

 **Church Family Notices**

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# SUNDAY 13 December 2020

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***A note from our Minister***Oranges, Ribbons, Sweets and Candles … sounds like Christmas!

Not yet!

It’s **Christingle** – a service which uses our Zoom-refined practical skills to understand what Christmas is all about and to produce a great-looking decoration.

**REMINDER** – if you wish to make a gift to our friends in Lubuto for their van appeal contact Robert or Max (our treasurers – info on website).

\*\* Christmas Eve from 6pm – put a light in your window with others across the world

\*\*\* Watch for Nativity windows in Dunscore, trees and Living Advent around Moniaive!

Join the Joyful Celebrations.

God Bless & elbow bumps,

Mark

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| **SUNDAY 13thFrom 6am10.30am3.00pm7.00pm** | ***ADVENT #3 - theme: JOY*****VIDEO REFLECTION** online **Christingle** – ***Have your ‘kit-bag’ ready!***via Zoom - **<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86939887756>** **or Telephone: 0131 460 1196 enter code: 869 3988 7756 #**‘Live’ – **Prayer & Reflection** in St Ninian’s Church, Moniaive‘Live’ – **Prayer & Reflection** in Dunscore Church |
| **TOGETHER AT HOME…7pm Sunday and 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. |
| **THURSDAY7.30pm** | ***CONNECT study via Zoom -*** [**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/402568082**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/402568082) |
| **FRIDAY 7pm** | ***CAROLS ‘IN THE PUB’ AT HOME via Zoom***  |
| **NEXT SUNDAY10.30am****3pm7pm** | **Morning Worship together via Zoom****CAROL SERVICE via Zoom‘Live’ Prayer and Reflection in Dunscore Churchj** |
| **THIS WEEK …** | ***Lord Jesus,*** ***we pray that as we light this Candle******our lives may be filled with Joy******as we are freed to celebrate Your coming.  Amen.***  |
| **PRAYER THEME** – | ***Joy in our hearts, our homes, our communities, our world*** |

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**CHURCH FUNDRAISER … IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFT!**We are selling  Dunscore tea towels made with Fairtrade cotton,  £6.50 each or 2 for £12. For more information or to order please email Mary Waugh on marypwaugh@gmail. com or phone her on 820301. Cheques or cash to Mary Waugh only please. All proceeds will go to Dunscore Church.

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER….**

We have been all too aware of the financial impact of this difficult year on Church Funds.

Not meeting in the church each week, we have not only lost the usual collection but also some of income from the Free Will Offering envelopes.

This leaves a serious shortfall in Dunscore Church finances. In the meantime, however, for those who regularly donated by the “open plate” and wish to do so, I would ask you to consider donating to Dunscore Church on Facebook or by PayPal through the Dunscore Church website.  Alternative to those methods would be to donate in person at the monthly Reflective Services or Robert Waugh would be happy as Congregational Treasurer to accept donations for Dunscore Church either in cash, cheque or Bacs.

Please phone him on **820301** and he will make the necessary arrangements.

Your continued support for Dunscore Church is much appreciated.    Thank you.

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

Please hand new 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.
 **Closing date is Monday 14 December.”**

**First Base Food Bank ….** Please remember to support this excellent charity. Winter is here and it will be a long and a hard one for many folk living on little income. I know that many of you give through ‘**Just Giving’** on line [www.justgiving.com/first-base](http://www.justgiving.com/first-base) but as an alternative, Mark Frankland would be delighted to receive cheques to ‘**The First Base Food Agency’**, 6 Buccleuch Street, Dumfries DG! 2NH. I think the need will be greatest from January to March …Many thanks.

**Eco-snippet ….**

Apparently, in the UK, adults are given £5 billion worth of unwanted Christmas gifts. The **website** [**www.elflessacts.co.uk**](http://www.elflessacts.co.uk) suggests an alternative: Instead of a material gift, they will help you to send a present which is more about kindness and human connection. Examples include: a promise to spend an afternoon together playing board games, a personalised treasure hunt, a homemade blanket, a photography lesson..Even better, using the site contributes towards the success of UN Sustainable Development goals No.11 (Responsible consumption and  production) and No.12 (Climate Action). Win/win for everybody!"

**Notes** for inclusion in December’s CFNs to **Sheila Anderson** by Friday morning please at sheila69@btinternet.com or Tel. 820236.



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