



# Church Family Notices

4<sup>th</sup> August 2024

## Joint Morning Worship in the Gala Tent

Time: 10:30am


Reading: – John 6:24-35


Join the Service Online:

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

## Minister

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## A Message from our Minister

Feeling the déjà vu? Same tent, different field!

Once again our congregations come together to celebrate God's Love. A great way to start the Dunscore Gala Week.

One of the difficulties Jesus faced in His Ministry was that the crowds enjoyed the spectacular, visible, physical miracles but didn't always appreciate or understand the deeper spiritual truths behind them. They wanted the thrill of the surface show, but weren't willing to open up their inner selves to engage with the message of God's Love.

Our Galas are not just about the visible entertainment, but help to build the deeper relationships which make community possible. People work together, have fun, battle the wind and rain, wear 'special' outfits, ride on floats. This produces a camaraderie beyond just physical proximity.

Every Sunday we meet as congregation to celebrate God's Love **AND** build our relationship with Him and each other. Why not let God's Love do more than scratch the surface of your life?

God Bless, Mark

## Prayer for this week:

*Almighty God,  
we praise You for Your Love and understanding,  
which are beyond our limited comprehension,  
and for the generosity of Your forgiveness,  
so powerful we can hardly take it in.  
All praise and thanks to You, now and for ever.*

**PRAYER THEME** - Thank God for the Love shown to us through Jesus.

## 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** Remember to recycle your used batteries.

Forthcoming Events		
Date	Time	Event
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00 am	Dunscore Church Family worship
This week – Dunscore Gala Events – see Facebook and posters for information		
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> September		Tea Party / Fete at the manse – donations for baking etc. gratefully received

### Presbytery Plan ...

Our Kirk Sessions will be meeting over the next couple of weeks to discuss the proposed 'next steps'. Presbytery representatives will then come and meet with the Kirk Sessions and Boards to go through the proposals and begin to refine the agreements needed for us to move forward.

### Please Pray

for Elders and Board Members, for Colin (Session Clerk) and Kath (Board Chair) at Dunscore, Nan (Session Clerk) at Moniaive, our treasurers (Robert and Max), and whoever comes from Presbytery – they need wisdom and courage in the discussions!

### Please check

if you are on the Congregational Roll (you'll need to be on these to vote on any proposals later in the process) – contact Archie Anderson

**KIRK SESSION MEETING** – We will hold a Kirk Session meeting in the church on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm. An agenda will be sent out next week

**Please send any CFN items for July to Colin Mitchell by Noon on Friday at [c.mitchell50@btinternet.com](mailto:c.mitchell50@btinternet.com)**