



Dunscore Church Family Notices
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Sunday 14th May 2023

Messy Church at 10.30 – **Prayer & Reflection** at 7pm.

Next week is Christian Aid Week

A Message from our Minister:

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This weekend is a quiet one ... NOT! Our congregations are worship-ing (messy, traditional, and reflective), our friends in the Cairn Chorus are concert-ing (Dunscore, Loch Arthur, and Moniaive), the Auld Alliance are gateaux-ing in the Flying Pig, the Eurovision Song Contest is ... Eurovision!

Something for everyone!? How fortunate we are!

Jesus promised His Disciples that He would be with them wherever they went, whatever they did, despite the fact that they would not see Him physically anymore. In the highs, the lows and the middling bits of life, the Holy Spirit ensures that we can know Jesus' presence at all times. Not just on Sundays in our singing, praying, crafting, learning together but when we're cringing at the music from Liverpool, approaching a sugar-rush with gateaux, humming along with songs of past times.

Whichever something you take part in, take Jesus with you!

Next week is Christian Aid week (15th-21st) So much need in the world beyond our busyness – check out www.christianaid.org.uk to see what needs are out there and for how to help!

God Bless,

Mark

PRAYER for this week: *God, You show us how relationships should be - generous, open, caring, supportive, loving.*
You gave us Jesus to walk on this earth and live among the daily living, loving, doing, being.
You send Your Spirit to be our constant companion, to stay with us for ever.
You gave us commandments to guide us in life.
In Jesus You gave us an example of how to live.
In the Holy Spirit You give us dreams and visions of life to come.
May we go in Your Name, gracious Lord, to offer our lives in Your service.

PRAYER THEME – Thank God for Jesus, made real in us by the Holy Spirit.

This next week

Thursday: 7.30pm – **Connect: Just10** in Dunscore Church

Saturday: 11am-2pm – **Plant Sale** in Glenriddell Hall

Next Sunday: 10am – **Morning Worship** in Dunscore Church
Zoom live – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86939887756>

11.30am – **Morning Worship** in St Ninian's, Moniaive

6 days to go to the GREAT PLANT SALE next Saturday 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 is still happy to 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.

Important dates

18th June - we provide refreshments at Dunesslin Open Garden. Volunteers required.

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

If we look back at the Plastic Bags Directive which was launched in 2015 and introduced extra charges for single-use plastic bags, we are really happy to find that this has helped with changing our behaviour as shoppers – do you know how many of us now carry a reusable shopping bag when going to the supermarket? 7 people out of 10.

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**

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.

What every woman knows and no man can grasp is that, even if he brings home everything on the list, he will still not have got the right things. *Alison Pearson.*

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