



Church Family Notices

18th May 2025

Morning Worship


Time: 10:00am


Reading: Acts 11:1-18

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

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A Message from our Minister

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Wow! Last weekend was amazing! I hope you all enjoyed it. I also hope you're enjoying the sunshine. Everything looks very different in the sunshine!

Today we hear about the Apostle Peter and how he had to see things differently. God challenged him to climb out of his 'rut', which limited his vision of what God wanted to do.

As we relax and enjoy the tropical weather it's hard to imagine that we may be in a rut. However, for most of us there are blindspots in how we see other people or how we think God should work.

Just as we're surprised by what is popping up in the garden, we could well be surprised by how God is at work around us in ways we have missed!

Keep your eyes peeled and your heart open. God may surprise you!

God Bless,
Mark

PS A funeral/memorial service for Elizabeth Hall will be at St Ninian's on Friday 30th May, 2.30pm.

PPS I'm 'off' this coming week so please contact Colin Mitchell (Dunscore 820455), Nan Tait (Moniaive 200403), or Rev Tim Harmer (Dunscore 820861) if you need any help or information.

Church and Parish News

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB ...

Weds 30th, Thurs 31st July, Fri 1st 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 commence on Thursday 29th May and will focus on the Holy Spirit over the next 5 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 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

Lord God, You know every bone in my body,
every ache and pain,
every beat of my heart,
every emotion.
You know me inside out.
You know when I am joyful,
but also when I struggle.
I take a moment to pause and be aware of You.
I breathe out my old life,
and breathe in Your new life.
I thank You for Peter,
who was brave enough to go forward in faith
and do Your will, however scary that might have been.
I thank You that, in Your strength,
I can do that too.

Prayer Theme:

Ask God if there is anything which you need to see with fresh eyes, His eyes.

Eco Snippet

Try growing as many of your own vegetables as possible. Window sills are great for herbs and tomatoes.

Forthcoming Events

Saturday 24/05/25	2pm - 4pm	Dunscore Gala Fun Afternoon in Glenriddell Hall
Sunday 25/05/25	10am	Family Worship Together with KiKS in Dunscore Church
	11:30am	Morning Worship in St Ninian's, Moniaive
	2pm - 4pm	Afternoon Tea at Tynron Parish Hall

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

The BIG Dunscore Plant sale 2025

Mary Waugh asked us to pass on this message following a very busy and successful Plant sale last Saturday:

"A great big thank you to all those who contributed to the Big Sale. A wonderful effort and a great day. Thank you."

Shameless Plug from Mark...

A friend of mine, Peter Wright, is raising money for Maasai Girls Education Project (a project of Joseph Thomson Maasai Trust) by cycling (and camping) all over the place this year. He will be taking part in the Kirkpatrick Macmillan Rally 2025, based around Keir and Penpont, next weekend. Those of you pedalling along seek him out ... or see www.josephthomsonmaasaitrust.co.uk or FaceBook (Maasai Girls Education Project).

God Bless,
Mark

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