



Dunscore Church Family Notices
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER:

Today we think about being truly humble and thank God for the saints around us.

God asks us to be ourselves with Him, confident that He still loves us however we feel about ourselves, whatever we have done. Jesus didn't wait for me to be perfect before going to the Cross for me. He simply got on with the job of removing the blockage which cut us off from God – the Bible calls it 'sin', basically putting 'I' in the middle of everything. The Bible tells us that we can all be saints if we say "Yes!" to Jesus in our life rather than go our own way.

As we prepare for All Saints' Day by Trick & Treating, Guising, Bingo, or even Disco Dancing, let's remember what a saint is ... someone whose life is set apart to follow God's Way, who shows the Love of Jesus in their life, a person filled with the Holy Spirit rather than their own ego. I bet most of you have met a saint as you have gone through life!

The Eve of All Hallows is a time when people remember the dead and some believe they come back to earth for a party! We're holding Vigils – an opportunity to Remember loved ones lost and to Pray for peace – 7pm on 30th Oct in St Ninian's, 6th Nov in Dunscore Church. Light a candle, place a picture, sit and reflect, pray for those who need peace. Join us if you can.

Enjoy your chocolate Brussel Sprouts, Snot Spaghetti, Vampire Vomit and the like, but remember, as Jesus put it: "let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

God Bless, Mark

PRAYER for this week:

*Merciful God,
thank You for Your care for us;
thank You that You love it when we are honest before You, thank
You that we can bring ourselves to You,
in the full knowledge that You know us, You
hear our sincerest cries,
and You care for each one of us.*

PRAYER THEME:

Be honest with God about your fears, concerns, and doubts – be yourself!

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

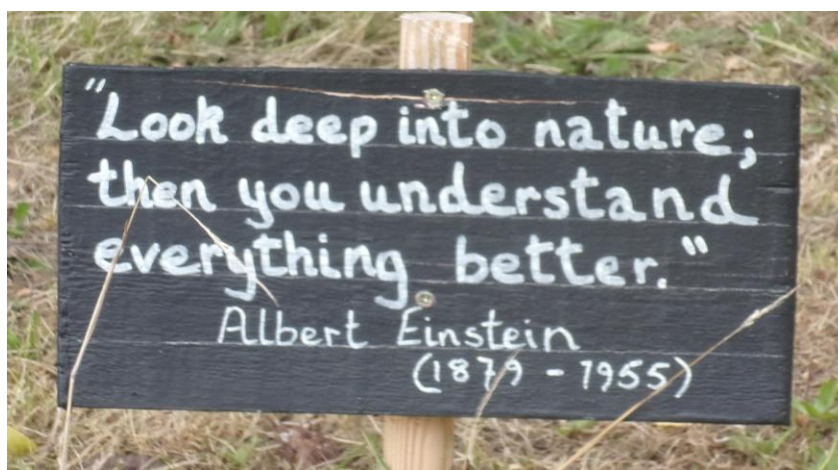
A chance to grow your faith.



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 - words and pictures

“Once you make a personal commitment you can increase the impact by simply talking to others, friends, family ... one person can inspire another and a ripple becomes a wave simply by purchasing products with less plastic.” (C Jones 2019)



Heritage Centre. Open 2-4pm on Sundays until end October

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

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit.

Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

Miles Kington.

Please send any items for the October CFNs to John Drabble
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