



Dunscore Church Family Notices
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SUNDAY 9th October 2022

"10.30 Messy Church"

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A Message from our Minister:

Our reading today is a story of ten lepers, healed by Jesus. Leprosy is still a significant disease in many parts of the world and its effects on the individual stir up all sorts of emotions – repulsion, horror, fear, etc. Colonies for separation of the infected still exist!

As with many aspects of life, Jesus challenged taboos and norms. Not just of ‘His time’, but many which still affect us today – treatment of women, fear of the diseased, ignorance of mental health issues. We don’t know how Jesus chose those He healed but we know that race, colour, health were not factors – He was (and is) an equal-opportunity healer.

We are called to follow Him, not just by attending church services, but by living in a way which demonstrates His Love for all, whatever the circumstances or differences we find. As we remember how Jesus is an equal-opportunity Saviour let us be bold in challenging the taboos we hold on to, obvious or hidden. Ask the Holy Spirit to re-set your thinking in these areas to His Way.

We are also called to be grateful – thank God for His many blessings in **ALL** situations. Have an attitude of gratitude! Only the unlikely Leper came back to say “thank You”. We say it mainly because He Loves us, whether we deserve it or not, whether we are healthy or not. Ask the Holy Spirit to make you thankful and help you have His contentment in all you do.

God Bless,

Mark

PRAYER for this Week:

Maker, Redeemer, life-giving God, we thank You for all You have done for us.

We acknowledge the myriad ways You have impacted our lives, the times You have helped us, healed us, drawn near to us.

We recognise that there will be times You have helped us, but we did not see - we thank You for those, too!

Help us perceive Your working in our lives, and renew in us a spirit of gratitude.

Thank You, Lord, for all You have done for us!

PRAYER THEME – Ask God to give you a thankful heart, an attitude of gratitude!

Next Sunday:

10am – **Morning Worship** 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

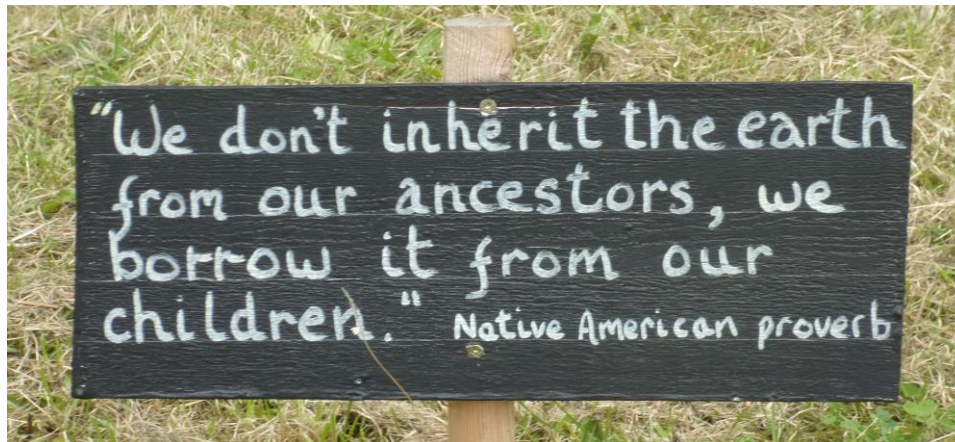
Bring your questions, bring your doubts, bring your faith

A chance to grow your faith



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 ... *in words and pictures!*



“Around the world children are taking action by weekly school strikes.” (C Jones 2019)
We, as adults, must also act now, putting environmental issues firmly to the forefront.

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

“Of all possessions, a friend is the most precious”. *Herodotus.*

Please send any items for the October CFNs to John Drabble
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