

**Church Family Notices**

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**A note from our Minister:**

The start of February sees longer days, snowdrops, lambing, nesting – signs of new life everywhere.

The snow may hide the evidence and frost may slow the growth, but the reality is still there.

Seasonal change is also reflected in the Church’s calendar as we come to the end of Epiphany.

The Wise Men saw Jesus as a King born to die and, as Christians, we rely on His death to bring us His Life – a gift we celebrated last week in Holy Communion.

Captain Sir Tom Moore helped to re-focus and encourage the nation last year, one man’s ‘small’ effort inspiring many and lifting the spirits as we realised the enormity of what lay ahead.

Today, just like longer days and signs of new life, coming together to worship God (even over the internet) can warm our hearts and lift our spirits as we encounter Him (even if we are aware of the frost and snow of life) reminding us of that free gift of New Life in Jesus.

God Bless & elbow bumps,

Mark

**PRAYER FOR FEBRUARY** – *Eternal Father God,*

*Your Son Jesus Christ is for all humankind*

*the Way, the Truth, and the Life:*

*by the Holy Spirit help us*

*to walk in His Way,*

*rejoice in His Truth,*

*and share His risen Life.*

**PRAYER THEME** – Give thanks for the signs of new life, asking Jesus to fill you with His Life.

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.

*Thursday 11 February*

7.30pm – **Connect Study Group – DANIEL** via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/402568082>

*Next Sunday, 14 February*

10.30am – **Messy Church** via Zoom

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*Tuesday 23 February*

Fairtrade Fortnight, sadly, we don't have a Big Brew this year but, some exciting news, we have invited Petrus Bosman of Bosman Adama which is a South African Fairtrade wine producer to chat to us on Zoom. You can join this at 6:00 pm

on https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88401861823

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

FEBRUARY

Sunday 7 10.30am Zoom

Sunday 14 10.30am Zoom **Messy Church**

Tuesday 16 7:00pm Zoom **Prayer & Reflection** *Shrove Tuesday*

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

Sunday 21 10.30am Zoom with ‘live stream’ Organ

Wednesday 24 YouTube **Lenten Meditation**

Sunday 28 10.30am Zoom

**Eco Snippet**

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|  | Get creative with veg grown in the UK, we have a plethora of excellent UK, winter grown veg. Might also be a good time to stock up on British grown onions before these run out and they are imported from Holland or even New Zealand. Whilst these are robust veg and so are shipped, they carry a higher carbon footprint than home produced. | | |
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**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 February CFNs by Friday morning please to Mark Buchanan at **buchananmbuc@aol.com**

***Hymn*** 334

On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry

announces that the Lord is nigh;

awake and hearken for he brings

glad tidings of the King of Kings.

Then cleansed be every heart from sin;

make straight the way for God within;

prepare we in our hearts a home,

where such a mighty Guest may come.

For You are our salvation, Lord,

our refuge and our great reward;

without Your grace we waste away,

like flowers that wither and decay.

Stretch out Your hand, to heal our sore,

and make us rise to fall no more;

once more upon Your people shine,

and fill the world with love divine.

All praise to You, Eternal Son,

whose advent has our freedom won,

whom with the Father we adore,

and Holy Spirit, evermore.

Charles Coffin (1676-1749) *trans* J Chandler (1806-1876) et al

***Song*** 641

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

and His righteousness;

and all these things shall be added unto you;

allelu, alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,*

*allelu, alleluia.*

Ask, and it shall be given unto you,

seek, and ye shall find;

knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;

allelu, alleluia. *Alleluia …*

You shall not live by bread alone,

but by every word

that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord;

allelu, alleluia. *Alleluia …*

Karen Lafferty (b.1948)

***Hymn*** 356

Meekness and Majesty, manhood and Deity,

in perfect harmony – the man who is God:

Lord of eternity, dwells in humanity,

kneels in humility and washes our feet.

*Oh, what a mystery*

*– meekness and Majesty:*

*bow down and worship,*

*for this is your God,*

*this is your God!* >>>

Father’s pure radiance, perfect in innocence,

yet learns obedience to death on a cross:

suffering to give us life, conquering through sacrifice

- and, as they crucify, prays, ‘Father forgive’.

*Oh, what a mystery …*

Wisdom unsearchable, God the invisible,

Love indestructible in frailty appears:

Lord of Infinity, stooping so tenderly,

lifts our humanity to the heights of His Throne.

*Oh, what a mystery …*

*… this is your God!*

Graham Kendrick (b.1950)

**Colossians 1:15-23**

***Hymn*** 458

At the Name of Jesus

every knee shall bow,

every tongue confess Him

King of Glory now;

‘tis the Father’s pleasure

we should call Him Lord,

who from the beginning

was the mighty Word.

Brothers, sisters, name Him

with love strong as death,

and with awe and wonder

and with bated breath!

He is God the Saviour,

He is Christ the Lord,

ever to be worshipped,

trusted, and adored.

In your hearts enthrone Him;

there let Him subdue

all that is not holy,

all that is not true:

let His Grace support you

in temptation’s hour;

and His will enfold you

in its light and power.

In His Father’s Glory

Christ shall come again,

angel hosts proclaiming

His return to reign.

For all wreaths of empire

meet upon His brow,

and our hearts confess Him

King of Glory now.

Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877)