



# Church Family Notices

Sunday 01<sup>st</sup> June 2025

## Morning Worship

**Time:** 10:00am

**Reading:** Acts 16:16-34

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

## Minister

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Dunscore Church



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## A Message from our Minister

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Apostle Paul had an adventurous life.

A dramatic conversion – meeting the living Jesus on the road to Damascus. Traveling far and wide to tell others about Jesus. Shipwrecked, bitten by snakes, arrested, imprisoned, shaken by an earthquake, exiled ... and much more!

For once, my waffle stops here and I leave the last words to Paul himself:

“If God is for us, who can be against us? ... Who shall separate us from the Love of Christ? ... I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels or demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the Love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (from Romans 8:31-39)

And the people said: “AMEN!”

God Bless,

Mark



## Church and Parish News

### **SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB ...**

*Weds 30<sup>th</sup>, Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> July, Fri 1<sup>st</sup> August*

Dunscore Church will be running a Holiday Club during the week in the run-up to the Dunscore Gala. Help is needed with 'snack time' for the children and other practical matters.

Contact Jenny Dobson or Caroline Waugh for more information.

### **CONNECT BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

The next sessions of the Connect Bible Study Group have begun and will focus on the Holy Spirit over the next few weeks.

Connect is 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.

### **HYMN / WORSHIP SONGS 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.

### **TEA AND COFFEE IN CHURCH**

We are always delighted to receive donations of tea and coffee for the church and these often just appear in the drawer. Thanks to anyone who donates in this way. You will be aware that we are a Fairtrade Church so, if you are donating tea or coffee, please look for the Fairtrade Mark (the Coop, Marks and Spencer are good for Fairtrade). If you can't find Fairtrade, Rainforest Alliance is a good standard though not as good for the producer so makes a good fall-back where Fairtrade just isn't available.

By the way, why not read the Dunscore Church Ethical Purchasing Policy on the notice board?

## This Week's Prayer

Sometimes Lord, we feel as if we are imprisoned  
by our circumstances,  
by our health,  
by our prejudices,  
by our own choices.  
Sometimes we don't realise what You have done for us,  
and that we have left the old life behind.  
You are always there to meet us,  
and set us free from our sins.  
You have taken us from old life to new life.  
We thank You.

### **Prayer Theme:**

Thank Jesus for your new life in Him,  
His presence and help at all times.

## Eco Snippet

Used teabags, dried and dipped in leftover candle wax make very effective fire-starters!

### **Visit local farmer's markets.**

Locally sourced produce travels about 27 times less distance than conventionally sourced produce. By reducing the need to transport and store food, your plate will have a smaller carbon footprint. Local often means organic food cultivated in season rather than industrial-scale agriculture.

## Forthcoming Events

This Afternoon	1pm – 3pm	<b>Plant Swap &amp; BBQ</b> at the Community Garden, Moniaive
	1pm – 3pm	<b>Pop-Up Opera with mini-G&amp;S</b> in Glencairn Memorial Institute, Moniaive
Thursday 05/06/25	7:30pm	<b>Connect Bible Study</b> in Dunscore Church
Friday 06/06/25	8:00pm	<b>Quiz Night</b> at the Flying Pig, Dunscore
Saturday 07/06/25	10am – 1pm	<b>Repair Cafe</b> in Glencairn Memorial Institute, Moniaive
Sunday 08/06/25 (Pentecost Sunday)	10am	<b>ALL Together NOW!</b> in Dunscore Church
	11:30am	<b>Family Worship</b> in St Ninian's, Moniaive
	7pm	<b>Inspiring Spirit: Prayer &amp; Reflection</b> in Dunscore Church
Saturday 21/06/25	11am – 3pm	<b>Manse Open Garden</b> in aid of church funds
Sunday 29/06/25	10:30am	<b>Joint Worship</b> at St Ninian's, Moniaive

## And Finally...

### Dunscore Church is an Eco Congregation and Dunscore is a Fairtrade Village.

The Eco and Fairtrade Groups have regular meetings and lots of activities to support the work. The groups would appreciate any support with either group attendance or help with activities. If you think you could help us continue this work or would like to find out more, please contact:-

- Debbie Smith, Chair Eco Group on [marksmith247@btinternet.com](mailto:marksmith247@btinternet.com)
- Matthew Aiken, Secretary Eco Group on [auchenage@gmail.com](mailto:auchenage@gmail.com)
- Diane Cowen, Chair Fairtrade Group on 07725980312
- Alison Borthwick, Secretary Fairtrade Group on 07751685518

**Please send any CFN items for May to Colin Mitchell, by Noon on Friday, at [c.mitchell50@btinternet.com](mailto:c.mitchell50@btinternet.com)**