

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

Judges 13. 25 states: "The Spirit of the LORD began to stir him while he was in Mahaneh Dan."

We could re-write this as:

'The Lord's power began to stir in [insert your name] in [insert where you live].'

What is your response?



**PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE WEEK:
INTEGRITY AND TRANSPARENCY**

God, please expose politicians, public officials, civil servants, managers, board members and business people who abuse their position to gain power, status and wealth. Grant protection and success to those fighting corruption. Amen.

Pray for more governments to honour the 1948 Declaration of Human Rights. Ask God to help politicians, campaigners and journalists who are in potential danger as they stand for justice where the right to live in freedom is under threat.

Pray about the growing prevalence of 'fake news' and the potential for social media to influence people's beliefs and attitudes for good or ill.

Lord, please strengthen us to speak and act according to Your standards of integrity and transparency personally, at work, in our communities and within the church. Forgive us when we fall short. Amen.

Pray for growth in the Fairtrade movement as more of us demand that companies pay sustainable prices to farmers and workers in the developing world; provide better working conditions; and develop the land in a sustainable way.

Pray about the corruption risks in sport, through dishonesty in how they are governed; in the planning of major events; match-fixing; and drug taking. Ask God to give courage to people of integrity who want



Bible Reading Challenge

This Challenge is based on carefully selected short Bible passages — 50 from the Old Testament and 50 from the New Testament — that helps you get the big picture of the Bible.

Set aside a special time and place to read the Bible each day. **PRAY** before you read, asking God to help you understand. **READ** the Bible passage, and then **REFLECT** on the passage. The number shown in the brackets relates to the reflection in the helpful study guide.



WEEK 49

OT

The Story of Jonah (49)

Jonah 1:1-4:11

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Hallelujah! (99)

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DUNBARNEY AND FORGANNENY PARISH CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP - ADVENT 2

9TH DECEMBER 2018

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

You enter this church, not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips into God's presence, offering God your love and service. As you worship amongst us today, may you experience God's comforting presence and peace.

Welcome & Church News Advent Candle 2 - Peace



Hymn 277 - Hark the glad sound

Prayer

Hymn 273 - O come, O come, Emmanuel

Bible Reading

Judges 13: 2-14, 24

(RSV – p226/193; GNB - p.248)

Time for Reflection

Hymn 281 - People look East

Sermon: Important Births (2) - 'Samson'

Hymn 286 - Tell out my soul

Prayer for Others

Offering

Prayer of Dedication

MP 862 - I'll go in the strength of the Lord

Benediction



Prayer of Preparation

Lord Jesus Christ, prepare your way in our hearts and make us ready to worship you. Through our praying, thinking, singing and reading cleanse our thoughts, kindle our faith, renew our commitment and increase our love, preparing your way in our lives, so that we might be ready to follow you faithfully and serve you more effectively to the glory of your name. Amen

CHURCH NEWS

Monday	10th	Ladies' Exercise Class Carpet Bowls	10.30am (Church Hall) 2.00pm (Church Hall)
Tuesday	11th	Banner Group Men's Fitness Class	2.00pm (Forgandenny) 5.00pm (Church Hall)
Wednesday	12th		
Thursday	13th	Chatterbox Earn Singers	9.00am (Church Hall) 7.30pm (Church Hall)
Friday	14th		
Saturday	15th		
Sunday	16th	Morning Worship	9.30am (Dunbarney) 11.00am (Forgandenny)

VISITORS: Welcome to Dunbarney and Forgandenny Parish Church. We're delighted you are here today. Following the service, please stay and join us for tea or coffee. We would also be grateful if you could sign our Visitor's Book, which is on a table as you enter the Church and feel free to take a copy of our Church magazine, Parish Voice. Both Church buildings are fitted with a loop system.



LOCAL CHURCH REVIEW Please borrow a copy of our Local Church Review which will be on the table just inside both churches and has a blue coloured front cover. The LCR has been sent to the group who are reviewing our congregation over the next few months. The object of the LCR is to encourage the congregation, to help us set out our priorities and plans for the next five years and to support us as we begin to execute these plans following the completion of the review. We welcome any comments, please get in touch with Anne Larg, Session Clerk.

BIG SING Sunday 23rd December As usual, we are having a singing group to help make the most of our joint Sunday morning service before Christmas. If you would like to join in, then please come along to Dunbarney hall today and/or next Sunday December 16th at 4.00pm for an hour. We would also love to include a few musicians this year, so if you play an instrument do come along this afternoon and/or next Sunday at 3.00pm. (Refreshments for those staying on to sing as well!) Everything will be very informal. All ages and abilities welcome. For more information, contact Kirsty Jackson 813996.

MEN'S FITNESS CLASS Last night of this session is Tuesday 11th December. Class resumes on Tuesday 8th January at 5.00pm.

THE WOMAN'S GROUP At its meeting on Wednesday, 12th December, the members of the Woman's Group will be enjoying a glass of wine while decorating Dunbarney Church for Christmas. Merry Christmas!

CHATTERBOX will be having fun at their Christmas Party on 13th December and will then be on holiday until 10th January.

EARN SINGERS COFFEE AND CAROLS Please come along to the Earn singers coffee morning in Dunbarney Church hall on Saturday 15th December from 10.00am – 12.00noon. We will be singing some new carols and some of the old favourites. There will be a opportunity to join in. Raffle, refreshments, mince pies and shortbread. Admission £3. Children free. A fun morning.

FAMILY CAROL SERVICE PACT are holding a Family Carol Service in St John's RC Church in Melville Street on Friday 21st December at 7.00pm.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 23rd December	The Big Sing	Dunbarney 10.30am
(No service at Forgandenny today)		
Monday 24th December	Family Service	Dunbarney 6.30pm
	Watch Night	Dunbarney 11.30pm
Tuesday 25th December	Christmas Day	Forgandenny 10.30am

You are invited to any or all of these services

TODAY'S SERVICE

Dunbarney Church	Forgandenny Church
Organist: George Bell Reader: Catherine Stewart	Organist: Joan Blue Reader: David Nichol

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Please keep this order of service for reference, or give it to someone who cannot attend Church this morning.

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