



# Dunscore Church Family Notices

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## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023

**Bible Reading for the Day: Matthew 14: 22 - 36**

*A Message from our Minister:*

Today I have some dates for your diaries! The planning for September and beyond is well under way – and you need to play your part.

**LUBUTO** – our friends from Lubuto have now got visas and flights are booked, They arrive on Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Aug (depart Thu 7<sup>th</sup> Sep). Thanks to all of you who have been able to offer hospitality, meals, days out. The exact schedule for them will be taking shape this week, so watch your inbox, message service, or answering machine! This means they will be with us for ...

**CELTISH in CONCERT** at St Ninian's – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Sep, 7.30pm (£7 on the door). A great duo, with a mix of old and new music and stories of God at work over the years (see website/Facebook). The ideal event to invite & bring a friend (including a cuppa & a biscuit!).

**VILLAGE FLOWER FESTIVAL** in Dunscore Church – Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Sep, 10am-4pm. Contributions from the many community groups, floral displays, local history info, a cuppa & biscuit! The ideal event to invite & bring a friend. (Prep is the day before (Friday) – see Mary W for details.)

**200<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY SERVICE** in Dunscore Church – Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Sep, **10.30am**. *No service at St Ninian's – minibus pick up 10am at the Market Cross.* Music from the Balliol Singers, songs and hymns of celebration, glimpses into the past, prayers for the future, followed by a Bring & Share Faith Lunch in the Glenriddell Hall (open from 10am for delivery of food items.) The ideal event to invite & bring a friend.

**COFFEE MORNING** in St Ninian's – second Sat of month (9<sup>th</sup> Sep onwards), 10am-12noon. Guess what? The ideal event to invite & bring a friend.

Did you spot the theme? Subtle or what! More nagging over the next few weeks.

Let's not miss these great opportunities to celebrate and share our faith.

God Bless,

Mark

**PRAYER for this week:** *Almighty God, calming and reassuring,*

*You are found in the middle of our storms;*

*the wind and waves, the lack of resources, do not overcome You.*

*You are the voice that bids us step forth in faith,*

*the hand outstretched to save when we falter,*

*the hands giving what is needed when we run out.*

*How constant is Your Love in forgiving us,*

*how wonderful Your outstretched hands in saving and providing,*

*along life's stormy path.*

*We adore You, for all that You are;*

*our shelter, our safe haven, our anchor, our provider.*

**PRAYER THEME** – Put your faith in Jesus – trusted Saviour and Provider – whatever you face.

There is to be a "**Village Flower Celebration**" in the church on Saturday 2nd September 10am – 4pm. All the many and varied village organisations have been asked to provide some flowers, whatever way they like. All individuals are also very welcome to contribute.

We have had a wonderful response so far! Many thanks. Mary

*Next Sunday:*

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

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

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Trying to save water this week

Don't feel guilty about using your dishwasher (if you have one), as you actually save water, up to 3 and a half times instead of hand washing.

However, if hand washing you could use a basin and then recycle water to plants and shrubs.

My friend has just said 'well I didn't know that.'

### **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 August CFNs by Friday afternoon to **Vari Drabble** at 01387 820376 or [vari.drabble@btinternet.com](mailto:vari.drabble@btinternet.com)