

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Lent 2**  
**Services for the coming week**

Midweek Services			Preacher/ Officiant
St Ninian's	Wed 10:15	Res Sac	Alan Rumble
Christ Church	Thurs 10:00	Eucharist	Christopher
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March – Lent 3			
St Ninian's	08:00	Eucharist	Christopher
Christ Church	09:30	Eucharist	Christopher
St Ninian's	11:00	Eucharist	Christopher

**Notices**

**9<sup>th</sup> March Dalbeattie Study Group** 10:30 @ 4 Screel Drive. We will be looking at Matthew 16: 24 – 27.

**10<sup>th</sup> March Castle Douglas Bible Study**/fellowship group will recommence at 14:30 and will be on most Tuesdays apart from 3rd Tuesday when Mothers' Union takes place.

**JULIAN GROUP** The next Julian Group will be on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March**, (Please note the change of date) 2.15 pm at the home of Sue Thomas. All are welcome, but if you haven't been before and would like to attend please contact Sue (01556 612863) so she can pull up a chair for you.

**Coronavirus - Covid 19 and Church**

The College of Bishops have advised us that we should no longer intinct the Host at communion (dip it in the Chalice). They have also suggested that we should wash our hands well before communion and receive in one kind only if we have a cold.

It has also been decided to suspend until further notice the passing of the Peace.

For full details please see the leaflets at the back of church or refer to this website <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

**Lent Talks**

**The Sacraments**

**11<sup>th</sup> March @ St Ninian's** during 10:15 service and

**12<sup>th</sup> March @ Christ Church** after 10:00 service: Marriage led by Alan Rumble

**Ecumenical Talks: Praying with Paintings + Imagery**

**11<sup>th</sup> March Gordon Memorial Hall @ 2pm, Crossmichael Church @ 7pm and**

**12<sup>th</sup> March St Peter Dalbeattie @ 11am: Rev Sally Russell**



**22nd March Mothering Sunday Lunch** in the Gordon Memorial hall after the 11am Sunday service to which the congregations of both charges are invited. This will consist of 2 courses with tea/coffee to follow. A list for choices and numbers for the caterer is now at the back of church. Cost £10 per head, children free.

## **SUGGESTIONS FOR DONATIONS TO CHARITIES**

Each year St Ninian's earmarks a sum of money to be donated to charities - to be divided between them equally. The Vestry invites members of the congregation to suggest suitable charities. If you have a suggestion please write the name of the charity on the sheet entitled SUGGESTED CHARITIES on the Gordon Hall noticeboard. The Vestry will consider the suggestions at their meeting on 26th March. Many thanks. Paul Campbell – Secretary.

**Donations for local Food Banks** can be left at the back of both churches. St Ninian's supports CD 'Helping Hands Food Bank' and Christ Church supports Kirkcudbright Food Bank. Non-perishable foods please, also toiletries. **NB:** Please will you write the Best Before Date clearly on food items. This helps the people at the Food Banks and saves them time looking for hard to find dates.

### **Please pray for...**

Katherine Hatfield (Jenny Wright's daughter)

Pat Miles

Elizabeth Campbell

Pray also for those who are caring for these people.

**RIP** Dunlop Ewart. Please keep Alison, Fiona and their families in your prayers.

### **Dates for your Diary**

**19<sup>th</sup> March Christian Aid AGM** @ 7pm Castle Douglas Parish Church Hall. All are welcome.

**24<sup>th</sup> March** @ 7pm Dunscore Church, Induction of the Rev Mark Smith as Minister for Dunscore, Glencairn + Moniave. His first service will be **29<sup>th</sup> March** @ 10am Glencairn Church.

### **Lent Talks**

#### **The Sacraments**

**18<sup>th</sup> + 19<sup>th</sup> March** Eucharist led by Helen Evans

**25<sup>th</sup> + 26<sup>th</sup> March** Ordination led by Christopher Ketley

**1<sup>st</sup> + 2<sup>nd</sup> April** Reconciliation led by Sandra Walsh

**8<sup>th</sup> + 9<sup>th</sup> April** Anointing led by Jenny Wright

#### **Ecumenical Talks: Praying with Paintings + Imagery**

**18<sup>th</sup> + 19<sup>th</sup> March** Rev Christopher Ketley

**25<sup>th</sup> + 26<sup>th</sup> March** Fr William

**1<sup>st</sup> + 2<sup>nd</sup> April** Rev Alison Burnside/Rev Christopher Ketley