



Dunscore Church Family Notices
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EASTER DAY

10:30am Messy Church Easter Celebration.

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

12:00 noon Community Egg Hunt & Picnic.

A Message from our Minister -

Today is Easter Day! You may have noticed – the chocolate eggs piling up, lambs gambolling, daffodils waving in the breeze! Signs of life all around. ALLELUIA!

We celebrate new life breaking through into our lives too! Jesus' Resurrection showing the Way to Life, the Eternal Life God wants us all to share with Him by believing in Jesus, the One who died for us. ALLELUIA!

Remember, New Life is not just for Easter ... we can know it every day. ALLELUIA!

Will your life be an ALLELUIA! from now on? Or will it fade when the sugar-rush and sugar-coma ease off and the ordinary-ness of life resumes?

Join us through all the ups and downs as we seek to live out ALLELUIA!

ALLELUIA! Christ is Risen!

He is Risen indeed! ALLELUIA!

God Bless,

Mark

PRAYER for Easter:

*Lord God,
we thank You for today's experience
of Your amazing resurrection.
We ant to take our response into our everyday.
We have to get out there, and live.
In the fear, in the joy,
in the rollercoaster moments,
as well as when the path runs smoothly -
wherever You call us,
whatever You ask us to do,
we trust You, Lord.
You are always with us – Alleluia!*

PRAYER THEME – Thank God for Jesus – risen from death to show the Way to Life!

Next Sunday:

10am – **Morning Worship** in Dunscore, also online via Zoom live –
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86939887756>

Important dates

The Dalgarno Singers have 2 Concerts coming up – exciting and varied programme of music, ranging from Irving Berlin to Fauré. Not to be missed.

Saturday 22nd April - 7.30pm at Penpont Church.
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

Now that grass cutting season is upon us how about leaving whatever size suits you as an un-cut area. The wild flowers that result from this will attract and feed pollinating insects. It also saves you time and fuel....triple whammy, what's not to like? We don't even trim ours at the end of the season as some people advocate and it looks very pleasing.

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 April CFNs by Thursday afternoon to Mark Buchanan at buchananmbuc@aol.com