

## **Dunscore Church Family Notices**

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# Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Reading: Matthew 22: 34 - 46

#### A Message from our Minister:

I hope you all coped OK with the change of clocks! From British Summer Time to Greenwich Mean Time, or to be PC ... Daylight Saving Time to Universal Time, or somesuch! Did you notice that the change did not affect the animals, plants, stars, moon, sun?

Today we join together as congregations, Dunscore with Glencairn & amp; Moniaive, to share in worship with the promise of a cuppa and a fairy-cake to follow. Some of you have had longer in bed, some fewer hours of shut-eye, some hadn't noticed any difference. Some of you have travelled further than usual, others have kept the same Sunday morning routine.

We come to worship God, pray to Jesus, seek the Holy Spirit. It is a weekly re-set for many of us. Re-aligning ourselves with God's will for our lives, looking to become more like Jesus in our daily lives, asking the Spirit's help for what is to come.

Today we are challenged about following God's Law. Jesus summarised the Ten Commandments and all the extra bits added for guidance over many centuries into the two familiar lines:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind." "Love your neighbour as you love yourself."

Are you ready to re-set your life? 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** – Ask the Holy Spirit to help you re-set your life to follow Jesus' example.

### Coming Up...

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

#### Next Sunday:

10:30 am – Messy Church Remembers

**Eco Snippet:** Buying Bee-Friendly Plants: If you are buying a new plant try to remember the bees. They like open-cantered or tubular single flowers. Often a plant label will have a symbol of a bee to show that the plant is bee-friendly.

**The First Base Food Bank:** IF YOU CAN: Please donate through 'Just Giving' online - 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 (Sheila) 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

**Shoe Box Appeal:** We are making a collection of Samaritan's Purse shoe boxes which will be collected and taken into King's coffee shop in Dumfries. You can either fill your own box or I have two spare pre-printed ones or you can pack and pay for one online. For more information visit <u>Samaritan's Purse</u> online. If you would like your box to be taken in to King's please take it to Dunscore Church by the 12<sup>th</sup> November, alternatively drop it in to King's yourself by the 13<sup>th</sup> November. Many thanks. Kath.

Please send any items for next week's CFNs by Friday afternoon to Colin Mitchell at c.mitchell50@btinternet.com.