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Church Family Notices

28th September 2025

Harvest Together with KiKs

Time: 11:30am

Reading: Luke 16:19-31

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 now stream us 'live' via YouTube Live at this link:

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

A Harvest Message

Today we celebrate Harvest with our annual Harvest Festival service. The purpose of the festival is not only to thank God for the abundance of food many of us enjoy, but also to raise awareness of the hunger that still exists in many parts of our world.

On a local level, and like previous years, we invite anyone, who is able, to bring along any non-perishable food donations (tins, dried food etc.) or money and we will pass these onto First Base, Dumfries. You can find out more about this vital work at:

<https://www.firstbasedumfries.co.uk>

Fairtrade will also feature quite a bit in this year's Harvest Festival service and, as it's also one of our KiKs family services, children can also head off, for part of the service, to do their own fun activities.

After the service there will be a Faith Share lunch so, if you can, bring something to share (savory or a pudding) we'd love you to join us at the Glenriddell Hall.

This year's Harvest Festival also coincides with Fairtrade Fortnight (22nd Sep – 05th Oct) and the Fairtrade foundation have been asking each of us to 'Do it Fair' and celebrate the difference we can all make by choosing Fairtrade labelled products.

Matthew Aitken will be giving us a wee update on the latest village Fairtrade activities including a visit to the Scottish Parliament, attendance at the International Fairtrade Towns Conference 2025 and some fun / interactive Fairtrade events recently taking place at Dunscore Primary School.

Church and Parish News

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

As already mentioned, Fairtrade fortnight runs from 22nd Sep – 05th Oct. With the world in a tailspin, fairness isn't a given. But the power to get there is in our hands. Together, our actions can have a positive impact on real people's lives. Fairer pay. Fairer treatment. Fairer futures. That's Fairtrade. It's not just a label – it's a movement. So, whatever you do, and however you do it: Do it Fair.

To find out more visit the Fairtrade website at:
<https://www.fairtrade.net/uk-en>

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 for more details.

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.

This Week's Prayer

PRAYERS for FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

(Verses from familiar hymns ...)

We are not creatures yet to come: we're
called to choose right now;
dependent on the bees, the trees, the soil
we tend and plough.
We won't infest, no: we'll invest our love, our
wisdom deep,
in hope beyond horizons bleak: sustaining-
Christ's bequest!

David Coleman

All that kills abundant living, let it from the
earth be banned;
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas
that obscure Your plan.
In our common quest for justice may we
hallow life's brief span.

Fred Kaan

In the just reward of labour, God's will is
done;
in the help we give our neighbour, God's will
is done;
in our world-wide task of caring for the
hungry and despairing,
in the harvest we are sharing, God's will is
done.

Frederick Pratt Green

Eco Snippet

This month's Eco Snippets have been
looking at the Dunscore Church Ethical
Purchasing Policy.

In the policy, we aim to buy locally; use
Fairtrade products wherever possible;
minimise waste; recycle all that we can; use
products that are least damaging to the
environment; invest our money so that it has
a positive impact, and minimise energy use
and buy energy from the least
environmentally damaging suppliers.

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 28/09/25	12:30pm	Harvest Bring & Share Lunch in Glenriddell Hall
Thursday 02/10/25	7:30pm	Connect Bible Study – Israel, Gaza, and God’s People in Dunscore Church
Sunday 05/10/25	10:00am	Harvest Festival in St Ninian’s, Moniaive
	11:30am	Morning Worship in Dunscore Church
Sunday 09/11/25	12:30pm	Soup and Pudding lunch in Glenriddell Hall (all proceeds to Dunscore Pre-school)

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
- Alison Borthwick, Chair Fairtrade Group on 07725980312
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Please send any CFN items for October to Colin Mitchell, by Noon on Friday, at c.mitchell50@btinternet.com