



Dunscore Church Family Notices

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Sunday 27th August 2023

Bible Reading for the Day: Matthew 16:13 - 20

A Message from our Minister:

Is your Summer over? Some say Autumn starts on Lammas Day (1st Aug), with the start of harvest. Parents say that it's when the schools go back. Meteorologists say it starts on 1st Sep. Astronomically speaking it starts on 21st Sep (Autumn Equinox). It all depends on your perspective (and not just the weather).

Jesus challenged His followers to decide who they thought He was and to put their faith and trust in Him. They all had different perspectives – prophet, revolutionary, teacher, messiah ... but one answer – the Saviour, the Son of God.

As we get busy over the next week and things start to overwhelm us, Jesus asks us to decide to put our trust in Him, to have faith in who He is.

It's a great privilege to have Rev Friday Sinkonde and Mr Levy Mwanza with us from Lubuto, a suburb of Ndola, a town in Zambia. I know that they have the same trust in Jesus as we do, despite being from a distant and very different part of the world. I hope that we will all benefit from their visit and fellowship, especially at this time of celebration!

Let's put Jesus at the heart of our celebrations and trust Him in the whole of life's ups and downs.

God Bless,

Mark

PRAYER for this week: *Father, we thank You that we can always trust in You,*

*for You make provision for our faults and failings,
and send us all the help and encouragement we need.*

*Thank You for Jesus and His earthly life among His
Disciples,*

from which we learn so much.

*Thank You that we can always have confidence in Jesus,
as we lean on His teaching and promises.*

*We praise You for who He is,
and for who we are and will become
in Your plans for us.*

Lead us onward, Heavenly Father.

PRAYER THEME – Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see Jesus for who He is and trust Him fully.

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

Monday 28th August

At 4 Ryedale Court, Dumfries DG27EW. from 6.30pm – **Open House & BBQ** (bring your own bits for cooking). Please bring what you want to barbecue, some rolls and a drink. I will supply salads and desserts. Could you let me know if you are coming on 01387 255722? Thanks Aly Robertson

Wednesday 30th August

from 6.30pm – **Open House & buffet** at 37 Drumlanrig St, Thornhill.

Friday 1st September

7.30pm – **CELTISH in Concert** in St Ninian's, Moniaive (£7 on door, as seen on TV)

Saturday 2nd September

10am to 4pm – **Village Flower Festival & Heritage Centre Open Day** in Dunscore Church.

Next Sunday 3rd September

10am – **Minibus pick-up** in Moniaive.

10.30am – **200th Anniversary Service** in Dunscore Church.

followed by **Bring & Share Faith Lunch** (drop food off from 10am, Glenriddell Hall).

Path of Pennies. Have you got any loose change? Bring it along and add it to the Path of Pennies on **Sunday 3rd September**. The path will stretch from the car park gate to the front door of the church. This is a fundraiser for Lubuto.

Eco-snippet

Having recently had a run in with a flat tyre, remember to keep the pressure of your tyres at the correct psi, as it can make a difference to the performance and comfort of your vehicle. Happy motoring.

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 September CFNs by Friday afternoon to Linda Mushet linm122@outlook.com