



Church Family Notices

Alleluia ... Christ is Risen!

HE IS RISEN INDEED ... ALLELUIA!

Date: 12 April 2026

Morning Worship: All Together Now! 10:30 am in Dunscore Church

Today's Readings: John 20: 19-31 (and 1 Peter 1: 3-9)

Please join us after the service for a short Stated Annual Meeting. It will include a pictorial reminder of all the things that we have done over the past year.

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

A MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER:

Today is often known as 'Low' Sunday. Perhaps because of the mental and physical slump after all that celebrating and chocolate? Perhaps because attendance at Sunday worship drops after the busyness of Easter Day? Are you up for resisting the drop and slump?

Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Day are all emotional enough for us today as we try to capture the drama and feelings, but imagine how draining they were for the disciples who actually walked through that journey with Jesus!

No wonder they weren't sure what had happened!

We know Thomas today as 'doubting' Thomas, but I think that is unfair. He missed out on seeing Jesus for himself and simply wasn't sure about what he heard from the other disciples. He went on to write his own gospel account and travelled widely declaring the Good News about Jesus, whose wounds he saw and touched, whose Resurrection he no longer doubted.

We see Jesus through the eyes of faith, with help from the Holy Spirit – we cannot touch His sides, see His scars, yet we believe. Jesus Himself declared that we are Blessed if we believe without the physical contact.

Join us to escape the slump and meet Jesus in whatever low you are experiencing. His Blessing may surprise you. God Bless, Mark

PRAYER THEME:

Ask the Holy Spirit to help increase your faith in the Risen Lord Jesus.

PRAYER FOR EASTER:

Lord of Life and Power,
through the mighty Resurrection of Your Son
 You have overcome the old order of sin and death
 and have made all things new in Him.
May we be dead to sin and alive to You in Jesus Christ
 and reign with Him in Glory,
 who, with You and the Holy Spirit, is alive,
 One God, now and for ever.

COMING SOON:

This Evening – Evening Worship in Dunscore Church

Thursday 16 April 7:30 pm Celtish: in concert at St Ninian's, Moniaive

Next Sunday 19 April: Our service at **11:30 am** in Dunscore Church

Also, at **2:00 pm** the Heritage Centre will be open and is hosting a very special temporary exhibit.

Duncan MacFarlane, the grandfather of Jo Abbot, served and was very badly injured in the First World War. The fact that he survived his injuries is believed to be because he had his bible in his breast pocket and, while he suffered several bullet wounds, the one that would most likely have been fatal hit his bible. A truly remarkable story. There will be a small ceremony for Jo to hand over the bible and associated items to be exhibited for the season in the heritage centre. There will be a piper and representatives from his regiment, the Gordon Highlanders. You are invited to join us too and you will be able to see the bible, his "dog tag", medals and other items relating to Private McFarlane.

Thursday 23 April at 7:00 pm – Don't miss our **Eco Hustings**. Candidates from all the main parties will be joining us for an opportunity to meet them and chat about their policies in a relaxed, informal way.

ECO SNIPPET: DIP make an Eco dishwasher and clothes washing detergent.... In cardboard packaging. No plastic ingredients. Efficient and easy to use. *Editor's note: Other brands of detergent are available!*

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