



Dunscore Church Family Notices
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Sunday 19th March 2023

MOTHERING SUNDAY

10am – **Morning Worship** in Dunscore Church (also online)

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

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

A Message from our Minister:

Today is Mothering Sunday – some of you know it as Mothers' Day! However, what we celebrate here in Scotland is very different to the Hallmark Festival marked in other parts of the world!

It's roots are very ancient, going back to the earliest days of the Christian Church, when people (as part of their Lenten discipline) would return to their Mother Church where they had been baptised as a reminder of the spiritual journey they had made since that time. It is a time to thank those who have helped us in our faith.

Fast forward to Downton Abbey days and the fourth Sunday of Lent was the last opportunity for those 'in service' at the big houses to return home and see family before the busyness of Easter kicked in. My own Grandmother was one such!

Whatever your celebration, whoever you thank, remember to thank God for the New Life He gives through Jesus and for the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit as He works to make you more like Jesus day by day.

God Bless,

Mark

PS I'm 'off' this week so please contact Colin Mitchell (Dunscore 820455), Nan Tait (Moniaive 200403), or Rev Tim Harmer (Dunscore 820861) if you need any help or information.

PRAYER for Lent: *Lord, we are sorry when we are tempted
by all that the world has to offer us:
the temptation to be relevant and popular;
the temptation to be spectacular and successful;
the temptation for power and wealth and so many 'things'.
We are sorry when we make the wrong decisions.
We are sorry for the temptations that lead us to hurt other people.
Forgive us, Lord.
We seek Your Wisdom and Discernment
to make better choices, to be rooted in You.
We thank You that, in our weaknesses, we can be made strong;
and that it is in weakness, in the desert times of our lives,
that amazing things can happen.*

PRAYER THEME – Thank God for those who have helped you on your journey of faith!

Thursday:

7.30pm – **Connect with Lent** in Dunscore Church, join us on the journey ... with your plant pot!

Next Sunday:

10am – **Together with KiKs and AGM** in Dunscore Church (also online)

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

11.30am – **Café Church** in St Ninian's, Moniaive

Important dates

Big Sale 20th May

Plants, Books and Bric-a Brac wanted. As the weather improves think about planting a few extra seeds or splitting those clumps of herbaceous plants . For those who do spring cleaning , remember to save your books and bric -a brac.

Mary Waugh will take donations anytime. 01387 80301.

Andy shall be doing the book stall again. If anyone has books for the stall please get in touch with him and he shall collect them from you. Please note the books which turnover best are mainly recent best sellers in the genres of crime, thrillers, contemporary and historical romance and so on. You can reach him on 07765887349 or andybarrcards@btinternet.com and he shall arrange collection. Thank you.'

Hopefully you will all have noticed our logo for our 200th Anniversary of our church building. There are plans for this celebration concluding with a weekend event **1st -3rd September**. More information to follow.

Eco-snippet

As an individual or a small village we can make a difference in big issues. Remember the African proverb, quoted by the Dalai Lama: "If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito." We can be that mosquito!

Can you help?

Dunscore with Moniaive / Glencairn Churches have been twinned with Lubuto, Ndola Zambia Church of Zambia Congregations for the past 14 years. There have been various visits back and forth during that time. It was decided that to refresh the twinning Lubuto congregation would be asked to send two delegates to Scotland.

Rev Friday Sinconde, minister and Mr Levy Mwanza were selected by the Lubuto congregation. A Faithshare grant was successfully applied for, where the Church of Scotland pay the airfares of the delegates. The host churches have to cover their visa and insurance costs.

Subject to successfully obtaining visas, the two Zambians are coming to Dunscore in the first two weeks of May and the visit will need volunteers to make it run smoothly. These include:

- Driving the Zambians to and from the airport,
- Hosting them for the duration of their visit (this would be in one week blocks)
- Hosting daily activities (which will include trips to the seaside, to local towns and hopefully to Edinburgh).
- Providing them with an evening meal (we will need to provide this for each night of their stay).

If you can help with any of these things, please contact Aly Robertson at alyrobbo@hotmail.com or 01387 255722

Help! We still 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.

Heritage Centre...

The centre is closed until the spring, but access always available by contacting Pam Mitchell, Matthew Aitken or John Drabble.

The First Base Food Bank...

IF YOU CAN: Please Donate through 'Just Giving' online - www.justgiving.com/firstbase 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.

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Please send any items for the March CFNs by Thursday afternoon to Sam Wallace
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