



Dunscore Church Family Notices
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A Message from our Minister:

Today at Dunscore we celebrate a Birthday – Messy Church is 4! A big thanks to the team who plan it, lead it, and share God's love in so many imaginative ways! All ages together growing in faith and encouraging each other – definitely a good thing! A bring and share lunch afterwards too!

The Apostle Paul wrote a couple of letters to his friend Timothy who was a young man who helped him spread the Good News about Jesus. Some said he was too young! Some said he was from the wrong background. Yet Paul encouraged him to use the gifts he had been given by God's Grace.

In St Ninian's this morning and later (7pm) in Dunscore we will celebrate God's Grace at work.

Over the next two weeks we will celebrate Harvest (18th Sept Dunscore, 25th Sept Moniaive). As a way of thanking God for all we have we bring gifts to share with those in need, the vulnerable, the lonely and those who have little to rely on in their lives. Think about what you can bring ... and do!

God Bless,
Mark

PS Some of you have asked about all the acrostics/mnemonics we came up with for FAITH ... I'm collating them and will put them in next week's CFNs! Lots of good stuff to make you think and inspire your Faith further!

PRAYER for SEPTEMBER:

*God of the wayward and the weary,
we praise You.
We thank You for caring about each one of us -
that we have worth,
that we are valued.
We praise You for Your persistent Love.
May we, too, love persistently
and offer the welcome that You give,
modelling our lives on the greatest rescuer of all.*

PRAYER THEME - Ask the Holy Spirit to remind you of God's love in all you face.

Today:

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



Next Sunday, 18 September 2022

10am – **Harvest Festival** in Dunscore Church (also via Zoom)

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

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

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.

Tuesday 13 September - 7.30pm. Dunscore Board meeting in Church.

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 need 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 – September is Creation Time. There is lots of great material on the [Eco Congregation Scotland website](#). Please take the time to have a look. You may even notice that there is some material from members of our congregation!

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 any items for the September CFNs to Linda Mushet at

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[\(We need volunteers to join our CFN rota!!\)](#)