



## Church Family Notices

**Morning Worship -**

**15 March 2026 11.30am in Dunscore Church**

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/UCd9TjFVXNCAHZGUoIJ3vIEg/live](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd9TjFVXNCAHZGUoIJ3vIEg/live)

### **READING - Ephesians 5:8-14**

***A Message from our Minister:***

**Today's theme is "Light".**

This is another of those themes which recurs throughout Scripture, from start to end. God is the source of Light, dispelling the darkness to create the universe. God chooses unlikely heroes (priests, judges, kings, prophets) by their openness to His Light. The Light is promised and foretold as coming to break through the darkness of people's hearts and shine for all to see. Jesus brought Light into the lives of unlikely people (dodgy disciples, Samaritans, women(!), Romans, Greeks, passing strangers) by unlikely means – not just formal teaching/preaching/nagging.

The Apostle Paul knew the power of this Light – it shone on him on the road to Damascus and utterly changed his life. It showed him Jesus, the Messiah. The Christ who his studies had taught him to expect, yet who he had missed by focussing on minutiae and legalities taught to him by tradition and conventional wisdom. He stepped from darkness into light.

Without light we cannot see. Without light all remains hidden and uncertain. Without light we stumble around unaware of others or the direction we should take.

Our Lent journey needs light, the Light of the World, Jesus Himself shining into our lives day by day.

Join us to seek the Light-giver and to see for yourself.

God Bless,

Mark

PS I'm 'off' this week so please contact Colin Mitchell (Dunscore 820455), Nan Tait (Moniaive 200403), or Rev Tim Harmer (Dunscore 820861) if you need any help or information.

## **PRAYER for LENT:**

*Creator God, I bring before You  
all that I have faced,  
all that I have overcome,  
all that I need to hold on to  
and all that I need to release.*

*Faithful God, I bring before You  
the times when I make wrong decisions,  
the times when I covet what others have,  
the times when I am not satisfied and want more  
and the times when I try to deal with things in my own strength.*

*Eternal God, I thank You  
for Your understanding of my weakness,  
for the generosity of Your forgiveness  
and the support of others through testing times.*

*Infinite God,  
I pledge to look to Jesus for guidance and follow in His footsteps  
and to support others going through testing times;  
I ask You to give me the courage, grace, gifts, strength and faith I need.*

## **PRAYER THEME for LENT:**

Bring God into your journey at every step, as you re-focus on all He gives to you.

### ***Thursday:***

7.30pm – **Connect: Lent – Home** in Dunscore Church

### ***Next Sunday:***

11.30am – **Together with KiKs** in Dunscore Church

### ***CONNECT: Lent Bible Studies***

Thursdays, 7.30pm, Dunscore Church ... ALL welcome

19 Mar – **Home: “Where are you staying?”**

26 Mar – **Glory: Meeting God**

### **Monday 23 March**

**11am – Funeral of MARILYN CRAWFORD** in Dunscore Church.

## **EASTER FLOWERS & DECORATIONS:**

Watch/listen for information on this for both churches – help where you can, using your imagination and skills to brighten our buildings for this occasion.

**Remember Toilet Twinning?** Our Eco-group are encouraging us to think about the Garden Twinning scheme as a way of helping those in need across the world. June Harmer has information on this.

**Ecosnippet: :**

As we move towards Spring, you'll be heading into your garden. Why not twin your garden this year? To do so, you make a donation of £60 and this will help families in rural Africa to receive training in sustainable, organic farming. Why not give a twinning pack as a gift? Go to [rippleeffect.org/twin-a-garden](http://rippleeffect.org/twin-a-garden).

If you have anything that you would like to be included in that week's CFNs please send it to Sheila Anderson at [sheila69@btinternet.com](mailto:sheila69@btinternet.com) by noon on Friday 20 March.