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# Church Family Notices

07<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## Morning Worship

**Time:** 11:30am

**Reading:** Philemon (the whole letter!)

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:

<https://www.youtube.com/@cairnvalleychurches3432/streams>

## A Message from our Minister

In the letter to Philemon, Paul challenges him to make a choice about the future of runaway slave Onesimus. The issues at stake are not easy for us to understand. We don't view people as property!

As a Christian, Philemon was being faced with a dilemma. One which would cost him dearly – both financially and in terms of saving face in society. Not easy, but important.

As Christians today we face many dilemmas – moral, ethical, political, financial. This 'term' the connect: Bible Study group are looking at how we find God's Mind on the issues we face as individuals and as a society. Not easy, but important. In part we have to put aside our own pet-hates and deep-seated views. Not easy, but important.

I'm sure most of you are shouting at the page: "We know it's not easy! We know it's important!"

As we celebrate Communion over the next two Sundays, we are reminded that it was not easy for Jesus, yet it was important – literally vital for us. As we seek to follow His Way with the help of the Holy Spirit, bread and wine remind us of what it cost Jesus to do what God wanted – everything!

Join us on the hardest yet most important journey – faith.

God Bless,  
Mark

## Church and Parish News

### **COFFEE MORNING AT ST NINIAN'S, MONIAIVE**

This event takes place on Saturday (10.30am-12noon) and will have information about Cairn Valley Community Transport and other local activities as groups start their Autumn/Winter schedules. Find out how you can play your part as you enjoy a cuppa and a blether!

### **CONNECT BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

(Thursdays, 7.30pm in Dunscore Church)

New sessions of the Connect Bible Study Group have commenced and will be looking at how we can find a Christian point of view on some of the big issues of the day. All are very welcome to join us.

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.

### **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:

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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](mailto:auchenage@gmail.com).

## This Week's Prayer

We praise You, O God,  
for creating us as Your children,  
and we thank You for sending Jesus  
when we had lost our way.  
We praise You, Lord Jesus,  
for coming as one of us,  
and for calling us Your brothers and  
sisters.

We praise You, Holy Spirit,  
for comforting and challenging us,  
and we thank You for Your counsel  
when we need it most.

### **Prayer Theme:**

Re-commit to following Jesus' Way,  
knowing that the benefits outweigh  
the cost.

## Eco Snippet

### **Embrace Renewable Energy**

Scotland's renewable energy sector is booming. Take advantage of this by installing solar panels on your roof.

Even in Scotland's climate, modern solar panels can generate significant amounts of electricity, reducing your reliance on the grid and potentially earning you money through feed-in tariffs.

## Forthcoming Events

Thursday 11/09/25	9:30am	<b>Litter Larks</b> (Meet at Church Car Park)
	7:30pm	<b>Connect: Bible Study – <i>Seeking God’s Mind</i></b> in Dunscore Church
Saturday 13/09/25	10.30am -12noon	<b>Coffee Morning</b> in St Ninian’s, Moniaive
Sunday 14/09/25	10am	<b>Family Worship</b> in St Ninian’s, Moniaive
	10:30am	<b>Communion ... Together</b> in Dunscore Church
	2pm - 4pm	<b>Afternoon Tea</b> in Speddoch Hall
	7:00pm	<b>Evening Worship</b> in Dunscore Church

## 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 Kevin Wallace, by Noon on Friday, at  
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