



# Dunscore Church Family Notices

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## Sunday 2 July 2023

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

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

If you get to church on time this Sunday ... well done! It's our annual change-over – service-times swapping ... later at Dunscore and earlier at Moniaive!

Even though we anticipate the change-over, it always seems to sneak up on us. As with all changes it takes a little while for the new times and Sunday morning routines to bed in. However, they will soon become our habit as Summer continues.

Today we think about the link between hospitality and welcome and acceptance and God. Receiving a warm welcome and generous hospitality is great. A real blessing. As we take out the news of God's welcome for all through Jesus Christ, some show their response to God by their welcome and acceptance of us.

The Kingdom of God is a welcoming place – are we habitual welcomers? Perhaps another habit to cultivate over the Summer. Why not invite a friend, a neighbour, a relative, to join you one Sunday morning? Walk with them into church, they will get a warm welcome, probably a cuppa, and certainly a chance to meet with Jesus for themselves. Church is the ultimate befriending service!

With all the excitement of the many activities and events in our communities over the next couple of months we all need to be refilled with God's Love, Grace, and Peace to maintain good habits.

“Let us not give up the habit of meeting together ... let us encourage one another.” (Hebrews 10:25) We gather with friends, with our great Friend ... what a Friend we have in Jesus!

God Bless,

Mark

## **PRAYER for this week:**

God, in Your Son You extend Your welcome to all people.

Christ Jesus, You opened the Kingdom of God to all, even those seemingly excluded by gender, creed, or deeds.

Holy Spirit, Your indwelling embraces us in belonging.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Trinity of welcome, one in word and deed, we thank You and praise You for the everlasting arms outstretched to welcome us, to enfold us, to catch us when we fall; for the heart that overflows with love and acceptance.

Help us to see others with Your eyes, to love with Your heart, and to welcome with Your arms, in Your Holy Name.

**PRAYER THEME:** Ask God to help you be as welcoming as He is – open arms for the lost!

## **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** Three ideas to reduce waste and save pennies...

Left-over coleslaw – no problem add to lasagne or other meals with white sauce.

Left-over potato salad – try roasting in a tray makes really tasty roast potatoes and freezes well.

Cheats mascarpone cheese – equal quantities of whipped double cream and full fat soft cream cheese mixed make a decent substitute for mascarpone. Add icing sugar to taste for sweet

version. Costs half the price of mascarpone cheese and freezes really well.

**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)