



# Dunscore Church Family Notices

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## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023

### **A Message from our Minister:**

This weekend is another great time of celebration! Saturday saw celebrations marking 60years of the current Dunscore School – the memories were really flowing. We also had a wedding at Dunscore Church – many of you will remember Gordon from when he was a “wee lad”!

Today we celebrate Harvest at St Ninian’s with donations for the Food Bank – as we remember God’s good gifts we remember those in need. At Dunscore we celebrate Holy Communion, gathering round the Lord’s Table to remember Jesus in the way He gave us – bread and wine.

True celebration seems to have various facets ... gratitude, remembrance, generosity, etc.

We are grateful for what we have, for what we have come through, for those who have been with us on the journey of life. We remember the help we have received, the gifts we have been given, those who are no longer with us. As we think about our own situation, we are reminded of those who do not have the things or privileges we take for granted – food, shelter, peace, stability, etc. We respond by giving of our plenty, of our time, of our prayers.

As we remember Jesus, and all He has done for us, we ask the Holy Spirit to inspire us to share with others what He has given us.

That is true celebration!!

God Bless,

Mark

### **Prayer for this Month:**

*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** – Thank God for His good gifts, ask help to share them with others!

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

Next Sunday:

10:00 am – Morning Worship in St Ninian's, Moniaive

10:30 am – Messy Church in Dunscore Church

7:00 pm – Prayer & Reflection in Dunscore Church

### **Eco Snippet**

Autumn is a time for animals & birds to find places to shelter. Do some shelter-building in the woods, install homes for wildlife, and think about the birds and animals that take shelter around your home and your church.

### **The Larks are Rising (again):**

Have you noticed that the verges on our local roads have been cut? This means that we can see the litter again and, as a consequence, the Litter Larks will be starting their monthly litter-picks. The first session will be on Thursday 12 October meeting in the church car park at 9:30 am. All are welcome, just turn up with some gloves, a bag and a readiness to pick litter.

### **Life And Work Magazine**

Would anyone else like to purchase the magazine in 2024. The cover price remains the same as this year at £3.50 per issue.

Pam Mitchell will collect £42.00 for 2024 (12 issues) from subscribers in January, but orders must be confirmed at the beginning of November. Please let Pam know by the end of October if you would like to buy this. They are posted to Pam and she distributes them to the recipients.

It is an excellent publication enabling readers to stay connected to the Christian community and is packed with news, features and opinion on Christian life in Scotland and further afield.

### **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 next week's CFNs by Friday afternoon to Matthew Aitken at [auchenage@gmail.com](mailto:auchenage@gmail.com)