



# Church Family Notices

7<sup>th</sup> July 2024

## Morning Worship at Dunscore Parish Church

Time: 10:00am


Reading: Mark 6:1-13


### Join the Service Online:

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

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## A Message from our Minister

I'm writing this before we know the result of the General Election, before many of you have voted. So I do know that things will have changed. Or will they? We don't know what is to come.

As the school holidays get underway and Gala's approach we are focussed on getting ready for what we know is coming. Summer is a time for the 'different', changes from the 'norm', and sometimes that's hard work! Whether it's creating your Tattie Bogle or float, or packing your suitcase, we always find the 'different' difficult!

Not knowing what is coming and facing something unusual is unnerving.

The Bible reminds us that Jesus Christ is "the same, yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

He is the known in the midst of so much unknown. The steadfast in the face of change. The dependable in a world where so much is unreliable. The certain in a time of uncertainty.

He gets my vote every time!

Think about it ... Jesus is God – Infinite (truly infinite, not TV science infinite) and Eternal (outside time, not just for ever). This means God has the power to do what He says He will do. This means that God's timing is perfect and His Power does not diminish with time. I know I can trust Him to deliver on His promises. Some manifesto!!

You don't need ID or to scrawl a cross, just believe for yourself. No one else can do it for you.

Then join with us on a journey of faith – into the future, unknown to us, but known to God.

God Bless, Mark

## Prayer for this week:

*Lord, we thank You for those who have the gift of leadership,  
and we praise You for the example of Jesus,  
who shows us how to lead.*

*We thank You for those who have the gift of bringing people together  
in peace and harmony,*

*and we praise You for sending us the Prince of Peace.*

*All thanks and praise be to You,  
for the Love and Light in which we live.*

**Prayer theme:**– Pray for the new Government, that they would follow Jesus' way of leading

## 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](http://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](mailto:sheila69@btinternet.com) for more information.

**ECO-Snippet**      Reduce food waste. Try to limit shopping for only what you need

## Forthcoming Events

|                                    |                        |   |
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| Saturday                           | 10.30am-12noon         | <b>Coffee Morning</b> at St Ninian's, Moniaive  |
| Next Sunday                        | 10am                   | <b>Family Worship</b> in Dunscore Church  |
| Next Sunday                        | 11.30 am               | <b>Morning Service</b> at St Ninian's Church – note the time change   |
| <b>Coming soon</b>                 |                        | <b>James Paterson: The Moniaive Years</b> in St Ninian's <i>(we need volunteers to help with refreshments during the day, 2-hour slots – contact Mark</i> |
| <b>JULY:</b> Thu 18 <sup>th</sup>  | 12 noon – 8pm          | <i>Mark</i>   |
| <b>JULY</b> Sun 21 <sup>st</sup>   | 10.30am                | <b>Gala Praise</b> , Moniaive Gala Marquee  |
| <b>AUGUST:</b> Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30am                | <b>Gala Praise</b> , Dunscore Gala Marquee  |
| <b>GALAS</b>                       | Watch this space!      | Lots to do and take part in ... enjoy the Summer!   |
| <b>SEPTEMBER</b> Saturday 7th      | Manse tea party / fete | Donations of baking etc will be gratefully received.  |

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