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# Church Family Notices

5<sup>th</sup> October 2025

## Morning Worship

**Time:** 11:30am

**Reading:** 2 Timothy 1:1-14

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 Message from our Minister

Is it really October already!? Fairtrade Fortnight and our Harvest celebrations draw to a close and the Autumn sets in (storms and all). The last fruits of Summer are jammed, canned, frozen and stored in preparation for Winter.

Harvesting is hard work physically. Buying ethically is hard work both mentally and financially. Being prepared is not the easy option – hard work mentally (planning) and physically (processing)!

Otherwise we would all be thoughtful shoppers, careful gardeners and conscientious storers.

God calls us to be thoughtful, careful and conscientious citizens of earth. Not just as stewards of creation, but as neighbours of our fellow human beings – wherever they are.

That is hard work.

Our ancestors had no option – harvest and store or starve. We have options, perhaps too many! We don't even have to go to the shops anymore – they come to us online and by road. We needn't leave our cosy warm homes and risk bumping into anyone! As we approach the colder months we should be more alert to our neighbours and the need to interact with others. Are you keeping an eye out for those around you? Isolation can be a real issue for many in our communities, especially during the dark months. Thankfully up and down our valley there are many activities and opportunities to meet others, interact, catch up and check up. We have some great options.

Join us as we try to follow God's options for our lives ... even if it seems hard work.

God Bless,

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Mark

## Church and Parish News

### ONE FOR THE DIARY

Caroline has asked us to give you advance notice of another fantastic Soup and Pudding lunch event that is coming up. The lunch will take place on Sunday 9th November (after the Remembrance Service) in the Glenriddell Hall. Everyone is very welcome, and all proceeds raised will go to Dunscore Pre-school.

### 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:

<https://www.youtube.com/@cairnvalleychurches3432/s/treams>

## 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

We all enjoy and are privileged to have variety in our diets, however it's worth bearing in mind that in Scotland we grow exceedingly good tatties, but not rice or sweet potatoes yet. Please support UK grown/reared produce.

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).

## Forthcoming Events

Thursday 9/10/25	7:30pm	<b>Connect Bible Study – Immigration</b>
Sunday 12/10/25	10:00am	<b>Morning Worship</b> in St Ninian’s, Moniaive
	10.30am	<b>All Together – Now!</b> – Dunscore Church
	7.00pm	<b>Evening Worship</b> in Dunscore Church
Thursday 16/10/25	7:30pm	<b>No Connect</b>

## 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)
- Alison Borthwick, Chair Fairtrade Group on 07725980312
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