



Dunscore Church Family Notices

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11.30 Sunday 19th November 2023

Morning Service led by Rev. Tim Harmer

A Message from our Minister:

One of the prayers I often use at funerals includes the line:

“Grant us, Lord, the wisdom and the grace to use aright the time that is left to us ...”

Remembrance reminded us to work for peace. Inter-faith week (just ending) has challenged us to work for true community (common unity). Today we are faced with God’s judgement – how have we used what He has given us?

The prayer above gives a clue ... we need wisdom and grace. The wisdom to discern what we have been given, and who has given it to us. The grace to use those gifts boldly for God’s purpose – the sharing of His Love. The word ‘grace’ also reminds us that we need God’s help, whether we think we have a great gift or talent, or feel that our abilities are not up to much.

Let’s seek His help to “use aright” all that He has given us, wisely and graciously serving God here and now!

God Bless,

Mark

PS. I’m ‘off’ this week so please contact Colin Mitchell (Dunscore 820455), Nan Tait (Moniaive 200403), or Rev Tim Harmer (Dunscore 820861) if you need any help or information.

PPS. We have a few events coming up which will include refreshments ... if you can prepare anything or help at the time, contact Mary Waugh (Dunscore) or Nan Tait (Moniaive).

PRAYER for this week:

*We thank You, Majestic God of Light, for Your Light in our lives;
for the love light in Your created people,
shining in the faces of those we know and love;
for the light shining in the words and actions of all who know You,
and use their time and talents to serve well;
for the joy that pours in, lights up and empowers us when we let go and trust You with all
we have.*

PRAYER THEME – Ask the Holy Spirit to help you use the gifts God has given you.

Wednesday

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

Thursday:

7.30pm – **Colourful Colombia** in the Glenriddell Hall – *in aid of church funds.*

Next Sunday:

10am – **Café Church** in St Ninian's, Moniaive.

11.30am – **Communion with KiKs** in Dunscore Church

Eco Snippet.

Many of you will have noticed that Dunscore Primary School are the winners of the Scottish Fair Trade Education Award 2023. This is a massive achievement as this category encompasses all education facilities in Scotland from primary schools to Universities and Colleges. The pupils, staff and the Fair Trade team deserve huge congratulations. We can support them not only as we do, by being a Fair Trade Church, but by buying Fair Trade goods personally and encouraging any organisation that we are a part of to do the same.

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

Quote of the Week:

“Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces us up, snow is exhilarating; there is really no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather”.

- John Ruskin.

Please send any items for next week's CFNs by Friday afternoon to John Drabble at jdrabble@btopenworld.com Tel. 820376.