



Church Family Notices

04th May 2025

Holy Communion

Time: 10:00am

Reading: Acts 9:1-20

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

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A Message from our Minister

Alleuia! Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Some are describing this Sunday as 'Star Wars' Sunday! It is May the fourth after all!

In our worship today we will hear about the force of God at work. A force beyond our comprehension and imagination. A force which can change lives. The same force which raised Christ from the dead available to give us new life, if only, like Thomas, we would stop our doubting and believe!

A zealous young Pharisee called Saul, chased down the early disciples, prosecuting and persecuting Jesus' followers, people he thought were at best misled and at worst blasphemers against God.

In a dramatic turnaround, Jesus met with him on the road, and the Holy Spirit renewed him. He changed his name to Paul and became a strong advocate for God's miraculous work through Jesus, the promised Messiah.

The same God wants to change our lives today. Not necessarily in as dramatic a fashion, but change nonetheless. Are you open to that change?

May the force of God be with you!

Mark

Church and Parish News

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.

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
- Matthew Aiken, Secretary Eco Group on auchenage@gmail.com
- Diane Cowen, Chair Fairtrade Group on 07725980312
- Alison Borthwick, Secretary Fairtrade Group on 07751685518

D.A.D.S present: The Odd Couple

The Dunscore Amateur Dramatic Society will be performing their much anticipated the "Odd Couple" on Thursday 8th May, Friday 9th May and Saturday 10th May at 7:30pm. There will also be a Matinee performance on Saturday 10th May at 2:30pm.

Tickets are priced at £12 (£10 for the Matinee performance) and can be purchased from any D.A.D.S cast member, The Flying Pig or online at www.trybooking.com/uk/EQEY.

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

Lord, You are the God of miracles.
You reveal Yourself in so many different and amazing ways.

You can be there in a blinding flash from heaven,

but also in the gradual breaking of dawn.

You can be there in times of joy and relief,

and when our souls are in darkness.

We rejoice in Your power to light up our lives,

and to change our perspective.

We pray that whether You come to us in a loud, clear voice,

or as a tiny whisper,

we will hear and gladly obey You.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer Theme:

Thank God for lives touched by Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Eco Snippet

Did you know ready meals are extremely very high use of energy to prepare safely?

Try not to use them on a regular basis.

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 04/05/25	2pm-4pm	Afternoon Tea in Speddoch Hall
Thursday 08/05/25	7:30pm	D.A.D.S present: The Odd Couple in Dunscore Church (Also 2:30pm Matinee performance on 10/05/25)
Friday 09/05/25		
Saturday 10/05/25		
Friday 09/05/25	Various	Moniaive Folk Festival – various events in Moniaive (full details at www.moniaivefolkfestival.com)
Saturday 10/05/25		
Sunday 11/05/25		
Saturday 10/05/25	11am-2pm	Dunscore Plant Sale – the Glenriddell Hall, Dunscore
Sunday 11/05/25	10:00am	ALL Together ... NOW! All-age worship in Dunscore Church
	11:30am	Holy Communion in St Ninian's, Moniaive
	7pm	Sheep & Shepherd: Prayer & Reflection in Dunscore Church

And Finally...

Get that date in your diary..

The Big Plant Sale is NEXT Saturday. 10th May 11am - 2pm. Please come and support us.

If you have plants, baking or bric-a-brac to donate, bring them along on Saturday morning from 10am or contact Mary Waugh 01387 820301.

N.B. There will also be a Minibus departing from Moniaive at 11am directly to the Plant Sale.

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