



Church Family Notices

30th June 2024

Morning Worship at Dunscore Parish Church

Time: 10:30am

Reading: Mark 5: 21-43

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

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A Message from our Minister

This coming week sees a General Election! An important event which will affect all of us in the years ahead. Some of you will choose not to vote. Perhaps you feel that none of the candidates, parties, or policies fit in with how you see things. Perhaps you feel that the behaviour of politicians means that they cannot be trusted. Perhaps you feel that your vote is pointless as the 'others' will win anyway.

Whatever your politics, I would urge you to vote. So many people around the world do not get to vote in elections. The exercise of your franchise is a privilege not a chore, a right not a burden.

Today we hear about how Jesus dealt with two very different people. An influential, high status, leader and a woman, seen as 'unclean', in desperate need. But it's not as 'them and us' as you might think.

Jesus was truly democratic in the sense that all people had access to Him regardless of how they saw themselves or how others perceived them. He is, in today's parlance, an Equal Opportunity Saviour! As we worship together as congregations we celebrate the One who unites us – Jesus, our Friend, Shepherd and Saviour.

Join us, whether you think you're a 'them' or an 'us'!

God Bless, Mark

Prayer for this week:

Lord God,
in this week of decision for our nation,
we ask that you would help us not take things for granted.
We thank You that we can vote,
however hard it is to know where to put our cross.
We thank You that we can worship You freely,
however hard it is to find time and space in our busy lives.
We thank You that You are available to us at all times,
however unworthy or uncertain we feel about ourselves.
We thank You for being our Friend, Saviour and Shepherd.

Prayer theme: Thank God for His Love, however you might feel about yourself.

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 "God is in all creatures, even the smallest flowers" Martin Luther

Forthcoming Events

Thursday 4 July	All day	General Election – remember your voter ID
Friday 5 July	7:30 pm for 8:00 pm	Quiz at the Flying Pig
Sunday 7 July	10:00 am	Morning Service at Dunscore Church – not the time change
Sunday 4 August	10:30 am	Gala Service in the Gala Marquee

From July, our normal service time will be 10:00 am as we swap times with Moniaive for the next year. Some services such as joint services) may be at other times, often 10:30 am.

Please send any CFN items for July to Colin Mitchell by Noon on Friday at c.mitchell50@btinternet.com