



Dunscore Church Family Notices
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A Message from our Minister:

Today is Palm Sunday – the start of Holy Week. A day to proclaim Hosanna! together.

We celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem – noisy yet gentle!

Thursday, we remember Jesus' Last Supper with His Disciples – bread and wine shared.

Friday, we contemplate Jesus' Death and Burial – uncertainty and fear.

As we live in 21st century Britain and know the ending of the story – Easter Day is coming, after all – it is hard for us to appreciate the mixture of sensations and emotions sweeping over and around Jesus and His Disciples. I hope that the events we have planned will help you learn more deeply and richly what Christ has done for YOU!

Then we can truly sing Alleluia! together.

God Bless,

Mark

Holy Week Prayer: *Lord, we praise You that You travelled the road that led to Your Death,
not with armies, but gently, riding on a donkey.*

We thank You that as we journey through this life You are always there:

to pick us up and put us back on the right track;

to teach us to improvise even when we feel bogged down;

to bring new life and forgiveness in Your wings;

to surround us with Your Love;

So we rejoice that we can travel with You

as You travelled through the ups and downs that first Holy Week.

PRAYER THEME – Thank God for Jesus – willing to die for you!

Online materials:

Various meditations available on our YouTube channels (RevMark Smith or CairnValley Churches)

Thursday: MAUNDY THURSDAY

We celebrate Jesus' Last Supper with Communion (anyone is welcome to join us)

2pm in St Ninian's, Moniaive; 7.30pm in Dunscore Church

Friday: GOOD FRIDAY

We reflect on Jesus' Death and Burial (a quiet time for anyone to meditate on the Cross)

11am in St Ninian's, Moniaive; 2pm in Dunscore Church

Next Sunday: EASTER DAY

8:00am Hillside Hallelujahs.

We will meet in '*High Germany*', the field used for the Platinum Jubilee bonfire.

Access is on foot only from the track near the GP surgery, and will be sign-posted.

Stout footwear or wellies recommended - no dogs please!

Give yourselves plenty of time to get to the top!

Cars can be parked at the church or in the surgery car park.

9:00am Breakfast in Dunscore Church.

10:30am Messy Church Easter Celebration.

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

12:00 noon Community Egg Hunt & Picnic.

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

When you are sowing or potting on seeds and plants, please use peat free compost in order to keep peat in the ground where it does a tremendous job of capturing carbon. If you have used peat free compost before and been disappointed, try another brand.

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

We are looking for more volunteers to help as **guides and assistants in the Heritage Centre**, which will be open 2 – 4pm on Sundays from Easter Day. Training is on the job with the more experienced guides. Probable requirement 2 or 3 times during the season.

If you could help and would like to know more about it call Matthew 01387 820448, Pam 01387 820455 or John 01387 820376.

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. Tel. 01387 820236 or e-mail sheila69@btinternet.com

Please send any items for the April CFNs by Thursday afternoon to Mark Buchanan at buchananmbuc@aol.com