



Dunscore Church Family Notices

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

A message from our Minister:

Summer is now officially here! Meteorologically and astronomically! Basically the Met Office and the Druids agree! That's my allowance of multi-syllable words for the month.

Whether you look like Poldark whilst mowing with your shirt off, or glow from all the sunscreen, or stay in the shade with your fan, we've got something to suit you over the next two months ...

Today we have the end-of-term KiKs session at Dunscore (bring your parents), and the first Café Church Summer Special at St Ninian's (bring your sun-hat), and a Celebratory Conventicle in Glencairn Churchyard (bring a deck-chair and a brolly).

Jesus always mixed-it-up, being with people during festivals, funerals, markets, or just walking along. He was rarely stationery. He encouraged celebration – water into wine at a wedding; He grieved alongside the bereaved – Lazarus was His friend, after all; He chatted as He strolled – joining two friends on the road to Emmaus. No part of life was off-limits to Him or beyond His caring reach. That is still the case today.

So, whatever you do during your summer, remember that Jesus wants to be there with you, however it goes. Remember, too, to be like Him in encouraging those who need help, supporting those who need holding up, walking alongside our friends as well as strangers.

Enjoy the many events and activities in our communities. Be thankful for those who work so hard to make them happen and hold on to the 'attitude of gratitude' over the coming weeks.

God Bless,

Mark

PS don't forget that our service-times swap over from next Sunday 2nd July. The service at Dunscore will start at 11:30am. That's BST, of course!

PRAYER for this week:

Lord God, You have borne our pains,
shared our journeys, offered us unconditional love.
You have breathed Your Spirit into us,
blessed us with the gift of Your Son,
You have sacrificed so much for us.
We adore You and offer You our lives.
You have given us a vision of Your Kingdom,
have offered us a way of life worth living,
a loving to share, a presence at all times.
We adore You and offer You our lives.

PRAYER THEME – Ask Jesus to be real to you in whatever you do and show you His Way.

This afternoon:

3pm **Celebratory Conventicle** in Glencairn Churchyard

Next Sunday: SWAPPED SERVICE TIMES BEGIN ...

10am – **Morning Worship** in St Ninian's, Moniaive

11.30am – **Morning Worship** in Dunscore Church

Coming Soon:

Repair Café: 12 July from 6:00 – 8:00 pm in the church. Bring anything that needs repair and we'll see if we can help you to bring it back to life and save it from landfill.

Eco-snippet Cycle....and give the car a rest! Think about walking more. Using stairs instead of lifts and escalators will benefit your health and fitness and help the environment too. Burn Calories not Carbon.

And a bonus Eco-Snippet. Please remember to bring any used ink cartridges to church and put them in the collection box by the Zoom computer. The box is nearly full and we'll send them for recycling and the church will receive a small amount of cash for each one.

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 July CFNs by Friday afternoon to **Matthew Aitken** for the first Sunday of the month on 01387 820448 or auchenage@gmail.com and for the rest of July to **Colin Mitchell** at 01387 820455 or c.mitchell50@btinternet.com