



Dunscore Church Family Notices

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Sunday 15th October 2023

Reading: Matthew 22: 1 - 14

A Message from our Minister:

Two new ways to receive and share prayer ... for yourself or for others ...

PRAYER BLANKETS ... are a way of giving physical comfort and a reminder of our prayers to those in need. Simple knitted/crocheted/quilted squares are joined into a small blanket, then folded and wrapped with a card with a simple message reassuring the recipient of our prayers and thoughts during their time of need. The blankets will then be available by the main doors of our churches to take for whoever you think may need one. Debbie will explain more at our services today, but you can contact her at the Manse for more info.

PRAYER MAIL ... is now available in Moniaive! A small group meet regularly to walk together and pray (Friday morning). Any prayer needs/requests can be posted in the Prayer MailBox in the foyer of Watson's shop. Notes are destroyed after each walk, and don't need to be over-detailed. These initiatives both give us a way to spread the Good News and share God's Love with our neighbours, friends, and families.

After all, that is what He has called us to do!

God Bless,

Mark

PS we are invited to join our friends at Penpont for "Songs of Praise" next Sunday, 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 26th 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 – Ask God who you should pray for, who needs His Comfort and Love!

Coming Up...

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

Next Sunday:

10:00 am – **Morning Worship** in St Ninian's, Moniaive

11:30 am – **Together with KiKs** in Dunscore Church

6:30 pm – **Songs of Praise** in Penpont Church

Eco Snippet:

Bee Hotels - Remember bees need winter accommodation. Make a Bee Hotel using a small wooden box filled with hollow sticks (bamboo is ideal).

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 this Sunday 15 October. With thanks in anticipation.

Christian Aid Get-Together

Christian Aid supporters (*that's kind of all of us!*) from our congregation are invited to a Get-Together with the Church Engagement Team from Christian Aid on Tuesday 17th October 2:00 - 3:30 pm in St John's Hall. Please reply to edinburgh@christian-aid.org if you can come.

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

Please send any items for next week's CFNs by Friday afternoon to Matthew Aitken at auchenage@gmail.com