



Church Family Notices

Date: Sunday 19th July 2026

Morning Worship 10.00 am in Dunscore Church

Today's Reading: Romans 8: 12-25

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: <https://www.youtube.com/@cairnvalleychurches3432/streams>

A MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER:

The Bible tells us: "... perfect love drives out fear ..." (1 John 4:18). This week we grapple with the paradox of how we respond to God. God who is the Holy, Almighty Judge of all, whose standards we cannot meet. The same God who loves us so much that He was willing to become human and die to break the barrier of sin which stops us receiving His Love.

It isn't that long ago that the Minister would have leant over the edge of the pulpit wagging a finger at the congregation gathered below, warning of God's wrath and anger, literally putting the fear of God into them. I was brought up with the old 1662 Book of Common Prayer, whose main aim seemed to be to make one feel like a miserable worm. Albeit a miserable worm in need of God's Mercy and Grace, not deserving it, but in desperate need of it.

As is often the case, the message about God's Love became hidden by the confirmation of our imperfection. How often we hear only the bad news, the criticism, the perceived slight!

The Apostle John also wrote: "God is Love ... there is no fear in Love." (1 John 4: 16b, 18a).

The challenge for us as followers of Christ is to see God as 'Abba Father' who wants to pour His Love onto us despite our miserable-wormness!

Join us as we let Love break through the fear!

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 THEME: Ask God to help you remember His Great Love, shown through Jesus, as you walk with Him this week.

ECO SNIPPET:

Only boil the required amount of water for your cuppa. For cold drinks, avoid running the tap until the water is cold (wasting over 10L/day). Instead fill a jug with cold water to keep in the fridge

Songs of Praise Service on Sunday 26th July at 10 am: Kath and Tim are leading this service when Mark is away on holiday. Thanks for all the hymn choices and we are looking forward to singing your favourites and hearing why they are important to the different members of our congregation.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

Thank You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

for Your ever-with-us Presence.

You are with us everywhere,

we cannot go anywhere without You.

Happy or sad, You are beside us. Waking or sleeping, You are with us.

Lost or found, You direct us.

Thank You for Your ever-present Help

and everlasting Love.

HUNGARIAN VISITORS

Thank you to everyone who helped make the visit by the Hungarian winners of the Jane Haining prize such a success. They had a wonderful visit to Dunscore which was memorable and moving. The lunch spread was amazing too. Thank you

COMING SOON:

Saturday:

12noon-2pm **Community Cafe** in St Ninian's, Moniaive

NEXT SUNDAY:

10am **Songs of Praise** in Dunscore Church

11.30am **Morning Worship** in St Ninian's, Moniaive

FOR THE DIARY:

Thurs 30th July:

10am-4pm **Dunscore Fun Day** in Dunscore Church (Primary School age children)

7pm **National Emergency Briefing** in Glenriddell Hall, Dunscore

Sun 2nd August:

10.30am **Gala Praise Joint Worship** in Dunscore Gala Marquee

(10am for minibus from Moniaive)

CHURCH FAMILY NOTICES: If you have anything that you would like to be included in next week's CFNs please send it to Colin Mitchell at c.mitchell50@btinternet.com by noon on Friday. (please let Colin or Mark know if you are willing to join the CFN rota).