

**Dunscore Church Family Notices**

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# SUNDAY 29th November 2020

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**TODAY at 10.30am – ADVENT SUNDAY Morning Worship via ZOOM**

**Lighting the HOPE Candle**

*\*\*\* You will need paper, scissors, pen/pencil and colouring pens/felt tips \*\*\**

ZOOM link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86939887756>

Tel. 0131 460 1196 with meeting ID: 86939887756#

***A note from our Minister****:*

Today is Advent Sunday, the first of four ‘countdown’ Sundays before Christmas.

Please bring your Advent Calendars along to see if they are working properly!

Each Sunday of Advent has a theme – the first is ‘**Hope**’.

Each Sunday we will light a candle on our Advent Wreaths – four candles (chuckle if you remember the Two Ronnies). This year that will be ‘virtual’ in our Zoom Services, ‘live’ in our Prayer and Reflection events, and ‘feature’ in the weekly video reflection on YouTube.

Don’t forget to check your list of services – join us when you can and watch for extra events and ‘happenings’ too. It’s on the websites … if not on your fridge already!

Thanks to all who are working so hard to make this Advent special during these strange times, I pray that it will enable us to celebrate Christmas in deeper way despite the limitations we all face.

God Bless & elbow bumps,

Mark

**TODAY**

from 6am - **VIDEO REFLECTION** online – <https://youtu.be/5zja7Je3UWk>

3pm ‘live’ **Prayer & Reflection** at St Ninian’s Church, Moniaive

7pm ‘live’ **Prayer & Reflection** at Dunscore Church.

**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS Services**

A list of dates and times for our worship over Advent and Christmas is attached.

Stick it on your fridge door!

‘Live’ Prayer and Reflection is still subject to CoVID restrictions.

‘Zoom’ worship links will be circulated via email, church websites and Facebook pages.

Please join us if you are able.

Recordings will also be uploaded to YouTube – watch for links.

**PRAYER FOR ADVENT** – *Lord Jesus,*

*we pray that as we light this Candle*

*our lives may be filled with Hope*

*as we anticipate Your return. Amen.*

**PRAYER THEME** – **Hope** in the midst of all that we are going through.

**TOGETHER AT HOME** … 7pm Sunday & Thursday

Join in prayer, thought and reflection. Use the weekly prayer and theme from CFNs.

Light a candle. Look at pictures of friends/family/congregation. Listen to restful music.

As we pray in the name of Jesus the Holy Spirit will unite us across the distancing.

**Next Sunday 6th December.**

10.30am **–** Morning Worship via Zoom.Theme: **PEACE** *(pen and paper needed!).*

3pm – ‘live’ **Prayer & Reflection –** St Ninian’s Church, Moniaive

7pm – ‘live’ **Prayer & Reflection** – Dunscore Church

**Wednesday 2nd December. 6pm. Special Carol Service.**

The ***Hands Up Foundation*** is holding a live-stream Carol Concert in aid of Syria’s displaced people.  This is a young UK-based charity started by Rose Lukas, who grew up in Milton, and three friends.  It has grown and It does wonderful work which you can read all about here <https://handsupfoundation.org/#what>

If you would like to support the charity and attend the concert from the comfort of your own home you can find out how here:  <https://events.handsupfoundation.org/singing-for-syrians/singing-for-syrians-carol-concert-2020/>

**Thursday 3rd December 7.30pm. Connect Discussion Group**

The Discussion group is continuing with a study of the Old Testament and an Advent course to take us up to Christmas. If you would like to join in please contact Tim Harmer- [timharmer95@gmail.com](mailto:timharmer95@gmail.com)

\*\* We usually hold a gift service for the **D&G Standard Toy Appeal** in December. Unfortunately, we cannot meet for this at this time. However, the need is even greater this year.

Please hand toys in at one of the following collection points – Morrisons, Tesco (both stores), Marks and Spencers or Nationwide Building Society (from 9am – 2pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. 10 – 2 on Wednesday). Further details are on the Dumfries and Galloway Standard website. Remember toys need to be new and unwrapped. \*\*

**Eco Snippets -**

Face each day with a smile even behind a mask. This may be one of the simplest steps of all, but it is also one that many people forget to do. No matter what is happening around you, if you walk into each day with a smile, you may find yourself having a better outlook on the rest of your day. Try it…smile. That’s right, SMILE! It’s contagious.

**Quote of the week.**

“[It is better to light a candle than curse the darkness”.](https://www.azquotes.com/quote/250825)

[*Eleanor Roosevelt*](https://www.azquotes.com/author/12603-Eleanor_Roosevelt).

