



Church Family Notices

Date: Sunday 16th August 2026

Morning Worship 10.00 am in Dunscore Church

Today's Reading: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-46

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:

Today we reflect on the nature of God's Kingdom through some of Jesus' parables. You know the sort of thing, usually starting "the Kingdom of God is like ...". Jesus uses parables, some short, some long, some dramatic, some simple, some complex, to help us begin to understand what God is up to. He does this because our finite minds cannot grasp the infinite work of the Kingdom of God. Most of Jesus' descriptions of the Kingdom of God surprise us. They do not paint a picture of grandeur, pomp, ceremony, or formality. They seem to relate to everyday life – ordinary things around us. Seeds growing into trees. Yeast raising dough to make bread. They portray something worth looking for – a treasure beyond value! Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of God is at hand, close by, not far away. Many of us look into the distance to find spiritual help, yet it is closer than you think. Not in the 'heavens' or the mountain-top experiences or mysterious distant teachings. At hand!

Join us to find what is near,

God Bless,

Mark

PRAYER THEME: Ask the Holy Spirit to help you live as a citizen of the Kingdom of God, the Kingdom of Love

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

Father, You looked upon the hearts of Your people.

You saw our messy, chaotic lives

and loved us enough to send Your Son, Jesus.

Jesus, You came, a treasure from Heaven to walk this earth,

teaching and serving before suffering,

for the love of those You came to save.

Holy Spirit, You reside in and with us.

You remind, prompt and help us with all that we need

to navigate our days in integrity and love.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we give You thanks and praise.

FOR THE DIARY:

Sun 30th August – 10.30am, St Ninian's, Moniaive **Joint Communion**

Sat 5th September- 2.30 Dunscore Church – “Labours of Love” Drama production

Sun 6th September – 10.00 am Dunscore Church

Sun 13th September – 10 am Dunscore, Harvest Festival, All Together NOW followed by lunch in church

Sun 20th September – 10.30 am, Dunscore Church. Joint Eco-Congregation Celebration with *Rev David Coleman (Chaplain)*
(10am minibus from Moniaive)

Sun 27th September – 10.30 am, St Ninian's, Moniaive. Joint Bluegrass Gospel Service

ECO SNIPPET

Saving Water:

Keep showers brief, and turn off water while soaping.

Keep a bucket in the shower, and hold shower head over while water warms up.

(Lukewarm water is supposed to be more cooling than cold!)

Turn off tap while cleaning teeth.

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 Thursday and please let Colin or Mark know if you are willing to join the CFN rota.

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