Regular Church Groups

Friday (stopped for the summer)

• The 'Boys Brigade' meet weekly in the Hall – the adventure starts here! P1-3 meet 6-7.30pm; P4-6 meet 6-8pm; P7 up meet 7.30-9.30pm.

Contact Billy I

Friday (stopped for the summer)

The 'Youth Fellowship' meet weekly in the Centre from 7.30 – 9.30pm
 P7-S6 come & find out more about what Jesus can mean in your life today.
 Contact Karyn S

Small Groups

These groups exist to enable us to grow in our faith through fellowship, study and discussion of God's Word, prayer and sharing together.

Monday (stopped for the summer)

• Meeting at John and Janet's at 7pm

<u>Tuesday</u>

• Meeting at Margaret's at 7pm

<u>Tuesday</u> (stopped for the summer)

• Meeting at Steven and Kerry's at 7.30pm

<u>Thursday</u> (stopped for the summer)

Meeting at Sheila and Stuart's at 7.45pm

Many of the groups stop during school holidays and over the summer. Check with the contact person if group is meeting on a particular date.

Church Contacts

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Intimations and Events

Evening Services will be held in the Centre until 6 August.

Prayers For Children & Holiday Club Every Wednesday until 9 August, 7.30pm *(Centre)*

We meet to pray for our children of all ages and for the summer holiday club. All welcome. Speak to Alison W for more details.

Bible Study Group – every Thursday, 7pm (Centre)

A chance for young adults, aged S6/20s, to get together for prayer, discussion and (of course) food! More details from the minister.

Sunday Teas – until 24 September, 2.30-5pm (Durisdeer Church) Have an afternoon out. Enjoy our lovely countryside, some fellowship and a superb afternoon tea.

Prayer Breakfast – Saturday 5 August, 8am (Manse)

Prayer, fellowship and breakfast. All welcome.

Church Newsletter

Over the coming weeks why not make a note of things that you could share to uplift and encourage others in the church. *Articles are due to Karyn S on or before Sunday 13 August.*

Scottish Bible Society Collection – Mon 14 to Sat 19 August House-to-house collection takes place - Monday 14 to Friday 18 August. The Street Collection takes place on Saturday 19 August — 9am - 4pm Janet J will be recruiting collectors. Please offer to help.

Internet Issues

'Carefully determine what pleases the Lord. Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them ... Make the most of every opportunity ...

Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.'

Ephesians 5:10-17 (New Living Translation)

Mighty God, thank You for every opportunity for members of Your Church to use online communication creatively. May Christian websites, emails and social media platforms be increasingly effective in spreading the gospel and sharing information, worship resources and bible teaching across the world. Amen.

Remember children, so adept and familiar with the digital world, who need protection from inappropriate online material. Pray particularly for those who have viewed violent and depraved pornography that could seriously affect their emotional health and attitudes to sex and intimacy.

Pray about the growth of online betting in the UK - worth about £4.5 billion last year. Pray that those who have become addicted will find help and that gambling sites will be prevented from exploiting underage and other vulnerable users.

Lord, we give thanks for the amazing advantages of the internet to business, commerce, health and social care, education, science, public affairs, arts and culture and much more. We pray that online communication will increasingly benefit people living in countries that are otherwise isolated. Amen.

Pray for those working at the new National Cyber Security Centre, part of intelligence agency GCHQ, to be given insight and wisdom to help them be vigilant and skilful in their efforts to prevent hackers from infiltrating, damaging or destroying public and private computer networks.

Thanksgiving: for Lady Howe's long-awaited success in persuading the Government to include in the Digital Economy Bill her recommendations to protect children online by requiring adult websites to add age verification checks. Pray that this measure will be effective.

Pray that new government guidelines will curb the pernicious practice of trolling – posting hateful, obscene or threatening messages on social media. Pray for those who are affected, particularly the one in four teenagers who report being abused online over their sexual orientation, race, religion, gender or disability.

Over 3.5 billion people now use the internet. There are over one billion websites on the World Wide Web. Approximately 12% of them are pornographic. 86% of UK adults use social media, with two-thirds doing so every day.

(Taken from Care Prayer Diary, Scotland Edition - April to July 2017)



Troqueer Parish Church, Dumfries - 23 July 2017

Minister - Rev John Notman Tel: 01387 253043

Welcome to our Sunday Services particularly if you are visiting. There are welcome leaflets at the ends of each pew – please take one. There are visitors books at either side of the Church – please sign one. Join us for refreshments at the close of the service – in the Centre.

Children leave for the '**Powerhouse**' after the first part of the service and meet in the Centre where they can be collected at the end. There is also a crèche available for babies / children under 3 years.

Our Bible passage is Proverbs 3:1-12 read by Fiona L. Anne W will lead us in our intercessory prayers.

6.30pm Evening Service in the Centre led by Amanda A. The theme will be 'Peace'.

Next Sunday - 30 July 2017

11am Morning Worship, John Notman will preach on Proverbs 6:9-11.

6.30pm Evening Service in the Centre led by Hayley D.