



Dunscore Church Family Notices

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Sunday 6th August 2023

11.30 – Gala Celebration Service in the Gala Tent

Bible Reading for the Day: Matthew 5: 1 - 9

A Message from our Minister:

As the unpredictable summer weather continues to disappoint, it got me thinking about how we have to be able to adapt and react, making the most of opportunities that come our way.

Are you ready?

The farmers are constantly watching the wind and rain, ready to pounce when there is a break in the weather, to ensure they can feed their livestock during the winter months. Those of us with lists of DIY jobs round our homes have to spring into action when the chance arises. Grass waves annoyingly as we wait for that elusive dry spell. Weeds thrive as we spend time indoors.

Yet ... we must be ready!

The Apostle Peter tells us to "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." (1Peter 3:15)

As we bump into neighbours, friends, strangers, we carry the Kingdom of God with us and need to be ready to share the Love and Light that God has given us. We cannot always plan a great speech or know in advance what we will face during the day. We need to trust the Holy Spirit to give us the right words, guide us to the most loving actions, and be at work in the situations we encounter.

Summer continues, whatever the weather ... are you ready?

God Bless,

Mark

PRAYER for this week: *Lord Jesus Christ,
we thank You for teaching us the things that matter,
the things of true value, through Your Parables.
We are slow to learn, but You have forever
- You are the God of Eternity.
We are slow to trust, but You can deliver on Your promises
- You are the God of Infinity.
We thank You that You are generous
in scattering Your Love and Light.
Help us be generous in sharing Your Love and Light
as we play our part in Your Kingdom,
as it continues to grow.*

PRAYER THEME – Ask the Holy Spirit to help you share the Love and Light of God's Kingdom *This week:*

This is the start of GALA WEEK in Dunscore – get stuck in!

Next Sunday:

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

11.30am – **Café Church ... on the water ...** in Dunscore Church (you may need a life-jacket!)

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 Service today help us to discuss our plans for the Gala itself and the week-end Celebration plans for the 2nd and 3rd September and a few other items. **It's not a formal meeting, all are welcome.** Many thanks.

Eco-snippet

Check for wildlife before trimming hedges and check for small wildlife and hedgehogs before strimming grass or undergrowth (can cause nasty injuries).

Instead of using pesticides in the greenhouse you could try French Marigolds next to tomatoes, nasturtiums next to crops such as beans (they act like magnets to aphids).and garlic chives next to carrots to deter the pesky carrot root fly.

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