

Rev Tim Harmer - Associate Minister

I was brought up in Leicestershire and previously worked as a PE Teacher, Naval Officer and Civil Servant. I am married to June, we celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary this year! We have two grown up children, Ed who lives and works in Birmingham and Jenny married to Michael who farm atAuldgirth. They have two sons who attend school at Dunscore. I was ordained in the Church of England at the age of 48 and following full time ministry south of Birmingham and in Cumbria I retired in 2016. We came to Scotland to support our daughter and son in law and help with the care of our two grandsons. We have always believed in the ministry of the local parish church and so June and I became members at DunscoreChurch. We have been made to feel very welcome by the congregations both at Dunscore and Moniaive. I have become more involved in preaching and leading worship and other aspects of ministry across the linked parishes as a retired Reverend, particularly during the vacancy. Because of this, in consultation with Rev Stuart Mill our Interim Moderator and the Presbytery, the suggested role of Associate Minister to the linked Parishes was proposed last year. Both Kirk Sessions agreed, however I am 72 and as June keeps reminding me retired, so I will continue to offer what support I can to the linked Parishes and to Mark when he begins his ministry here.

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