





Dear friends,

I am writing this week's letter from a cottage in Boat of Garten, Cairngorms. I am staying with my parents and my uncle, enjoying time with them and in God's amazing creation. As somebody who likes to keep myself busy I find times like this really valuable as they force me to slow down and to rest. Resting in God's presence is a key theme throughout the Bible highlighted first when God rested in his new creation - on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the creation narrative. Since then God has instructed his people to regularly put aside time to simply rest in God's presence, the sabbath being the most obvious example. It is often during times of rest that we can more sensitively tune into God's presence, I particularly find this when in the wilderness. This week's picture I took while on a run to Loch Garten. The water really did reflect the land and sky like a mirror, it was truly breath taking. As God's glory is reflected in his creation I received it double! It makes you marvel at the reality that Jesus radiates God's glory, that the glory of creation is reflected in Jesus' Glory.

The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command. When he had cleansed us from our sins, he sat down in the place of honour at the right hand of the majestic God in heaven. (Hebrews 1:3)

Even as the Son radiates God's glory through Him we (the church) are able to reflect the glory of the Lord, isn't that mind boggling. Maybe sometimes we feel like we are reflecting anything but God's glory. The Scriptures tell us that if we can see Lord's glory through Jesus then we are reflecting it, or rather God is reflecting it in us. Resting in God's presence isn't just about recharging the batteries it is about learning to appreciate the glory of the Lord so that we can be brighter lights within the world.

So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image. (2 Corinthians 3:18)



## What's on

### **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> 11am - Reflections in the Psalms with Prayer**

Chris Demetriou will be reflecting on Psalms 44 to 46.

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;  
though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

(Psalm 46:1-3)

### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 11am – Communion Service**

Alan will be starting his new series on the apostle Luke. Please do tune in live for the service on Facebook and YouTube as we gather together digitally.

### **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 11am - Reflections in the Psalms with Prayer**

A guest speaker will be reflecting on Psalms 47 to 50. Our live video reflections and prayer will be changed to the first Wednesday of the month. Additionally, each week we will highlight a psalm through an image shared on Facebook.

### **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> 7pm – Church gathering**

Anthony will be leading us as we gather together in the church for a time of worship.

### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 11am – Live Service**

Anthony will be continuing our “Choose Your King Series” introducing the second book of Samuel.

Please read the latest guidance on meeting physically with us:

<https://dunfermlinewest.org/assets/files/reopening-guidance.pdf>

Our **weekly evening prayer and bible study** will be starting again on Wednesday 9th September 7pm in the church hall.



## Sharing In and Out Together

### World Mission: Young people

This year, with Covid-19 restrictions still in place, life will be different for those going to University and College. Please pray for young people from our churches who maybe anxious at this time. Many of the churches in places where there are universities and colleges have sought to welcome students over the years, providing, support, friendship and often food – the latter particularly appreciated by students!

Please pray for them and for the Christian Unions as they seek different and innovative ways of engaging this year, both in reaching out to young folk who have no Christian background and also Christian students, that it may be a time of real growth in their spiritual journeys.

### Generosity

We would like to thank all of you for your generosity in continuing to give to the church during this time. We appreciate that these are uncertain times and are grateful that many of us are still able to contribute to the mission of the Church. You can find further information on how to give to the church via bacs (preferred), cheque or cash at: <https://dunfermlinewest.org/giving/>

### Sunday's Message

If you haven't had a chance to watch the message from Sunday or would like to watch it again you can watch it at:

<https://youtu.be/cBeOIPSK2EE>

### Buddy Groups

Keep up to date with prayers for our community at <https://dunfermlinewest.org/prayers>.

### Connecting with us

You can connect into each of these services via <https://dunfermlinewest.org/online> and also via telephone using our latest stay connected details at:

<https://dunfermlinewest.org/assets/files/dwbc-stay-connected.v6.pdf>

### Subscribe, Like and Invite.

Please do regularly keep up to date with the churches news on Facebook and YouTube and interact with its content:

- YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7BuBS\\_TUKDMvu5Wcpg9PAg/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7BuBS_TUKDMvu5Wcpg9PAg/)
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/dunfermlinewest>



### **Worship Group**

As we are creating new songs we are adding them to a YouTube playlist which you can listen to whenever you like at:

<https://dunfermlinewest.org/worship/playlist>

Let us continue to stay in touch, to pray for one another and to not lose hope.

**Your brother in Christ, Anthony**