



# Church Family Notices

20<sup>th</sup> October 2024


## Morning Worship


**Time:** 10:00am


**Reading:** Hebrews 5:1-10

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## A Message from our Minister

I recall some posters from many years ago which used the 'one-way' road sign with the tag-line "One Way through Jesus". Those old wayside pulpit posters seem corny yet often contained a pithy message. Direct, challenging, thought-provoking as well as clever.

The writer to the Hebrews (whoever they were) wanted to ensure that people were pointed in the right direction – toward Jesus, the one way to God. However daunting it may seem to approach the Infinite, Eternal, thrice Holy God, we know that Jesus is at His side, acting on our behalf.

Jesus, the carpenter, teacher, friend. No one else can do. No one else will do. It has to be ... Jesus.

Each Sunday we look to meet with that very Jesus. Join us.

God Bless,

Mark



## Church and Parish News

### Sunday Prayer Pray-ers.

Thanks to those who have offered to help with leading the prayers in our worship. Mark will be in touch over the next few weeks, before the next rota kicks in to see if there are any dates when anyone can help in November / December. If you would be willing to join the team for this, let Mark or Colin know a.s.a.p.

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:timharmer95@gmail.com) for more details.

## This Week's Prayer

Awesome God,  
we praise You for Your wonderful deeds and mighty power.  
We praise You for Your everlasting Love.  
We praise You that You are faithful to Your promises.  
We praise You for Your healing touch.  
We praise You for Your generous gifts.  
We praise You for Your gracious presence.

### Prayer Theme:

Thank God for who He is – and Jesus' intercession for us when we pray.

## Eco Snippet

**1. Seed pots: start saving your toilet roll middles ready for spring. Toilet paper rolls make excellent seed starters** for plants that dislike root disturbance, as they can be planted directly into the soil without removing the plant from the roll. Good idea is to keep them in a storage container or even a plastic bag so that they don't get damp.

**2. Plastic bottle cloches** offer a practical and eco-friendly solution for protecting individual plants in a mini-greenhouse setup. They are cost effective, versatile, improve airflow by adding top ventilation and are easy to transplant as the entire bottom of the bottle can go in the ground.

## Forthcoming Events

Sunday 20/10/24	11:30am	<b>Family Worship</b> in St Ninian's Church, Moniaive
	7:00pm	<b>Prayer &amp; Reflection – HOPE</b> in Dunscore Church
Thursday 24/10/24	7:30pm	<b>Connect Bible Study Group</b> in Dunscore Church
Sunday 27/10/24	10:00am	<b>Together with Kiks</b> in Dunscore Church
	11:30am	<b>Family Worship</b> in St Ninian's Church, Moniaive

## And Finally...

### Matthew Aitken's Dunscore Church 200<sup>th</sup> Centenary Book Review

It's an easy read with so many fascinating facts and wee snippets all relating to Dunscore Church and the life in and around the church.

There were many times when I laughed out loud and also numerous times when I said: "Listen to this...". For example, did you know that in the 1920s the Kirk Session was still involved and recording when a child was born in "uncleanliness" and both the child's mother and the father were dealt with according to the law of the church. In 1958 there was a lot of discussion about purchasing a car for the minister – consideration was given to a bubble car although these were felt to "not fall within the dignity of the appointment".



The book is a delight, get your copy from the church for just £10. All proceeds to Dunscore Church.



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

# TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

## SEASON OF CREATION 2024



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