



Dunscore Church Family Notices

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Sunday 8th October 2023

A Message from our Minister:

Having shared Communion and Harvest over the last couple of weeks today we share worship in all its fullness – a traditional mix of hymns, prayers, readings and preaching alongside a ‘modern’ mix of songs, activities and learning together alongside a reflective time for listening and receiving from God. The fact is, however we express it, God wants to meet with us as we gather in His Name and seek His presence, guidance, and strength as we step into another week.

What we do in our worship is preparing us for the challenges ahead by seeking the Holy Spirit and His help as we hear, sing, pray and share together. In “ye olden times” congregations were urged to prepare themselves before Sunday worship, ready to come before God and each other.

NAG ALERT ...

To be ready for Sunday, we simply need to be willing to come as we are, willing to listen to God’s voice (in the hymns, songs, reading, listening, preaching, etc), willing to change, willing to stand firm. To be ready to serve the Lord in the rest of our lives we need to carry the same willingness with us at all times.

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Are you willing?

God Bless, Mark

Coming Up...

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

Next Sunday:

10am – Morning Worship in St Ninian’s, Moniaive

11.30am – Morning Worship in Dunscore Church

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 – Simply tell the Lord that you are willing!

Eco Snippet:

Sometimes we are too keen to tidy up the garden and remove every fallen leaf. Leave leaves on flower borders and the worms will thank you.

Time for a “Spring” Clean

Hurrah, it's Church cleaning time! This is your opportunity to demonstrate your cleaning abilities. Every year we spend an hour or two giving the church a good clean. It's not too onerous, mostly dusting. The more the merrier and there will be pancakes. We shall start after we've had a coffee following the service next Sunday 15 October. With thanks in anticipation.

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.

How to Decarbonise Dunscore Church:

At 11:00 am on Thursday 12 October there is a [seminar](#) organised by Eco Congregation Scotland about decarbonising church buildings. Come along and watch this in the church. You could pick litter first and join the seminar with your coffee afterwards!

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 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

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