Notes for inclusion in November’s CFNs to **Sheila Anderson** by Friday midday please at [sheila69@btinternet.com](mailto:sheila69@btinternet.com) or Tel. 820480.

Overleaf is a note of **Advent and Christmas services** and a further page with today’s **Hymns.**

**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2020 in the Cairn Valley**

Dunscore with Glencairn & Moniaive Churches

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SUN 6th Dec ***PEACE***

10.30am **Morning Worship** via Zoom

3pm ‘live’ **Prayer & Reflection** at St Ninian’s Church, Moniaive

7pm ‘live’ **Prayer & Reflection** at Dunscore Church

SUN 13th Dec ***JOY***

10.30am Messy **Christingle** via Zoom *(‘kit’ details nearer the time)*

3pm ‘live’ **Prayer & Reflection** at St Ninian’s Church, Moniaive

7pm ‘live’ **Prayer & Reflection** at Dunscore Church

SUN 20th Dec ***LOVE***

10.30am **Morning Worship** via Zoom

3pm **Carol Service** via Zoom

7pm ‘live’ **Prayer & Reflection** at Dunscore Church

THU 24th Dec *CHRISTMAS EVE*

3pm ‘live’ **Prayer & Reflection** at St Ninian’s Church, Moniaive

4pm Messy **Nativity** via Zoom

11.30pm **Watchnight Service** via Zoom

FRI 25th Dec *CHRISTMAS DAY*

10.30am **Morning Worship** via Zoom *(Show us your presents!)*

SUN 27th Dec

10.30am **Morning Worship** via Zoom

***Hymn*** 472

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,

born to set Thy people free;

from our fears and sins release us;

let us find our rest in Thee.

Israel’s strength and consolation,

hope of all the earth Thou art,

dear desire of every nation,

joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,

born a child, and yet a King,

born to reign in us for ever,

now Thy gracious Kingdom bring.

By Thine own eternal Spirit

rule in all our hearts alone;

by Thine all-sufficient merit

raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

***Hymn*** 279

Make way, make way, for Christ the King

in splendour arrives;

fling wide the gates and welcome Him

into your lives. *Make way, make way*

*for the King of kings;*

*make way, make way,*

*and let His Kingdom in.*

He comes the broken hearts to heal,

the prisoners to free;

the deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,

the blind shall see. *Make way …*

And those who mourn with heavy hearts,

who weep and sigh,

with laughter, joy, and royal crown

He’ll beautify. *Make way …*

We call you now to worship Him

as Lord of all,

to have no gods before Him,

their thrones must fall! *Make way …*

Graham Kendrick (b.1950)

***Hymn***477

Lo, He comes with clouds descending,

Christ the Lamb for sinners slain;

thousand thousand saints attending

join to sing in glad refrain:

Alleluia! (x3)

God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold Him,

robed in dreadful majesty;

those who set at naught and sold Him,

pierced, and nailed Him to the tree,

deeply wailing (x3)

shall the true Messiah see. >>>

Those deep wounds of cross and passion

still His glorious body bears;

cause of endless exultation

to His ransomed worshippers:

Alleluia! (x3)

See! the day of God appears.

Yea, amen, let all adore You,

high on Your Eternal Throne;

Saviour, take the power and glory,

claim the kingdom for Your own:

oh, come quickly (x3)

Alleluia! come, Lord, come!

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

**Mark 13:24-end** *Be ready!*

***Hymn*** 476

Mine eyes have seen the glory

of the coming of the Lord:

He is trampling out the vintage

where the grapes of wrath are stored;

He hath loosed the fatal lightning

of His terrible swift sword:

His Truth is marching on.

Glory, glory, hallelujah (x3)

His Truth is marching on.

He hath sounded forth the trumpet

that shall never call retreat;

He is sifting out all human hearts

before His Judgement-Seat;

Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him;

be jubilant my feet!

Our God is marching on.

Glory, glory, hallelujah (x3)

our God is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ

was born across the sea,

with a glory in His bosom

that transfigures you and me:

as He died to make us holy,

let us live to make all free,

while God is marching on.

Glory, glory, hallelujah (x3)

while God is marching on.

He is coming like the glory

of the morning on the wave;

He is wisdom to the mighty;

He is succour to the brave;

so the world shall be His footstool,

and the soul of time His slave;

our God is marching on.

Glory, glory, hallelujah (x3)

our God is marching on.

Julia Ward Howe (1819-1910) et al