



Church Family Notices

Date: Sunday 18 October 2026

Reading: Matthew 22: 15 - 22

Morning Worship: 10.00 am

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:

We hear a lot in the news about scams and cons and the dangers of AI-generated information. It's sometimes all too easy to be taken in, to fall for the deception, to be tricked into action.

Most of us have struggled to answer trick questions – the ones where any answer can be held against us in some way ... “Does my bum look big in this?”!

We have to have our wits about us with every email, text, or letter, in every conversation.

In today's reading the Pharisees and Herodians are trying to trap Jesus with a question about money. Specifically about tax. The Romans were great ones for taxing their subjects and in Jesus' time walking on earth; it was a real hot potato with the ordinary people of Palestine. The religious authorities hated that the coinage of the time declared Caesar as a god. A controversial subject, however it was looked at.

“Is it lawful to pay taxes to the Emperor?” We all know Jesus' answer, but what does it mean for us today?

Join us to find out more,

God Bless, Mark

Prayer Theme: Ask God to be with you this week, however you are feeling and whatever you face.

Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God,
When we are reluctant to approach You, You approach us,
When our confidence wavers, You reassure us.
When our sins weigh heavy, You forgive us.
When we feel alone, You reach out to us.
When life feels overwhelming, You comfort us,
and we can rest in the knowledge that You are our God,
and that we are Your people.

Coming Soon

NEXT SUNDAY:

10:00 am **Morning Worship** in Dunscore Church Together with KiKs

11:30 am **Morning Worship** in St Ninian's, Moniaive

Eco Snippet

Continuing this month's theme of small Eco changes that we can make (but may not have thought of), do you know how your bank is using your money? Most of the High Street banks (RBS, Bank of Scotland, Barclays etc.) invest any money that you have in your account in organisations that you might not approve of. Are you happy for your cash to be invested in companies involved in deforestation, gambling, fossil fuel extraction or the arms industry? If you'd prefer that your money is put to more positive use, there are options such as the online bank Triodos or, much more familiar names such as the Nationwide or Cumberland Building Societies.

CHURCH FAMILY NOTICES: If you have anything that you would like to be included in next week's CFNs please send it to Matthew at matthew.aitken@posteo.net by noon on Thursday.
(please let Colin or Mark know if you are willing to join the CFN rota)

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