



# Church Family Notices

1<sup>st</sup> September 2024

## Joint Morning Worship in Dunscore Church

Time: 10:00am

**CREATION TIME READING** – James 1:17-27

Join the Service Online:

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

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## A Message from our Minister

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A new month. A new theme. A new start?

In the run up to our Harvest celebrations (6 Oct) we focus on God's good gifts to us and how we should be thankful and careful in how we use them.

Both our congregations are members of the Eco-Congregation Scotland group of churches. Dunscore is a Fairtrade Village (Fairtrade Fortnight is 9-22 Sep). Moniaive has become a Biosphere Community. This means we try to keep our responsibility for the world God has given us at the forefront of our decisions and practical life. Not easy! David Watson (a famous preacher) put it this way: "We should live simply so that others may simply live."

As we prepare to celebrate the Harvest, we will be challenged to show our gratitude to God for the good things around us by turning our understanding from theory into practice.

We start in the letter of James (one of Jesus' brothers) who stirred his readers to action not just words. Are you ready for the journey?

God Bless,  
Mark

## Prayer for this week:

*Generous God,  
we thank You for the blessings You shower upon us each day.  
We thank You, O God,  
with all that we are and all that we have.  
We offer ourselves to You  
as living sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving.  
We pray in the Name of Jesus Christ,  
our Lord and Saviour.*

**PRAYER THEME**– Thank God for the good gifts which surround us every day



The firstfruits of hope  
(Rom 8:19-25)

# TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

## SEASON OF CREATION 2024



### Presbytery Plan update ...

Presbytery representatives will meet with the Kirk Sessions and Boards to go through the proposals and begin refine the agreements needed for us to move forward on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

### 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 (Dunscore) and Nan Tait (Glencairn & Moniaive).

### Coming Soon ...

Starting Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30pm, with a **Bring & Share Supper**

**Connect: Roaming Through Romans** Bible Studies - all very welcome

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 11am-3pm **Manse Open Garden**

in aid of Manse Roof Repair Funds

Parking limited – please car-share or cycle!

### NEXT SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> September

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September, 10:00 am **NEW Worship format** (and each 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month) –

**ALL Together ... NOW!** for ALL ages, ALL stages ...

Activities, Songs (with Claudia), Drama, Refreshments...

pass the word on ... bring a friend, bring your whole family!

2-4pm – **Afternoon Tea** at Speddoch Hall

Please send any CFN items for September to Sheila Anderson by Noon on Friday at

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