



# Dunscore Church Family Notices

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## Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2023

11.30am – Morning Worship in Dunscore Church

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

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

MIA CULPA!

In my usual enthusiasm for a 'good idea' I got carried away and asked for you to bring a deck-chair next week (23<sup>rd</sup>) for Café Church! The wise amongst you will realise that this is simply not practical – both churches would be too choked by extra chairs and cause havoc for everybody!

CHANGE OF PLAN – please bring a beach towel instead. Much more civilised all round!

Our Gala Praise services (today 10.30am, Moniaive; 6<sup>th</sup> Aug 11.30am, Dunscore) will be an intense (pun intended) meeting with God and each other, aiming to put Jesus at the centre of our community activities – why not invite a friend along.

Today's worship reminds us of God's desire to give us good things through the wonderful world we live in, and the seeds of love, grace, mercy and forgiveness Jesus spreads out so freely. We need to receive these good things for them to flourish in our lives through the work of the Holy Spirit.

We often use the image of a gardener to describe how God works in our lives. We need to be willing and fertile soil for His seeds to grow and spread – or are we rocky, compacted, dried up, full of weeds? The Holy Spirit lives within us to help prepare the soil as well as nurture the seeds. Are you part of God's glorious, beautiful, fruitful garden? Do you want to be?

Join us to find out more.

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, You are the mighty sower, the good gardener,  
life-giving, constant in creation.  
Christ, You are the face of the Father,  
casting wisdom across the ages,  
Your arms outstretched to sow.  
Holy Spirit, You are the wind that carries the seed  
and causes the fruit to flourish.  
Trinity of creation and salvation,  
we worship and adore You.*

**PRAYER THEME** – Ask the Holy Spirit to make you receptive to God’s seed in your life

*Next Sunday:*

**Café Church “... on the beach ...”**

10am – in St Ninian’s, Moniaive

11.30am – in Dunscore Church

**... bring your beach towel!**

Various Moniaive Gala events ... don’t miss out!

**Eco-snippet** For the on-going battles in the garden ...

### **Eco-Friendly Weed Killer**

1 Litre White Vinegar.

3 Large Tbsp Salt.

3 Tsp Washing Up Liquid.

Spray-bottle.

Add salt to vinegar and once dissolved add washing up liquid, decant into spray-bottle and go.

### **Eco-Friendly Moss Killer**

Sprinkle non-biological washing powder over the moss

Leave or if dry spell (ha!ha!) lightly water.

NB Be careful of pets going on the area as can burn paws!

**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](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 July CFNs by Friday afternoon to **Colin Mitchell** at 01387 820455 or [c.mitchell50@btinternet.com](mailto:c.mitchell50@btinternet.com).