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# **Church Family Notices**

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

# A Message from our Minister:

This week we think about Love, Friends, and Fruit!

We all know the need to receive love and to feel loved.

We all yearn to have friends around us and make new friends.

BUT ... Fruit?

In God's equations: receiving God's Love + Him being our Friend = bearing fruit! As is often the case in God-maths, the result seems topsy-turvy, counter-intuitive. On one side we receive Love and Friendship yet the other side of the formula is about others!

In algebraic terms we disappear from the right-hand side of the equation. In God terms what we receive from God becomes useful to others around us. His Love and Friendship find their fulfilment and purpose as we are fruit for others.

"God put His Love on the line for us by offering His Son in sacrificial death while we were of no use whatever to Him." (Romans 5:8 (The Message version))

Let's celebrate God's Love shown through Jesus and living in us by the Holy Spirit by bearing fruit for others as we follow His example of Love and Friendship.

God Bless.

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Mark.

#### PRAYER for this week:

Amazing God, You know our every question before we even think it, You understand not only our words, but the thoughts, hopes, dreams and fears behind them. You hear the loudest cry and the smallest sigh.

I am blown away by Your Love. I long to share it, especially with those who think they are beyond Your reach.

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

### Thursday:

7.30pm – Connect Bible Study in Dunscore Church

## Friday:

12.30pm – Funeral – ELNA WILSON in St Ninian's Church

#### **Next Sunday:**

10am – Family Worship in St Ninian's, Moniaive 11.30am – Family Worship in Dunscore Church.

**Plant Sale.** The sale made a splendid £1200+ for the Raise the Manse Roof Fund. Many thanks to Mary, contributors, sellers and helpers. Grand day. **We are looking for more fundraising ideas.** 

**ECO-Snippet** – We have always taught our children to care and respect nature, and to also have a clear understanding of both the positive and negative effects humans can have on our planet.

By providing this knowledge from an early age, we hope to prepare and equip our children with the confidence, skills and empowerment to take responsibility and to actively make positive changes themselves.

#### Quote of the Week.

There's a God-shaped hole in every human heart.

If it does not get filled with something noble and elevated, modern society will quickly pump it full of garbage.

Jonathan Haidt, Social psychologist.

Please send any CFN items for May by Noon on Friday to John Drabble at <a href="mailto:jpdrabble@btopenworld.com">jpdrabble@btopenworld.com</a> Tel. 820376.