



Church Family Notices

27th October 2024


Together with Kiks


Time: 10:00am


Reading: Job 42:1-6, 10-17

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A Message from our Minister

As we approach a busy time with many thoughts and questions in our minds, we reflect, with Job, on who God is and how He works.

Many of you will have heard of Job and his story in the Bible. It is at once familiar and yet mysterious. It is challenging and yet comforting. Read it if you have time! You may end up with more questions than answers, and the answers you thought you had will be questioned.

That's the great thing about the Bible, God's written word, inspired by the Holy Spirit. It doesn't always say what we would like it to say. And that is frustrating and bemusing. It comes down to one fact: God is God, we are not!

You probably get sick of me wittering in about God being Infinite and Eternal, but Job's story gives us another incomprehensible – God is Mysterious in all His ways! We don't like mystery (how many of you read the last page of a book before turning to the beginning?) and prefer clear answers (how many of you enjoy logic puzzles?).

Even after *%\$* years of study, I still find new things in Scripture. New layers of mystery. The biggest mystery of all? Why would God do all that He has done through Jesus just for me?

Join us as we continue to peel the layers of God's Love together.

God Bless,

Mark

Church and Parish News

Been to one of our KiK's Services lately?

KiK's (Kids in Kirk) is a monthly initiative where we ask kids to invite their parents along to Sunday Worship. The big difference is that parents can attend the main service in church whilst kids have their own exciting "child friendly" version of the same service held in the Heritage Centre. Whilst parents can relax and worship, the kids can get creative with arts and crafts and loads of other fun activities. All families are very welcome to come along and get involved.

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!

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

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.

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.

This Week's Prayer

Holy God, You are:
the Creator of all things, and the source of all wisdom;
the ruler of all nations, and the Judge of all people;
the Redeemer of all sinners, and the Healer of all wounds;
the Giver of all gifts, and the Provider of all needs.

We adore You, O God,
and we bless Your Holy Name.

Prayer Theme:

Acknowledge who God is – Infinite, Eternal, Mysterious in all His ways.

Eco Snippet

Can You Really Pickle Any Veggie?

Have an Autumn glut?

You can pickle almost any vegetable - green beans, carrots, cauliflower, radishes, garlic, peppers and courgettes. Choose firm vegetables that won't go mushy when in brine.

- Brine: Combine equal parts vinegar and water and add salt (roughly 1 tablespoon of salt per 1½ cups of liquid). Heat to dissolve salt
- Throw in some optional flavourings. Dill, garlic or mustard seed?

Once brine is ready, pack your veggies into a sterilized jar, pour in hot brine, submerge the veg and let them sit for a day or so in the fridge. They'll be ready for eating within 24 hours.

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 27/10/24	11:30am	Family Worship in St Ninian's, Moniaive
Tuesday 29/10/24	12:00 noon	Funeral of BETTY KEANING in Dunscore Church
Thursday 31/10/24	7:30pm	Connect Bible Study Group in Dunscore Church
Sunday 03/11/24	10:00am	Holy Communion in Dunscore Church
	11:00am	Cuppa followed by Morning Worship in St Ninian's, Moniaive

And Finally...

Matthew Aitken's Dunscore Church 200th 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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