



Church Family Notices

03rd November 2024

Holy Communion


Time: 10:00am


Reading: Ruth 1:1-18


Join the Service Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86939887756>

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A Message from our Minister

After spooky goings-on and with reminders of those we love, but see no longer, November gets under way. As the darkness seems to grow each day, today we are focussed on love.

In another venture into the Old Testament we hear the story of Ruth. It is easy for us to lose the significance of the very existence of her story in the Bible, yet it is quite radical. The eponymous heroine is not Jewish by birth or religion. Yet she is not a foreigner or alien, her husband's family move to her homeland as refugees, fleeing famine. She is a Moabite, a people shunned and hated by the Israelites. She is soon a widow, alone with no-one to provide for her. So not many reasons for her story to be told in Scripture ... a foreign woman from a hated tribe.

Echoes of Jesus' own dealings with women and foreigners?

Yet Ruth's story is told. She shows loyalty and love to her Mother-in-law and goes on to be blessed by God in finding love. She is also an ancestor to Jesus Himself!

God's Love is often surprising and radical, ignoring convention and tradition as it reaches out to everybody.

Basically, if you're a human being, God Loves you!

Join us for a taster ...

God Bless, Mark

Church and Parish News

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.

Hymn / Worship song choices.

If you have a favourite hymn or worship song please send it to Mark and he will include it in one of our services. This might not be immediately but will be slotted in when the service theme is appropriate.

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

We praise You, Living God, for the gift of love:

for its words and silence;

for its gentleness and strength;

for its diversity and stability;

for its power and vulnerability;

for all its shades and all its expressions;

for all the ways it enriches our lives, through family, friends, and nature;

and most of all

for the ways it connects us to You, who is perfect Love,

Never-changing and Eternal.

Prayer Theme:

Thank God for the love which surrounds you every day.

Eco Snippet

Rethink how you store your fruit

Reducing food waste can be as simple as rethinking how you store your fruit. Keeping your bananas in a bunch means that they will ripen at the same time, causing you to either eat them all quickly or throw away the ones that go bad — breaking up the bunch will prevent this. And the term "bad apple" exists for a reason! Storing apples in a fruit bowl can spoil the other fruit, so keeping them separate can keep your produce fresh for longer.

Forthcoming Events

Thursday 07/11/24	7:30pm	Connect: Roaming Through Romans in Dunscore Church
Friday 08/11/24	7:30pm	Cairn Valley Community Transport AGM in the Flying Pig
Saturday 09/11/24	10:30am – 12 noon	Coffee Morning at St Ninian’s, Moniaive
Sunday 10/11/24	10:00am	Morning Worship in Dunscore Church followed by Act of Remembrance at Dunscore War Memorial
	11:00am	Tea Party in aid of Pre-School in Glenriddell Hall, Dunscore
	11:00am	Act of Remembrance at Glencairn Memorial Institute, Moniaive
	11:30am	Act of Remembrance and Worship in St Ninian’s, Moniaive
	7:00pm	Prayers for Peace in Dunscore Church
Monday 11/11/24	10:45am	Act of Remembrance at the Cross, 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.



Please send any CFN items for November to Kevin Wallace, by Noon on Friday, at kevinw2912@outlook.com