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# *Church Family Notices*

**Week commencing Sunday 7th April – 11.30am – Morning Worship in Dunscore Church**

**Reading – John 20:19-31**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**A Message from our Minister:**

EASTER continued ...

A bit like the TV shows where an episode ends with the words “to be continued ...” on the screen, so Easter continues. Jesus appears to His Disciples several times in all sorts of scenarios before He Ascends to Heaven, but that is not the end! It has been running for the best part of two thousand years and will continue until the Lord’s return! As we respond to Jesus we continue the story ... however, we don’t always feel like that! Thomas is like many of us, needing a bit of re-assurance. Like us, life sometimes gets in the way. We don’t know why he wasn’t in the Upper Room with the rest of the disciples, but you know what it’s like! How often do we feel that we’ve missed out through family commitments or crises, work issues, health problems, etc.? The second-hand accounts of the other disciples were not enough for Thomas – he needed the real experience, his own experience. An honest ‘doubter’ is not a bad way of being! It means that we know that we don’t know everything and are open to being persuaded ...

If you’re not sure about playing your part in the ongoing Easter story join us to find out more!

God Bless,  
Mark

**PRAYER for this week:**

Almighty and ever living God, who strengthened Your Apostle Thomas with faith in the Resurrection of Your Son, strengthen us when we doubt, and make us faithful disciples of Jesus Christ our Risen Lord; who with You, O Father, and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns eternally, One God, now and for ever.

**PRAYER THEME** – Ask the Holy Spirit to deepen, strengthen, and build your faith.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup>** - 11am – FUNERAL – Bob Glendinning in Dunscore Church

**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup>** - 9.30am - It's the second Thursday of the month this week so it's Litter Larks! Meet in the church car park. Dress for the weather. Wear hi Vis if you have it (we'll supply it if you don't) and bring gloves and a bag. Coffee and tea are served in the church from about 10:30!

- 11am – Peace for Palestine Coffee Morning in the Paterson Rooms, Moniaive

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>** - 10am – Family Worship in St Ninian's, Moniaive

11.30am – Family Worship in Dunscore Church

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>** - 1pm – FUNERAL – Douglas Cox at New Abbey Church

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>** - 10.30am-12noon – Coffee Morning at St Ninian's, Moniaive.

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>** - 11am–2pm – Glenriddell Hall, The Big Plant Sale. Funds for “Raising the Manse Roof”.

Plants of all sorts for Sale, with teas and Bric-a-brac. We are looking for contributions of all kinds of plants, baking, bric-a-brac and toys. (No clothes please). This sale is especially important as we have serious repairs to carry out on the Manse roof.

Mary Waugh (820301) marypwaugh@gmail.com will collect items in advance of the sale.

**ECO-Snippet** – We have a box to collect ink cartridges in the church. Please continue to gather up your cartridges because, as well as saving the cartridges being sent to landfill, the church received £35!

**Please send any CFN items for April by Noon on Friday to Mark Buchanan at [buchananmbuc@aol.com](mailto:buchananmbuc@aol.com)**