



Dunscore Church Family Notices

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Sunday 20th August 2023

Bible Reading for the Day: Matthew 15: 21 - 28

A Message from our Minister:

After last week's nagging, I'm sure you're all raring to go and your diaries are filling up with opportunities to invite and bring your friends!

Our friends from Lubuto will be well looked-after during their visit, thanks to your generous offers of hospitality (and entertainment). As well as joining in some of our special events, there will be a couple of opportunities to meet them informally during their stay with us ... Mon 28th Aug, for a BBQ, and at an open house (with nibbles) on Wed 30th Aug, both from 6.30pm – watch for fuller details nearer the time. Do pray for safe travelling for them as they leave Africa on 25th.

Today we reflect on the many people that Jesus met who were on the fringes of society, outcasts, refugees, strangers, despised. The Church has always sought to be a place where ALL people could find a home, find safety, find peace – following Jesus' own example. It is a challenge we should take up as we encounter folk in need. How do we love the unloved, calm the fearful, protect the vulnerable as Jesus did? No easy answers here, just an ongoing striving with the aid of the Holy Spirit. Are you up for it?

God Bless,

Mark

PRAYER for this week: *Thank You, Lord,*

*for Your generous and caring nature.
Help us to mirror it in our lives and actions,
as we hear with Your ears,
see with Your eyes,
and love with Your heart.
We praise You for Your arms outstretched
to save the lost, to include the excluded
to raise those the world despises.
You are God of the outcasts and stranger,
welcoming all, making friends of foes.
We adore You for being the God whose heart is open to
all.*

PRAYER THEME – Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see people the way Jesus does.

Next Sunday:

10am – **Café Church ... on the water ...** in St Ninian's, Moniaive

11.30am – **Together with KiKs** in Dunscore Church

Coming up ...

Meet our Friends from Lubuto – Mon 28th Aug & Wed 30th Aug, 6.30pm

CELTISH in CONCERT at St Ninian's, Moniaive – Fri 1st Sep, 7.30pm (£7 on the door).

DUNSCORE VILLAGE FLOWER FESTIVAL in Dunscore Church – Sat 2nd Sep, 10am-4pm.

200th ANNIVERSARY SERVICE in Dunscore Church – Sun 3rd Sep, **10.30am**.

Eco-snippet

Saving electricity

The Myth

When an application is on standby it doesn't use any energy, because it isn't on.

The Reality

Many appliances on standby, or switched off but still plugged in, still draw a lot of energy, the main culprits are things like phone and laptop chargers.

Almost all electrical appliances can be turned off at the plug without disrupting their programming, HOWEVER. Some satellite and digital TV recorders may need to be left plugged in to keep a track of any programmes you want to record.

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

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