



Dunscore Church Family Notices
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This is Christian Aid Week

Morning Worship in Dunscore Church. Zoom live – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86939887756>

A Message from our Minister:

ALLELUIA! Christ is Risen!

He is Risen indeed! ALLELUIA!

Today is the end of Christian Aid week and the Sunday after Ascension Day.

Jesus' Ascension did not stop the outpouring of New Life which began on that first Easter Day, but opened the way for a new phase of His work – the bit that involves us, with the aid of the Holy Spirit. His Disciples were challenged to “stop staring into the heavens” and move on to the job of sharing the Good News in a world full of chaos and uncertainty.

Ring any bells?

It's great to sing the amazing hymns and songs, hear the comforting Scriptures, and feel God's Presence in our worship, but that is not the 'be-all and end-all' of faith! Like the first disciples, we are called to respond by going out into our lives carrying Jesus and His Love and Grace. The Holy Spirit uses our worship to re-fill and re-fuel us for the days ahead, overflowing us so that the Love and Grace we receive from God simply **must** spill out as we move through life. What the Risen, Ascended Jesus gives us is not to be hidden away, cradled in our arms to avoid any spillage, but is intended to slop around us through the ups and downs that we face, to splash Love and Grace onto those we meet who need them.

Having said all that, why not invite some of those friends and neighbours to meet with Jesus for themselves by joining us in worship. In Communion (next Sunday at Dunscore, 4th June at St Ninian's) or at Cafe Church (next Sunday in St Ninian's) – cards available at both churches. Then they can start splashing around in His Love and Grace for themselves and others!

The New Life just keeps spreading!

God Bless,

Mark

PS I'm 'off' this week so please contact Colin Mitchell (Dunscore 820455), Nan Tait (Moniaive 200403), or Rev Tim Harmer (Dunscore 820861) if you need any help or information.

PRAYER for this week:

*God our Heavenly Father, thank You that You sent Jesus to be our Friend.
Thank You that He showed us the Way to New Life through His Life, Death and Resurrection.
Thank You that His Ascension reminds us that our Friend is with You and us for ever.
Thank You for all that means for us in our daily lives.
We go in Your Name, gracious Lord, our lives in Your service.*

PRAYER THEME – Thank God for Jesus, now our Friend in Heaven.

Saturday: 11am-2pm – **THE BIG PLANT SALE** in the Glenriddell Hall
With Teas, Bric-a-brac and Book stalls.

Next Sunday: **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

10am – **COMMUNION – Together with KiKs** in Dunscore Church
Zoom live – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86939887756>



11.30am – **Café Church – Fire & Wind Special** in St Ninian's, Moniaive

Dates for the diary.

11th June – 2-5pm. **Raymond's garden is Open** for at Leap Cottage, West Cluden DG2 9UW as part of Scotland's Garden Scheme. Home made teas. £5 entry (*children free*). Proceeds shared with Linda Norgrove Foundation.

18th June - we provide refreshments at **Dunesslin Open Garden**. **Volunteers required**. Call Mary on 820301.

Watch out for other needs and opportunities as Summer approaches!

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

Plastic Free - While governmental measures are extremely important and make a real impact, it has become clear that it is not enough to quickly turn the plastic tide. It is also down to all of us as individuals and communities to do our bit and look at ways we can help. So, **how to start living plastic free** – we hear you ask?

We all know this is a complex and broad subject, but we also know that the first step is half the journey! It is fair to say that removing plastic completely from our lives from one day to the next would be practically impossible, so the first tip towards a plastic free life is...take a reusable shopping bag when going shopping.

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 and Moniaive (*Date to be announced*) 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**

on 01387 255722 or alyrobbo@hotmail.com

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.

Christian Aid Week

More than ever our help is needed.

Please see their website for information about their work and how to donate -

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

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

Quote of the week.

A psychologist once said that we know little about the conscience except that it is soluble in alcohol.
Thomas Blackburn.

Please send any items for the May CFNs by Thursday afternoon to John Drabble at 01387 820376 or e-mail jdrabble@btopenworld.com