



Church Family Notices

17th May 2026

Morning Worship Service

Time: 11:30am


Reading: 1Peter 5:5b-11


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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<http://eepurl.com/ds0gzj>

A Message from our Minister

Alleluia ... Christ is Risen!

HE IS RISEN INDEED ... ALLELUIA!

I am writing this on Ascension Day. Blink and you'd have missed it! A vital part of our Salvation Story hidden midweek between the Bank Holidays!! Arguably the most important Day in the church's year after Good Friday!

In some ways Jesus' Ascension completes the Easter story. It confirms what so many of you already know – that Jesus is alive still! He didn't 'retire' and become an artisan carpenter doing the craft market circuit. He didn't become a hermit, hidden away on a hillside in isolation. He ascended ... taken up to heaven before the eyes of His closest followers, drawn into the clouds never to be physically seen again!

However ... Ascension is not the end! We wait expecting Christ's return, hoping for Him to come down from heaven, visible, unmistakable, unmistakable. In the meantime He has promised to be with us – "I am with you always ..." Matthew 28:20. With us whatever we face – "Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you" 1Peter 5:7.

Without Ascension the Holy Spirit would not have been able to pour out into Jesus' Disciples, into us.

Without Ascension our prayers would be in vain – not heard, not understood, ineffective.

With Ascension we know that we have a Friend in heaven, an Advocate who understands us, a High Priest who has done what is needed for us to approach God confidently.

Give Ascension some thought – it might just lift you up too!

God Bless,
Mark

Church and Parish News

CONTACT NUMBERS FOR THIS WEEK

Mark is “off” this week. If you need any help or information, please contact:

Colin Mitchell: (Dunscore 820455)

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Rev Tim Harmer: (Dunscore 820861)

ONE FOR THE DIARY

Our next Conventicle has been arranged for Sunday 21st June. The event will begin at 3pm and take place at Craigenputtock.

More details will be made available closer to the date but, it goes without saying, that everyone is very welcome to join us.

LIVE STREAMING AND SERVICE RECORDING

Just to remind everyone that 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/streams>

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

FROM CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Ascended Lord Jesus we praise you.

Once You lived a human life subject to the limitations of time:

now You are the same yesterday, today and forever.

Once You were limited to one particular place:

now You are present wherever people turn to You.

Once only those who met You face to face knew You:

now Your divine love extends through all the world.

Jesus, ascended Lord of time and space, love as wide as life, we praise and adore You,

Amen.

Prayer Theme:

Give thanks and praise to our Lord Jesus Christ who was ascended to the right hand of God and given the name that is above every name.

Eco Snippet

UK households waste around 6.6 million tonnes of food annually – enough to fill 66,000 double-decker buses!

Simple steps to cut food waste:

- Plan your meals – Shop smarter and avoid overbuying.
- Love your leftovers – Get creative and turn extras into new dishes.
- Freeze it – Save food (and money) for another day.

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 17th May	2pm	Open Garden at Duneslin
	2pm - 4pm	Dunscore Heritage Centre Open , Dunscore Church
Saturday 23 rd May	6:30 – 8:30pm	Pizza & Pud at The Flying Pig
Pentecost Sunday Sunday 24 th May	10:00am	Family Worship in St Ninian's, Moniaive
	11:30am	Together with KiKs in Dunscore Church
	2pm – 4pm	Dunscore Heritage Centre Open , Dunscore Church
Saturday 30 th May	12noon-2pm	Community Café in St Ninian's, Moniaive
	7.30pm	Cairn Chorus concert in Glencairn Memorial Institute, Moniaive
Trinity Sunday Sunday 31 st May	** 10:30am	Joint Worship in St Ninian's, Moniaive

And Finally...

Did you know a small donation could make a big difference?

Across our community Dunscore church continues to provide ministry, practical support and loving care for people from all walks of life. To help us continue this vital work, we urge you to consider making a donation to Dunscore Church, if you are able to do so.

Donating can now be done 'online' and you simply need to head over to our website at <https://dunscorechurch.org.uk/donate/> and follow the instructions.

We thank you in advance for your kindness.

**Please send any CFN items for May to Kevin Wallace, by Noon on Friday, at
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