



# Dunscore Church Family Notices

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## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

Reading: Matthew 22: 15 - 22

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

As we approach the end of the tatty-picking holidays, life is getting busy! In both our villages, and beyond, the party season is starting. Too many events to list here, just keep an eye on the social media and notice boards. Something for everyone – a chance to come together. I hope you have plenty of spuds to show for your efforts, good things to celebrate.

As we come together, the news is full of more war than peace, more violence than help, more pain than healing, more hate than love – a world definitely not together! Whatever the political machinations, tribal grudges, empire-building, we cannot condone any violence which acts so indiscriminately to serve the motives of the few.

Halloween has become a big thing over the years. It hardly got a mention when I was a lad! It's now another 'Hallmark' holiday – a chance to sell stuff and make money. Being scared has become for us a 'fun' time! Being scared has become a way of life for too many in our world today – Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Africa, China. Let's not forget them as we enjoy coming together.

God Bless,

Mark

PS We are invited to join our friends at Penpont for "Songs of Praise" today at 6.30pm!

### **Funeral Notification:**

We share the sad news that our Dunscore Church friend Roy Spence died recently. His funeral will take place at Dunscore Church on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 11:00 am.

## **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** – Pray for peace across the world, in our communities, in our hearts.

## **Coming Up...**

**Tonight: 6.30pm** Songs of Praise in Penpont Church

**Thursday – 11:00 am** Funeral of Roy Spence in Dunscore Church

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

**Next Sunday (clocks change) – 10:30 am** Joint worship at St Ninian's in Moniaive

## **Next Weekend:**

Loads of events and activities in and around both villages including Fish and Chip van, Films, Historical Hysterics and Parties. All are opportunities to come together as a community

## **Eco Snippet:**

**Birds need a Drink** - During dry weather put out dishes of water for the birds. They get thirsty just as we do.

## **“Spring” Clean Thanks:**

A massive Thank You to the wonderful Church Family who stayed after Church last week (and to those who chose another time to clean) to give the Church its annual clean. You are very much appreciated.

## **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)