



# Dunscore Church Family Notices

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## Sunday 4 June 2023

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

### **A message from our Minister:**

Today is TRINITY SUNDAY! Easy for me to say, but hard to fully understand. Yet it must be true! God is One God, yet three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Caring, creative, Divine Parent. Loving, selfless, Saviour. Powerful wind, gentle breath, Inspirer. However much we try to picture the Trinity and fail, it is a vital truth for us. These CFNs are no place for any long-winded in-depth theological discussion, but our understanding of how God works in the world around us, throughout the history of human beings, and in our individual lives day-to-day is an integral part of our faith.

A faith we celebrate each Sunday, and as often as we gather in-between. Today we will we recall Jesus' Great Commission to His Disciples (including us), "... go and make disciples of all nations ...", and His Great Reassurance, "... I am with you always ...". In worship and by receiving Communion, we respond to these familiar words for ourselves. No-one else can do it for us. This personal encounter and relationship is the heart of the Gospel, the Good News, for each person. It doesn't depend on our theological understanding, but our response in faith to the God who loves us so much He was willing to go through a human life and death so that we could be His friends again, then come and dwell within us to be with us always!

God Bless, Mark

### **PRAYER for this week:**

We journey with You, O God, because You have proved Yourself to us, revealed Yourself to us, and draw us to Yourself.

Our journey with You is an adventure, and in all the yearning, striving, seeking, trusting, following, being, and doing You are with us.

You are the Divine Father who offers sustenance. You are the Saviour Son who lived and died, and lives with us and among us. You are the Holy Spirit who sets us on fire, burns within us, and breathes new life into us.

Thanks be to You, Father Son, and Holy Spirit.

**PRAYER THEME** – Thank God for His Blessings and Gifts to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Next Sunday:

10.30am – Messy Church Picnic in the school playground

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

from 2pm – Open Garden at Raymond Nelson's, West Cluden!

7pm – Prayer and Reflection in Dunscore Church

### Dates for the diary.

**11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**18<sup>th</sup> 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 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

Did you realise that by using a lid on a pot on your cooker top it will reduce your energy use by two-thirds. It also allows you to heat food faster saving time, effort and energy.

### 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](mailto:alyrobbo@hotmail.com)

### 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 June CFNs by Friday afternoon to **Matthew Aitken** at 01387 820448 or e-mail [auchenage@gmail.com](mailto:auchenage@gmail.com)