



# Dunscore Church Family Notices

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## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023

**Bible Reading for the Day: Psalm 122; Romans 5:1-8**

*A Message from our Minister:*

This weekend we are celebrating 200 years since the opening of the current Dunscore Church building. It has served the Church and this community in over many years and in many ways!

It has been repaired and updated by each generation to ensure that it continues to serve the purpose of God. A demonstration of His Presence in this valley, visible for literally miles! A beacon of His Love, welcoming people at all stages of life. A sign of His Grace, pointing to the Saviour. A place to meet – with God, with each other, with the world. A place to go out from – filled with the strength, love, mercy, and faith we need to face the world.

Yesterday the building was filled with flowers – a beautiful display of the fruitfulness and variety of where we live. Today it will be filled with praise – voices raised in beautiful music to worship the Faithful God. We will share memories and look forward in hope to the next 200 years!

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** – Thank God for His faithfulness in the past as we look forward to the future

*Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September*

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

*Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September*

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

10.30am – **200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service** in Dunscore Church.

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

*Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September:*

7.30pm – **Connect Bible Study Group** *Bring & Share Supper* in Dunscore Church

Why not join us? This 'term' we're looking at Saints in the Bible ... and beyond.

*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?

*Next 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.

**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**

Today we are celebrating the bicentenary of our church building. Even for a building, 200 years is impressive. What can we do to make other things that we have last longer? There are probably some clues from the church building. Start with a good quality product, look after it throughout its life and adapt it as needs change.

### **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)