



# Church Family Notices

29th September 2024


## Holy Communion at St Ninian's Church, Moniaive


Time: 10:30am

Reading: James 5:13-18

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## A Message from our Minister

Today we come together as congregations to celebrate Holy Communion, the Lord's Supper!

Jesus invites us all to meet with Him round His table, using the symbols He gave us (bread and wine) to remind us of Him and all that He has done for us. The invitation is for everyone.

Our Bible reading is from the end of James' letter. He rounds off his encouragements and challenges by reminding those early Christians of the need to pray.

Our background thoughts during September have been about our responsibility to be good stewards of Creation – a task which seems daunting, maybe impossible. People like me often say “pray about it” but that doesn't seem to be enough – we want things to happen! Now!

James knew that prayer alone was not the answer, but it is the starting point. As we pray, we become attuned to God's Way. That's dangerous because God may well ask us to be part of the answer to our own prayers! To act! We need to be brave – acknowledging our need for help.

In Communion we remember how God acted to enable us to be His friends again. Not what was expected, not what had been done before. He gave us Himself, He gave up Himself, He became a servant and sacrifice. That is God's Way – are we brave enough to follow it?

God Bless,

Mark

# This Week's Prayer

*Creator God,  
You ask us to tend and care for the world around us.  
Saviour God,  
You acted to show us how to love one another.  
Inspiring God,  
You live in us when we open the door of our life to You.  
Thank You for leading us by example:  
generous, thoughtful, forgiving, loving.  
Help us be more like You in all we do and say.*

**Prayer theme:** Ask the Holy Spirit to help you not just pray, but be brave in acting.

## Forthcoming Events

Sunday 29/09/24	7:00pm	<b>Songs of Praise</b> at Penpont Church
Thursday 03/10/24	7:30pm	<b>Connect: Roaming Through Romans</b> in Dunscore Church
Saturday 05/10/24	6:15pm for 7pm	<b>Charity Ladies Bingo Night</b> at Speddoch Hall
Saturday 05/10/24	7:30pm	<b>Sangstreams</b> concert at St Ninian's, Moniaive
Sunday 06/10/24	10:00am	<b>ALL Together ... NOW!</b> in Dunscore Church <b>HARVEST SPECIAL (donations for FOOD BANK)</b>

## Church and Parish News

We are sorry to intimate that Andy Edgar, a very valued and long-term Elder and past Session Clerk of Dunscore Church, has died. His funeral service will be in **Dunscore Church** on **Friday 18 October at 10.45am.**

**Message from Mary Waugh..** Thank you to all those who have been donating stamps throughout the year. We have 900gms, nearly 1Kilo to send to Royal National Institute for the Blind. Please keep saving your stamps.

**ALL TOGETHER ... NOW!** Is a new format for our all-age worship. This will be on Oct 6, Nov 17, Dec 8. Why not invite your family to join us?

**Roaming through Romans with Connect.** Our Connect Bible Study Group is currently being held on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm and looking at Romans from the New Testament. Connect is always welcoming and lively whilst improving our understanding of the bible and our relationship with God. If you are looking to perhaps enhance your own bible studies, whilst surrounded by a fantastic group of friendly and knowledgeable people, then Connect really could be the group for you. Please email Tim Harmer at [timharmer95@gmail.com](mailto:timharmer95@gmail.com) for more details.

**BREAKING NEWS:** The book written to celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Dunscore Church is now available at a cost of £10. Copies are available in the church or by contacting Sheila [01387 820236] or Colin [01387 820455].

## **ECO-Snippet**

Many mainstream cleaning products containing detergents, preservatives, or foaming agents are made from various toxic chemicals that wash up into streams and rivers, causing water pollution that enters ecosystems and damages biodiversity.

Switching to products that contain sustainably grown or raised ingredients and non-synthetics reduces the risk of exposure to toxic chemicals harmful to humans and the environment.

You can also easily make your natural cleaners by mixing vinegar, lemon juice and bicarbonate of soda. This sustainable and cheaper alternative reduces toxic chemicals and packaging waste in your home.



**TO HOPE AND ACT  
WITH CREATION**  
SEASON OF CREATION 2024



**Please send any CFN items for October to Kevin Wallace, by Noon on Friday, at  
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