



**Dunscore Church Family Notices**  
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**Sunday 23 April 2023**

*A Message from our Minister:*

ALLELUIA! Christ is Risen!

**He is Risen indeed! ALLELUIA!**

If you're reading this in advance of Sunday's services could I ask you to bring a walking stick with you! And ... be ready to show us your walk! There may even be a red carpet!

As the great philosopher once said: "Have you got the scrolls? Or do you always walk like that?"

How we walk is important. We feel the wobble of dodgy hips, knees and ankles. Some of us stride out, some shuffle along. We even have 'carbon footprints'.

Who we walk with is also important! You may well have the well-known Footprints passage on your fridge door to remind you of the presence of the Lord across all of life's journey.

Join us as we continue our journeys, following the path of the ever-spreading new life of the Empty Tomb, accompanied, guided, supported, and (at times) carried by the Lord Jesus.

God Bless,

Mark

**PRAYER for Easter:**      *Lord Jesus,*  
*You walked with Cleopas and his friend*  
*as they wondered what was going to happen next.*  
*You talked with them about God's plan*  
*and shared Yourself in bread and wine.*  
*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 – walking with you on life's journey.

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

Next Sunday -

**\*10:30am** – **Joint Worship** in St Ninian's, Moniaive also via 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**

Speak to Mary W

13<sup>th</sup> May refreshments at Cairn Chorus concert (Dunscore)

20<sup>th</sup> May various stalls etc at Plant Sale (Dunscore)

18<sup>th</sup> 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 a Concert coming up – exciting and varied programme of music, ranging from Irving Berlin to Fauré. Not to be missed.

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:andybarrcards@btinternet.com) and he shall arrange collection. Thank you.'

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

## **Eco-snippet**

Remember last week's snippet about edible leaves, very many more examples can be found in herbal/health books. There are often very good second hand books on this subject (among many more) available at our plant, books and bric-a-brac sale on 20 May.

## **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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:sheila69@btinternet.com)

Please send any items for the April CFNs by Thursday afternoon to Mark Buchanan at [buchananmbuc@aol.com](mailto:buchananmbuc@aol.com)