



Dunscore Church Family Notices
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A Message from our Minister:

ALLELUIA! Christ is Risen!

He is Risen indeed! ALLELUIA!

After the joy and excitement of Easter Day, this Sunday is often called 'Low Sunday'. Whether that is a slump after the efforts and emotions of last weekend, or just that fewer people bother to come to church services doesn't matter. The Resurrected Christ is not just for Easter Day!

Thomas, the Disciple, gets a bad press and the phrase 'doubting Thomas' has stuck, probably unfairly. We'll think about that in our services today. He went on to spread the Good News of Jesus to many people and in many places, possibly as far as India!

As congregations we are also called to spread Good News, by being a visible 'Alleluia!' to those around us. Jesus' meeting with Thomas shows us that He wants to be with us in our 'lows', 'doubts', and all the ups and downs of life! Our living 'Alleluia!' comes from simply knowing that He is with us, not from how we feel as life batters us.

I would like to thank those who helped with our Holy Week and Easter Celebrations – breakfast makers, Messy Church team, daffodil providers, and many others. Both congregations declaring 'Alleluia!' in word and deed.

Over the next few weeks there are various events in our communities and churches which give further opportunities to be 'Good News' to those around us. See what you can help with – some are listed below.

God Bless,

Mark

PS PRAY for the Presbytery Plan to be approved on Tuesday evening so that we can move forward.

PRAYER for Easter: *Lord Jesus,
You showed Thomas Your hands and Your side;
he was overjoyed at Your Presence.
We too are filled with joy to meet with You.
Thank You that You send us out in Your Name,
to do Your will,
and to be Your presence in the world.
Thank You that You are always with us.
In You there is a world of joys and excitement
ahead of us, still to be unlocked.
We praise You, Lord.
Alleluia!*

PRAYER THEME – Thank God for Jesus – meeting you in the doubts and uncertainties of life.

Today at 10:00 – Morning Worship in Dunscore, also online via Zoom live –
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86939887756>

Next Sunday at 10:00 – **Together with KiKs**, also online via Zoom live –
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86939887756>

HELP NEEDED

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

Contact Aly R

Early June - accommodation, hospitality, meals, transport, days out for Lubuto visitors

Watch out for other needs and opportunities as Summer approaches!

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

With recent salad shortages in mind, it's surprising what edible leaves are available in many gardens at this time of year. Wild sorrel and dandelion leaves are good and nutritious. You could also get your own back on ground elder, by eating it....it's surprisingly good! Fresh hawthorn leaves and nettles are also edible. If you are not confident about plant identification, look up the details on the internet.

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