

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

Christianity, in its purest form, is nothing more than seeing Jesus. Christian service, in its purest form, is nothing more than imitating Him whom we see.

To see His Majesty and to imitate Him, that is the sum of Christianity.

Max Lucado, *God Came Near*

**PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE WEEK:
ESSENTIAL WORKERS**



Faithful God, we thank You for everyone who reliably contributes to our community life, providing the resources, protection and skills that we need to lead safe and healthy lives and to care for the most vulnerable. Amen.

Remember those who work at night to ensure the smooth running of essential infrastructure: defence, policing, security, emergency services, engineering and maintenance, medical and nursing care.

Pray for air traffic controllers who oversee over 7,000 UK flights each day. Pray that they have opportunities to recuperate from their demanding lifestyle.

Pray for the safety of people whose jobs involve a great deal of driving: hauliers, taxi drivers, traffic police, and those who have long commutes by car. Ask God to watch over them and keep them vigilant.

THANKSGIVING: for people who carry out unpleasant and laborious tasks including: recycling, refuse collection and landfill work, street cleaning, sewerage, demolition, construction and road works, agriculture and operating heavy machinery.

Remember everyone who looks after vulnerable children and adults, sometimes round the clock, who have a disability, a serious medical condition, are frail and elderly or need care for other reasons; at



**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 34

OT

David and Saul (34)

1 Samuel 23:7–24:22

NT

Rejoice in the Lord (84)

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

Parish Minister	Rev. Allan J. Wilson	812211
Session Clerk	Mrs. Anne Larg	812805
Dep Session Clerk	Mrs. Margaret Bell	815910
Secretary	Mrs. Anne Rodgie	812463 (Wed & Fri - mornings)
Pastoral Care	Vacant	
Safeguarding	Mr. Steve Fulton	813516
Treasurer	Mrs. Senga Prior	812316



DUNBARNEY AND FORGANDENNY PARISH CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP

26TH AUGUST 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

MP 729 - We have come into His house (vs.1)

Church News & Call to Worship

Hymn 160 - Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Opening Prayer

Hymn - I owe my Lord a morning song

[Tune: 'Brother James' Air' - No.16]

Bible Reading

John 15: 1-17

(RSV – p.104/894; GNB - p.138)

Time for Reflection

Hymn 577 - Christ be beside me

Sermon: Cycle of Grace [4] - 'Fruitfulness'

MP 792 - You are the vine, we are the branches

Prayer for Others

Offering & Dedication

[All-Age Talk]

Hymn 251 - I, the Lord of sea and sky

Benediction

Prayer of Preparation

We find it hard to follow you sometimes for your way is demanding - asking of us more than we feel we can give. Yet though our faith may flounder, we know in our hearts that you have the words of eternal life, and that without you our lives are ultimately empty, starved of real fulfilment. So we come, seeking your mercy, and asking you to speak again, so that we might keep faith with you as surely as you keep faith with us to the end. Amen

CHURCH NEWS

Monday	27th	Ladies' Exercise Class	9.45am (Church Hall)
Tuesday	28th	Banner Group Men's Fitness Class	2.00pm (Laird's Loft) 5.00pm (Church Hall)
Wednesday	29th		
Thursday	30th	Chatterbox	9.00am (Church Hall)
Friday	31st		
Saturday	1st		
Sunday	2nd	Holy Communion	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.



TRAUMA TEDDIES Thank you to everyone who has knitted teddies - a fantastic result! September 2nd is the last week to hand them in as John will be taking them to the police station on Monday.

THE BANNER GROUP will be serving tea and coffee after the service today. In addition there will be a cake and candy table to raise funds for their next project.

LIFE AND WORK is available in the vestibule for those who subscribe.

LECT GUILD: The next meeting of our local Guild will be held on 27th August in Dunbarney Church. The presentation will be on **The role of the general trustees within the C of S**. You are very welcome to attend whether you are a member of the Guild or just interested in this topic. For further information please speak to Gillian, 01738 850066.

HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated at both Churches on Sunday 2nd September at the usual times. All who love the Lord are welcome.

DUNBARNEY MONDAY CLUB will start its new season on Monday 3rd September at 2.00pm in the Church Hall when Dick Crighton will entertain us with tales about

his coach trips. We look forward to seeing you all then and also to welcoming new members – bring a friend along. All welcome. Further information from Edna Wishart, tel: 812082 or Rosemary Campbell, tel: 812957.

THE KIRK SESSION meet on Monday 3rd September at 7.30pm in Forgandenny Church.

COMMUNITY LUNCHESES Lunches begin again on Wednesday 5th September 12 to 1pm. We look forward to welcoming all to enjoy a bowl of soup, home-baking and a good chat in the Church Hall.

If you wish to contribute, we would welcome offers of pots of soup and home baking.

FLOWER FESTIVAL DFP Church and Perth Flower Club will be holding a joint Flower Festival on the 7th - 9th September. We will once again have a 'guess the value of the hamper' competition and would appreciate some donations of items. If you wish to help please put the donation in the box in the foyer with the cost attached. We also require some help to steward, serve teas, baking and sales table.

If you can help with this please contact Norma Blair for stewarding, Charlene Hunter for teas etc, and Avril Fulton for sales table, or contact Helen Jackson on 01738813027 or hjackson10@aol.com

Thank you in advance for your offer of help.

LOWER EARN BETTER PLACE TO LIVE FAIR Bridge of Earn Institute, Saturday 20th October 2018 10.00am – 1.00pm. The Better Place to Live Fair is a great opportunity for you to take part in a local event that provides activities for all the family. Why not book a space to tell people all about what your organisation has to offer - no later than 30st September 2018. Booking forms are available from the following link: <http://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/20498/Lower-Earn-Better-Place-to-Live-Fair>

TODAY'S SERVICE

Dunbarney Church	Forgandenny Church
Organist: Miss Alison Hunter Reader: Mrs Anne Larg	Organist: Miss Alison Hunter Reader: Mrs Elizabeth Honeyman

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We have come into His house,

and gathered in His name to worship Him. [Repeat]

We have come into His house, and gathered in His name to worship Christ the Lord, worship Him, Christ the Lord.

I owe my Lord a morning song

For God has made this day. Through fears of night and hidden light God moves and wills my way.*

2. I owe my Lord a morning song
For Jesus rose at dawn;
He made death die and would not lie
That others might live on.*

3. I owe my Lord a morning song;
The Spirit have me voice,

Nor did he force my soul to praise
But honoured me with choice.*

4. I owe my Lord a morning song;
How can I help but sing
When God is all in all, and I am one with everything.*

* Repeat the last two lines of each verse

You are the Vine,

we are the branches,
keep us abiding in You.
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Then we'll grow in Your love,
then we'll go in Your name,
that the world will surely know
that You have power to heal and to save.

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