



Church Family Notices

06th October 2024

ALL Together NOW! Family Worship – Harvest Service


Time: 10:00am


Reading: Psalm 8


Dramatic Reading: A Good Harvest with Tim & Jen

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A Message from our Minister

I begin with some sad news ... John Drabble (Board Clerk and general good egg) and Rev Simon Kasanga (previous Minister of Lubuto, Zambia, and involved in forming the link we so value) died during the past week. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families at this time.

Perhaps not the best way to start a message about Harvest Thanksgiving ... or is it?

Harvest Festival is not just about food. It starts with an acknowledgement that all we have comes from God. It challenges us about our use of the resources God has given us. It reminds us of the responsibility we have to each other – to love one another as God loves us.

As with so many Christians, John and Simon sought to serve God by following the example of Christ Jesus – the one who shared God’s love so freely with all He came across. To properly celebrate Harvest we too must respond to God’s gracious generosity – not just in creation, but in salvation and redemption too!

It might be said that we should be living Harvest Festivals as our life celebrates “all good gifts around us ... sent from heaven above” and we seek to make a difference in the world, both physically and spiritually.

How are you going to “thank the Lord for all His love”?

God Bless,

Mark

This Week's Prayer

Creator God,
You ask us to tend and care for the world around us.
Thank You for the bounty of harvest,
enough for everyone.
Thank You for leading us by example:
generous, thoughtful, forgiving, loving.
Guide us as we try to follow Your example:
by being grateful, generous and careful;
by sharing, loving and caring.
Help us be more like You in all we do and say.

Prayer theme: Thank God for His bountiful provision through the harvests of earth.

Forthcoming Events

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| Thursday 10/10/24 | 7:30pm | Connect Bible Study Group, Dunscore Church |
| Saturday 12/10/24 | 10:30am | Glencairn and Moniaive Parish Church Coffee Morning Fund Raiser, St Ninian's Church, Moniaive |
| Sunday 13/10/24 | 10:00am | Morning Worship, Dunscore Church |
| | 11:30am | Family Worship, St Ninian's Church, Moniaive |
| Friday 18/10/24 | 10:45am | Funeral of Andy Edgar, Dunscore Church |

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.

Christmas Ceilidh Friday 6th December Dumfries YMCA Lochside Road Dumfries. Listen to or dance to the superb Bogle Mufty band. 7.30pm start. Bring your own food and drink. Raffle. Tickets £10 from alyrobbo@hotmail.com 01387 255722, If you can't make it donations for the raffle would be greatly appreciated. In aid of Dunscore church, Cystic Fibrosis, Dumfries YMCA and Dumfries Choral Society

ALL Together NOW! - Please do try and make it along to our new relaxed and fun 'family friendly' services. Arts & crafts, dramatic readings, songs with Claudia, Worship and, of course, snacks & refreshments for everyone. All Ages - All Stages - Bring a friend - Bring the Family!

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 for more details.

BREAKING NEWS: The book written to celebrate the 200th 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

Synthetic material sheds microplastics in the washing machine, which reach the ocean. The ocean floor holds over 14 million tonnes of microplastics. This number is increasing, with textiles contributing 500,000 tonnes yearly. 16% of the microplastics released into the oceans come from washing these synthetic clothes. The toxic fibres degrade ecosystems and are ingested by sea life and, eventually, mammals, including humans.

Overwashing your clothes at high temperatures will also affect their quality over time. It's also a great waste of water and energy from your washing machine. Also, be sure only to buy non-toxic detergents and avoid the use/overuse of tumble dryers.



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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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