



Church Family Notices

26th October 2025

Morning Worship

Time: 11:30am

Reading: READING: Luke 18:9-14

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>

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A Message from our Minister

As October draws to a close, the clocks change, the leaves fall and the colours of autumn give way to the stark winter hues, we approach a time of remembering. All Saints' Day, All Souls' Day, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day. How do you cope with the sorrows and griefs of life?

"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I fear no evil" (Psalm 23, verse 4a).

Jesus promises to be with always. "For You are with me, Your rod and staff comfort me." (Psalm 23 verse 4b). Jesus walked with the baffled, grieving disciples on their way home after Good Friday.

Where do we find comfort in the journey of life?

Do we rely on distraction or denial?

Do we simply need a friend?

As we remember those who have gone before us, those we love but see no longer, where can we find comfort and strength?

You all know my answer – Jesus!

Come as you are and meet with Him for yourself.

Join with us,

God Bless,
Mark

PRAYER THEME: Bring your sorrow, pain and grief to Jesus, Friend and Shepherd

This Week's Prayer

O Lord,

*I praise you for Your presence in my life,
especially at times when I feel forsaken.
I thank You for the feeling of not being
alone, of being uplifted by an unseen
power who causes me to rise up in faith
and face life again.*

*Thank You, Lord, for sustaining me in all
situations, and encouraging me to fight the
good fight in Your Name, and for Your
sake.*

Church and Parish News

ONE FOR THE DIARY

La POSADA is coming to Dunscore! June says ...

During the whole month of December - Mary,
Joseph & a donkey will be travelling and staying in
homes around Dunscore.

Would you like to host them for one night? Then
the following day / evening take them to their next
home. Oh! I forgot to say the figures are
eight inches (20.32cm) tall...

When the figures are brought to your home - invite
the previous hosts in, to share a drink / afternoon
tea / a meal with you. It is up to you and the
previous hosts to arrange a convenient time for
you both.

After the one night you then take them to the next
home on the list and they will offer you hospitality.
The last people on the list will bring the figures to
the Christingle Service on Christmas Eve
and place them in the Nativity Scene.

If you would like to join in with this event (open to
the whole Dunscore community) - please contact
me, June Harmer, by email -

jmharmer21@gmail.com and I will add you on to
the list. When the list is full I will tell you who is
bringing the figures to you and their contact details
and who you take them to next with their contact
details.

This event is practised in many countries and is
called "La Posada" meaning shelter or inn.

Eco Snippet

You may have heard of the problem of
micro-plastics (tiny bits of plastic that are
shed from synthetic clothes, plastic bags
and anything else made from plastic). One
way of reducing micro-plastics is to only
wash clothes when they are really dirty.

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.

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

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 2/11/25	10:00am	Morning Worship in St Ninian's, Moniaive
	11.30am	Morning Worship – 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
- 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 November to Vari Drabble, by Noon on Friday, at vari.drabble@btinternet.com