



Church Family Notices

23rd June 2024

Morning Worship at Dunscore Parish Church

Time: 11:30am

Reading: 1 Samuel chapters 16 and 17

Join the Service Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86939887756>

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A Message from our Minister

Midsummer is past! It's downhill from here on in! Is that how you feel today?

Saul's story goes downhill quickly and his physical, mental and spiritual health deteriorate despite continued military victories against the Philistines. Saul messed up being king and God sent Samuel to find his replacement – David, the shepherd boy.

Samuel expected God to choose David's oldest brother, like Saul a fine young man, yet God looked beyond age, size, status, to the inner person, and chose the young boy.

We are called to see people as God sees them. Not always easy as many of us hide the 'inner' self for all sorts of reasons and in all sorts of ways. We also face our own 'Goliaths'. Issues, people, habits, which loom over us making us feel exposed and vulnerable and making us believe that we are not equipped to deal with them.

Today we'll see what we can learn from David!

About God. About our 'Goliaths'. About ourselves.

Prayer for this week:

Lord God,

I thank You that You see me as I am.

Not my age, not my height, not my race.

I thank You that you call me as I am.

Not clever, not skilled, not wise.

I thank You that You give me what I need.

Not what I want, not what I wish, not what will make me popular.

By the Holy Spirit, take me as I am,

use me as You wish, fill me with Your Love,

so I can play my part in Your Kingdom,

a community transformed by Your Love and actions.

Prayer theme: Ask the Holy Spirit to help you fill the unique role God has for you.

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 23 June

10:30 am

Family Service with our friends
from Moniaive

Note that next Sunday's service is at 10:30 am because it is a joint service. This is not our usual time. Also note that from July, our services will start at 10:00 am as we swap times with Moniaive for the next year.

First Base Food Bank

The Dumfries Food Bank, First Base is always in need of support. 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 Sheila will be happy to take a donation in church and send it. Many thanks for your help. Phone Sheila on 01387 820236 or email sheila69@btinternet.com for more information.

ECO-Snippet

"If you think you are too small to make a difference....try sleeping with a mosquito!"
The Dalai Lama

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