

nets. ³ Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, ^[b] its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there.

⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish.”

⁵ “Master,” Simon replied, “we worked hard all last night and didn’t catch a thing. But if you say so, I’ll let the nets down again.” ⁶ And this time their nets were so full of fish they began to tear! ⁷ A shout for help brought their partners in the other boat, and soon both boats were filled with fish and on the verge of sinking.

⁸ When Simon Peter realized what had happened, he fell to his knees before Jesus and said, “Oh, Lord, please leave me—I’m such a sinful man.” ⁹ For he was awestruck by the number of fish they had caught, as were the others with him. ¹⁰ His partners, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were also amazed.

Jesus replied to Simon, “Don’t be afraid! From now on you’ll be fishing for people!” ¹¹ And as soon as they landed, they left everything and followed Jesus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTICES

St. Ninian’s:

- Our next movie night is on 31 October: “Halloween Police Cop Zombie 9 The Musical” certificate 12
- Our ‘Cleaning and carols’ event to get the building ship-shape for Christmas is the morning of Saturday 12 November 9am-12pm. All are welcome.
- Mother’s Union meet each 6th Friday of the month at 11pm in the boiler room

Pioneer:

- Adventure Church will be free-climbing the Chasms as a family event for all ages on Friday 13th. What could go wrong.
- 24/7 Prayer room will be open in October Half term—sign up to one hour via the website.
- Ebb & Flow worship is next Saturday evening at 7pm in the Parish Centre
- Our prophecy school has had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.



St Ninian's Church, DOUGLAS

PAUL’S WEEKLY NEWS EXAMPLE

SUNDAY 27TH JULY 2025

Welcome to St. Ninian’s.

This news sheet should have everything you need to know for this Sunday’s service, and the week after too. You’ll find the Bible readings so that you can take them home and carry on mulling them over, plus—if you’re helping to lead worship this week, or next, you’ll have a helpful reminder of what you’re up to in here too.

We also have announcements about other things the church is up to.

We’re so pleased to have you here with us, and hope that you come to call St Ninian’s your home-from-home, get to know us as a community, get to know God, and help us as we look to transform the communities around us with God’s love.

ROTA FOR WORSHIP AND COMMUNITY THIS WEEK:

Refreshments: Hilary P and Jacqui S

Sidespersons: Paul N

Sound: Adrian X

Warden on duty: Marilyn P

Bible Reading: Simon F

Prayers: Keith S

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HYMNS THIS WEEK:

999: Call for the help of the Lord

1066: Arrow in the eye

666: Fight the good fight

1: In the beginning

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

James 1.1-18

1 This letter is from James, a slave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I am writing to the “twelve tribes”—Jewish believers scattered abroad.

Greetings!

Faith and Endurance

² Dear brothers and sisters,^[a] when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. ³ For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. ⁴ So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

⁵ If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. ⁶ But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷ Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ⁸ Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.

⁹ Believers who are^[b] poor have something to boast about, for God has honored them. ¹⁰ And those who are rich should

boast that God has humbled them. They will fade away like a little flower in the field. ¹¹ The hot sun rises and the grass withers; the little flower droops and falls, and its beauty fades away. In the same way, the rich will fade away with all of their achievements.

¹² God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. ¹³ And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, “God is tempting me.” God is never tempted to do wrong,^[c] and he never tempts anyone else. ¹⁴ Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. ¹⁵ These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.

¹⁶ So don’t be misled, my dear brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. ^[d] He never changes or casts a shifting shadow.^[e] ¹⁸ He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession.^[f]

Luke 5.1-11

5 One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee,^[a] great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God. ² He noticed two empty boats at the water’s edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their