



Church Family Notices

28th July 2024

Joint Morning Worship in Dunscore Church

Time: 10:00am


Reading: John 6:1-15


Join the Service

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

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 Dunscore Church

 Cairn Valley Churches

A Message from your Session Clerk

No message from Mark this week as he is on leave. He will be back for Sunday!

Instead of Mark's message here is a brief outline of changes coming soon for Nithsdale Churches.

Draft Basis of Union for Nithsdale Churches

- It is a draft but I suspect it will go ahead without significant change
- All the Nithsdale Churches will be united **on a date to be decided by Presbytery**
- Dunscore and Moniaive to unite ASAP and decide a name.
- Name of the united Nithsdale church to be decided
- All property and funds to be held by united charge.
- Present churches will continue as **initial** places of worship for the new union.
- Durisdeer and Kirkconnell churches to be sold by end of 2025
- Thornhill, Penpont and Closeburn to be reviewed within 1 year of the union
- Only one church from Penpont, Thornhill and Closeburn to remain. Other two to be sold
- Services of Worship shall be held at times and churches to be decided by the Minister and Kirk Session, subject to the approval of Presbytery.
- Minister to take no more than two services on any Sunday
- The new Parish will be made up of all the parishes of present churches
- One Kirk Session to be created for the new united parish
- The united parish Kirk Session will use the Unitary constitution
- Mark is one of two ministers allocated to the united charge
- The present manse (occupied by Mark and Debbie) will remain
- A second manse selected from all the remaining manses will be occupied by the second minister
- Remaining manses to be sold
- These arrangements can be altered by the united charge under the authority of the Presbytery

Prayer for this week:

*You are the God who loves us,
who knows us and sees us
in our good and bad moments,
and still chooses to embrace us
So we say together,
Thank You, God.*

PRAYER THEME *"The Lord upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down"*
Psalm 145:14

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 FoodBank, 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 Invest in sustainable cleaning and beauty products. Avoid single use plastics. According to Earthday.org, 335 million metric tonnes of plastic are produced each year with half of that destined for single use. Invest in reusable products like water bottles, coffee mugs, beeswax food wraps and lunchboxes instead of plastic bags.

A Celebration- Do you remember the Milligan family? They are having a get-together on Saturday 3rd August.

There will be a short service in Dunscore Church at 12 noon followed by a brief prayer at their family grave (right outside the main door) and lunch in the Glenriddell Hall. They would like to invite anybody who remembers the family to join them in this celebration and trek down Memory Lane. Some of the family were with us on a Sunday last September and were very grateful for the warm welcome they received.

The family would be very happy indeed to be joined by any members of the community who like coming to events in the church and hall or anyone who is curious about the Milligans.

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 3rd August	12.00 noon	Milligan family celebration
Sunday 4th August	10.30	Joint Service in Dunscore Gala Tent Manse tea party / fete
Saturday 7th September		Donations of baking etc will be gratefully received

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