



# Dunscore Church Family Notices

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## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**Bible Reading (St Ninian's) – Matthew 16:21-28**

*A Message from our Minister:*

Both our villages were filled with activity, excitement, and a sense of celebration last weekend.

Rev Friday Sinkonde and Levy Mwanza from Lubuto experienced our churches and communities at their best! It has been a privilege to welcome them, and I'm sure that the link we have with their congregation will continue to be an encouragement to us in years to come.

Today we share in two great celebrations of the Good News of Jesus Christ ... Holy Communion and Messy Church! Both include everyone, both encourage us to think about Jesus, both challenge us to live following Christ's example – welcoming all, loving all, giving all!

However, it is tempting to think that we are not worthy to take Communion, or too 'grown up' to benefit from Messy Church. Let me reassure you that you **are** worthy – after all, Jesus went to the Cross for you, regardless of any humanly imposed standards or barriers. Let me remind you that none of us are fully 'grown up' in faith – after all, Jesus encouraged people to approach faith as 'little children', just as we are, with no pre-conceptions, simply open to what God wants to show us.

Whether we like to admit it, or not, we are part of the **ALL** that Jesus died for.

Surely something to celebrate!

God Bless,

Mark

**PRAYER for this week:** *Almighty God our Heavenly Father,  
You have shown us Your Great Faithfulness  
over many years and in many ways.  
We thank You for the way You have inspired people  
to serve You in this community  
over many years and in many ways.  
We commit ourselves to seek Your Way  
as we look to serve this community  
and the world beyond these hills  
over many years and in many ways.  
Inspire, guide, and strengthen us  
by the Holy Spirit as we work  
to share the Good News of Jesus' Love  
over many years and in many ways.*

**PRAYER THEME** – Ask the Holy Spirit to help you find how to best serve others.

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September:

10.30am to 12noon – **Coffee Morning** in St Ninian's, Moniaive  
Why not join us? Caffeine, sugar, and a blether – what more do you want?

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September:

10am – **Holy Communion** in St Ninian's, Moniaive – all welcome at the Lord's Table.

10.30am – **Messy Church** in Dunscore Church - all ages together, learning and worshipping.

7pm – **Prayer & Reflection** in Dunscore Church – quiet preparation for the week ahead.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September:

7.30pm – Connect Bible Study Group in Dunscore Church - *Saints in the Bible ... and beyond.*

Next Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September:

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

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

### Zambian Visitors

A huge thank you to everyone who welcomed, fed and hosted our Zambian visitors. They had a great time and will go back with many happy memories of their time in the Cairn valley.

### Eco-snippet

We are heading into autumn. Have you looked around to see what there is freely available in the hedgerows? What about some brambles, raspberries, sloes, apples and pears. These taste so much better picked locally compared to the ones bought in a plastic bag or container.

### 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 September CFNs by Friday afternoon to Linda Mushet [linm122@outlook.com](mailto:linm122@outlook.com)