirit to reassure you that you truly belong to and serve God.

Next Sunday:

10.30am – **Messy Church** in Dunscore Church (also via Zoom)

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

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

ALPHA COURSE on **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



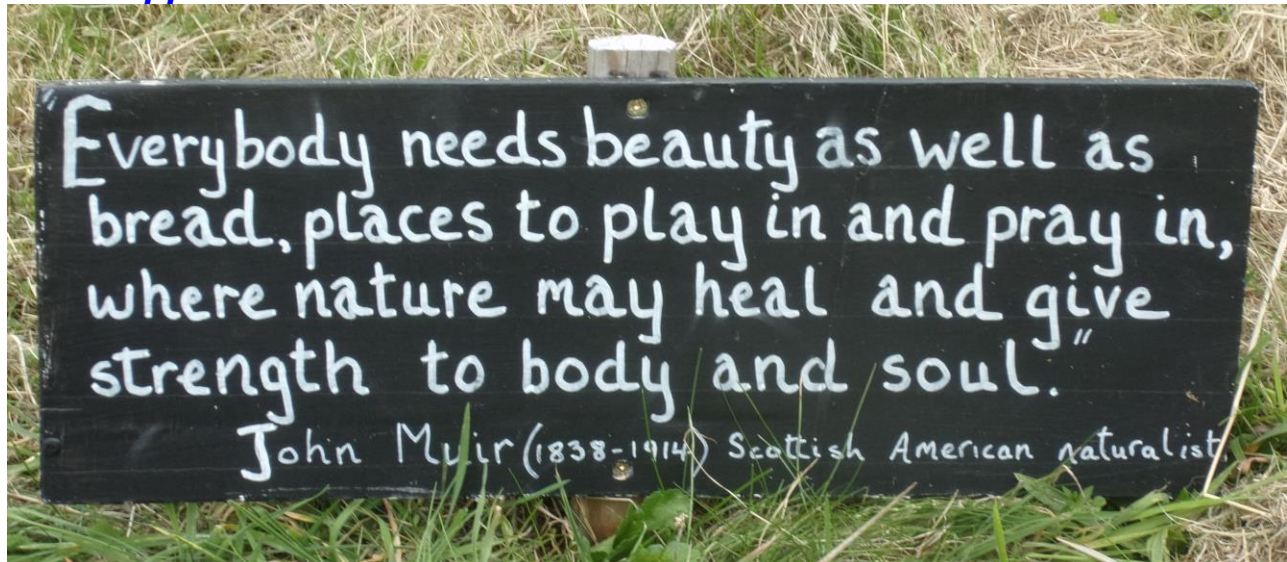
A message from Dunscore School

Firstly, thanks for all the people who put their old clothes in the "Rag Bag" skips in the church car park. This raises around £1,000 for the school each year!

But also a plea. If the skips are full, please don't put bags of clothes in front of the skips, as these bags that are not in the skip are not used and end up in landfill (and the school doesn't receive anything for them). So, if the skip is full, maybe give the number on the front of the skip a call to ask them to empty it. Please take your bags of clothes home and bring them back when there is space in a skip.

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 –



“Our beautiful planet has reached crisis point – drowning in an ever-increasing sea of rubbish. One way we can all contribute is to reduce personal waste.” (C Jones 2019).

Church Cleaning

Many thanks to everyone who helped to clean the Church last Sunday.

We didn't manage to clean the brass work so if you weren't able to help but wouldn't mind spending half an hour cleaning the brass light holders and brass vase, **please let Kath know.**

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.

Quote of the week

"A ship in harbour is safe, but that is not what ships are built for"

Please send any items for the October CFNs to John Drabble
Tel. 01387 820480 or e-mail jdrabble@btopenworld.com

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