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## **Church Family Notices**

## Week commencing Sunday 28th April

Reading - Acts 8:26-40

## A Message from our Minister:

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

This Easter-tide (yes, it's never over!) we've been thinking a lot about walking through life with Jesus beside us. Today we hear about the impact of a walk with a stranger from another land and culture. Philip may well not have realised the impact that walk-and-talk had. He is one of the less well-known disciples, yet his simple action in befriending and talking with a complete stranger had a huge impact.

Our congregations have lost 'lesser-known' members this past week. Elna and Chris had become more restricted in recent times and some of you may not have seen them or met them. Both served as Elders for many years, helping to lead the congregations whilst keeping an eye on their 'districts' and seeking to share God's Love with those on their lists ... and beyond. I certainly don't know the impact they have had on the lives of others, but I know that God will have used them to touch friends, neighbours and complete strangers with His Love.

In a time when we count the 'likes' and smiley emojis to assess our impact, remember that God doesn't work like that. Much of what we do as we serve Him and share His Love cannot be measured and may have ripples beyond what we can imagine. Let's be more Philip!

God Bless,

Mark

**PRAYER for this week:** 

Lord God, help us to remember that: Your Love is for all people no matter where they come from or where they live; Your Love accompanies us on our journey through life, through the good and the bad, happy and sad times and all the times in between them; Your Love is with us on the mountaintop and in the valley, on roads rough and smooth; You are our sustenance, our guide, our teacher, and our friend. For all this and so much more, we thank You.

**PRAYER THEME** – Ask God to help you share His Love with people you meet.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> - 10am – Family Worship in St Ninian's, Moniaive 11.30am – Family Worship in Dunscore Church

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May - 7.30pm – Connect Bible Study in Dunscore Church

**ECO-Snippet** – It's that time of year again, sowing seeds in the greenhouse. Just finished and discover last year's sprayer not working and miles from a shop. However, remembered there are usually some almost empty spray cleaners around, wash well and they work perfectly. Win Win, no money spent and are upcycling.

Please send any CFN items for May by Noon on Friday to John Drabble at jpdrabble@btopenworld.com