

Church Family Notices

Date: Sunday 24 August 2025

Morning Worship 11:30 am in Dunscore Church

Today's Readings: Luke 12: 32-40

Worship in Dunscore Church is for everyone. You will be made most welcome at our services. If you can't make it to our Sunday services, you can join online at this link: www.youtube.com/channel/UCd9TjFVXNCAHZGUolJ3vlEg/live

A MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER:

Summer is over ... for school-children. Summer is over ... for school-teachers. Summer is over for parents of school-age children. But what about the rest of us? Meteorologists tell us it isn't over. The calendar tells us it isn't over. The solar cycle tells us it isn't over. But what about swallows gathering to depart? What about geese arriving from colder climes?

Does it really matter? The rose at the Manse has sprouted another branch and opened another bud. The butterflies are enjoying the buddleia blooms. Fruit is ripening (and falling).

The cycle of the seasons has a flow, but within that so much is unpredictable. Like life!

I don't have to tell you about the ups and downs of life as we settle back into the routines of 'normality' after all the excitement and joy of summer-time. Jesus wants to walk with us whatever we face. The Holy Spirit wants to live within us to help us through "all the changing scenes of life".

Today we have a baptism at Dunscore – little Jasper is just getting started on his journey through life. As we pray for him to know God's presence in his life, so we can pray the same for ourselves whatever stage of life we find ourselves at. Join us to start your own journey with Jesus.

God Bless, Mark

PRAYER THEME Ask Jesus to walk with you into whatever you face as summer ends.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord Jesus, pioneer and perfecter of our faith, we praise You because You run with us. Through all the bumps in the road, when the climbs are steep and when the potholes are many You run with us.

When we are tired, jaded and disillusioned You run with us.

When the finishing line is near and the race is nearly done You run with us.

And so we praise You, because every step of the way You run with us.

Amen

COMING SOON:

Next Sunday 31 August the service will be at 10:30am as it is a Joint Morning Worship in Dunscore Church with our friends from St Ninian's in Moniaive.

ECO SNIPPET: Growing trees: Autumn is getting closer and it is going to be an amazing year for hawthorn and acorns. You can collect tree seeds and use them to start saplings. I have managed this with acorns (plant as soon as possible), hazel, cherry, beech, and horse chestnut. Simply plant in a pot with soil and leave outside over the winter.

LIVE STREAMING AND SERVICE RECORDING: We have now moved from Zoom to YouTube for live streaming and recording the service. You can find both the live stream and recordings at this link https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd9TjFVXNCAHZGUolJ3vlEg/live or just look for our YouTube Channel at CairnValley Churches.

If you have any issues with the live stream or recording, let Matthew know on auchenage@gmail.com.

HYMN / SONG CHOICES: Have your favourite hymn or worship song included in a future service. Send it to Mark and, although it not be used immediately, he will endeavour to use it when the service theme is appropriate.

CHURCH FAMILY NOTICES: If you have anything that you would like to be included in next week's CFNs please send it to Matthew at auchenage@gmail.com by noon on Friday.

