



# Dunscore Church Family Notices

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## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**Bible Reading – Matthew 20:1-16**

*A Message from our Minister:*

By now we have all got back into the 'regular' rhythm of life – school drop-offs and pick-ups, community groups & activities, shopping, etc. It is as if summer hardly happened!

How is it then that we always remember a wrong or slight from years ago? We find it hard to forgive and forget, often carrying grudges and bitterness for decades!

As Christians we know that through Jesus' Death God has forgiven us the things which cut Him out of our lives and given us a fresh start. We also know that He expects us to do the same, yet still find it so hard. Perhaps we're wary of being hurt again, frightened of trusting, choosing to hold our love back for fear of betrayal or being exploited. It is not irrational to feel that way. It is part of being human – a defence mechanism in the difficult realm of relationships.

God puts Himself out there time and time again, despite the ways we ignore Him or choose to go our own way. His Infinite Love and Mercy and Grace and Forgiveness can never be worn out!

Shouldn't we do the same?

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!

Today Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September:

10am – **Café Church Bluegrass Special** in St Ninian's, Moniaive

11.30am – **HARVEST Together with KiKs** in Dunscore Church - donations for the Food Bank

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September:

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

Next Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October:

10am – **HARVEST Festival** in St Ninian's, Moniaive – donations for the Food Bank

11.30am – **Holy Communion** in Dunscore Church – ALL welcome at the Lord's Table

### **Eco-snippet**

At this harvest time, as you enjoy your meals and snacks today, give thanks for the farmers in Scotland, the UK and throughout the world who helped to put the food on your table.

### **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 on [auchenage@gmail.com](mailto:auchenage@gmail.com)