



Dunscore Church Family Notices
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A Message from our Minister:

ALLELUIA! Christ is Risen!

He is Risen indeed! ALLELUIA!

Today is a Fifth Sunday! This means that both our congregations join together in worship – this time at St Ninian's, Moniaive. 10.30am! This means that some folk get a lie-in, whilst others have to get up early! Cool for some, not fair for others!

Tomorrow is a Fifth Month! As May starts (with a May Day Bank Holiday) the diary starts to fill up with a mix of regular activities and special events. Opportunities to meet up with friends and neighbours, sharing food and drink, enjoying a blether – always better together!

Coronation picnics, crown parade, folk festival, craft fair, clothes swap, concerts, coffee et gateaux, plant sale, table-tennis, quiet space, fish and chips, etc. Something for everyone!

The Connect Group start a new session on the 10 Commandments, called 'Just 10', Thursdays at 7.30pm in Dunscore Church from 4th May.

Next Sunday (7th) we have a Coffee-time Gospel concert at 11am in St Ninian's Church with locally based, internationally respected, award-winning singer-songwriter, our neighbour Sarah Jane Scouten – bring a friend!

As Christians we have much to celebrate and share, so let's not forget that Jesus walks alongside us in all that we do and wants others to meet Him too. For some people we will be their only chance to encounter Christ in their busy lives as we carry Him with us into the events and situations of life.

God Bless,

Mark

PRAYER for this week:

Lord Jesus,
You call us by name and lead us out,
surrounding us with love and protection.
We go out in the safety and security
of knowing that we are part of Your flock.
Thank You for our sense of belonging:
to our church family,
to all our other family, work, and community groups.
May we never lose our sense of inclusion.
May we know our true identity in You.
May we go in Your Name, gracious Lord,
to offer our lives in Your service.

PRAYER THEME – Thank God for Jesus – protecting you on life's journey.

Today *10:30am – **Joint Worship** in St Ninian's, Moniaive also via Zoom live –
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86939887756>

Next Sunday -

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

11am – Coffee-time Gospel Concert in St Ninian's, Moniaive

followed by - Joint Worship in St Ninian's, Moniaive

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

PRESBYTERY PLAN UPDATE

An amended Presbytery Plan was accepted at the Special Presbytery Meeting and will now go for official approval to the central bodies (PMPiG and GTs) and we expect to hear from them in mid-May.

HELP NEEDED

Its now only 3 weeks until the plant sale on 20th May. Looking forward to all contributions, plants, books and bric a brac.

speak to Mary W

13th May refreshments at Cairn Chorus concert (Dunscore)

20th May various stalls etc at Plant Sale (Dunscore)

18th June refreshments at Dunesslin Open Garden

Watch out for other needs and opportunities as Summer approaches!

Important dates

The Dalgarno Singers have a Concert coming up – exciting and varied programme of music, ranging from Irving Berlin to Fauré. Not to be missed.

Sunday 30th April - 7.30pm at Maxwellton West Church in Dumfries.

Tickets, a snip at £10 (children free), from John D, Caroline or Gail or pay at the door.

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

Today is a joint service with our friends at St Ninians. Please try and lift share to save more car journeys than necessary.....every little helps.

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 June 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 May CFNs by Thursday afternoon to John Drabble at jdrabble@btopenworld.com