

**Church Family Notices**

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SUNDAY 10th January 2021 **Minister REV MARK SMITH**

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**10.30am Morning Worship MESSY Church** via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86939887756>

or Telephone: **0131 460 1196** enter code: 869 3988 7756 #

**Messy Church**

You will need paper, pens, scissors, selotape and string to join in with the craft activities.

*A note from our Minister:*

I quoted Burns a few weeks ago – “the best laid plans …”

How true it is! I suffered an attack of BPPV (Google it for details) and have been wobbly all week.

Thanks to Tim for stepping in on Sunday – I know how much many of you appreciated his input and the chance to share as you stepped into the New Year.

Then the Government locked us down again! So all the planned services have had to be reviewed.

See the list attached and the websites/Facebook for the latest dates and times.

Our ‘live’ sessions are stopped for the time-being and will be replaced by a monthly mid-week Zoom version – with singing, praying and sharing together – Tuesdays 19th Jan, 16th Feb, 16th Mar, from 7pm. Not quite the same, but still a great opportunity to meet with God and each other during these strange times.

As this lockdown bites, the Elders and I will work hard to keep in touch with you all. Let us know if anyone needs a phone call or ‘garden’ visit and keep an eye on each other during the isolation and restrictions.

**This month: PRAYER FOR 2021** –

 Almighty God, Your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, is the Light of the world.

May we, guided by the Holy Spirit, shine with the radiance of His Glory,

that He may be known and worshipped in our hearts, our homes, our communities, our

world. We ask this for His Sake and in His Name.

**PRAYER THEME** – As we seek Jesus in our own lives may we lead others to seek Him too!

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

**Another Message from our Minister:**

No sooner had I circulated a New Year Message and published our planned worship pattern for January and February then the government announced another Lockdown! This means that we lose what ‘live’ worship we were able to hold in our Church Buildings (with the exception of funerals and weddings). Even private prayer is not allowed under these latest guidelines which may well be with us until Easter!

Although we all understand the need for caution and safety at this time, this is disappointing for many reasons. I know that the ‘live’ Prayer and Reflection times have been appreciated by many of you and hope to re-introduce them as soon as allowed.

In the meantime, we will be holding monthly mid-week Prayer & Reflection sessions via Zoom. This means that we can sing, pray, and share together – different to what we could do ‘live’. Join us if you can.

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Keep an eye on the CFNs & websites for further information as we move towards Lent and Easter.

I pray that you will all remain safe and well. Let me or your Elder know if you need a visit or phone call as we continue to care for one another during these difficult times.

**Worship for Dunscore with Glencairn & Moniaive Churches**

*Revised to latest CoVID restrictions*

(Sundays unless stated)

JANUARY

3 10.30am Zoom

10 10.30am Zoom **Messy Church**

17 10.30am Zoom with ‘live stream’ Organ

19Tue 7pm Zoom **Prayer & Reflection**

24 10.30am Zoom

31 10.30am Zoom **Holy Communion**

FEBRUARY

7 10.30am Zoom

14 10.30am Zoom **Messy Church**

16 Tue 7pm Zoom **Prayer & Reflection** *Shrove Tuesday*

17 Wed YouTube **Lenten Meditation** *Ash Wednesday*

21 10.30am Zoom with ‘live stream’ Organ

24 Wed YouTube **Lenten Meditation**

28 10.30am Zoom

**CHURCH FAMILY NOTICE (CFN) ROTA**

We are looking for new volunteers to join the CFN rota. This involves collating the CFN announcements for one month and sending them to Chris Whittle for distribution. Once we are back into church CFNs require to be printed for handing out.

Please let Colin Mitchell know if you can help. 820455 or c.mitchell50@btinternet.com

**ECOSNIPPET**

Keep Britain Tidy, Keep Scotland Beautiful and Zero Waste Scotland all report increasing levels of littering . Zero Waste Scotland for example, notes an increase of 18% since 2013.  This seems to indicate that their tried and tested best efforts are just not working. Radical steps are needed .

There is a State in Canada where by law or convention, every householder is responsible for his/her street frontage. Farmers with road boundaries must keep them litter free.

In Rwanda ( average monthly income US $150), every last Saturday in the month is a vehicle free day, to reduce air polution. Everyone is encouraged to walk or bike. They call this Ninyarwanda....." coming together in common purpose ". Also they are into their tenth year of not allowing plastic bags. It is a strikingly clean country, with little obesity.

If Rwanda can do it.......Let`s get radical!

**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.

**Notes** for inclusion in January’s CFNs to **Mary Waugh** by Friday morning please at

marypwaugh@gmail.com or phone her on 820301.