



Dunscore Church Family Notices

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Sunday 30th July 2023

10.30am – Morning Worship in Dunscore Church

HOLY COMMUNION – our friends from St Ninian's will be with us

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

A Message from our Minister:

Today we meet Jesus in the ordinary as we share bread and wine. We come together, not just because it is the fifth Sunday of July, but to remember Jesus and celebrate His love for us.

Communion can be an emotive subject, but it is the one 'rite' Jesus left us – His Last Supper, shared with His Disciples at a time of uncertainty and fear, yet to be repeated at all times whether ordinary or dramatic. Receiving bread and wine is not a result of being perfect, or a sign of membership, or a privilege for the few, but an admission that we need to meet Jesus and remember what He has done for us. However, we come – troubled by a crisis, plodding through life, enjoying quieter times – we pray that Jesus will be made real to us in the breaking of bread and sharing of wine.

Our reading today is part of Jesus' description of the Kingdom of God. He uses the ordinary to describe the extra-ordinary, the seemingly insignificant to show the infinite, the temporary to display the eternal. As is often the case, Jesus wants to challenge our view of how things should be and replace it with how God sees things.

Let's keep an eye out for God's Kingdom at work in the ordinary things of life. Then join in!

God Bless,

Mark

PS if you need a lift from Moniaive, the minibus will leave the Cross at 10am – don't be late!

PRAYER for this week: *Almighty God, Your Kingdom is at hand,
never far away, distant, or remote.
Jesus Christ, You walk with us,
in the ordinary, in the dramatic.
Holy Spirit, You fill us
with Love and Light,
as we carry the Kingdom with us.
As we meet You in bread and wine,
help us remember what You have done for us,
and help us play our part in Your Kingdom of Love.*

PRAYER THEME – Ask Jesus to meet you in the ordinary and be with you in the dramas of life

Next Sunday:

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

11.30am – **Gala Praise** in the Dunscore Gala Marquee

3pm – Dunscore Gala opening festivities

Message from Kath Aitken

We try very hard to avoid having any Board or Session meetings in July and August to give us all a well-earned rest from some of our commitments. However, in this special year of celebrating 200 years since the present Church building was built there are a few events to sort out.

Would anyone who is available stay for a chat after the Gala service on the 6th August to discuss our plans for the Gala itself, the w/e celebration plans for the 2/3 September and a few other items.

Many thanks.

Eco-snippet

Can you spare any vodka? Eke out your vanilla ... it has travelled a long way!

Create your own vanilla extract! Take a dried vanilla pod and slice it open from top to bottom.

Place in a glass jar and cover with 150ml (or so) of vodka. Seal the jar and let it rest in a kitchen cupboard for 4-6months, turning or shaking the jar occasionally.

When you feel ready ... filter the homemade vanilla extract through an unbleached coffee filter (or cheesecloth) into a bottle. A great store cupboard essential or smashing gift!

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 August CFNs by Friday afternoon to **Vari Drabble** at 01387 820376 or vari.drabble@btinternet.com