

**Church Family Notices**

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**A note from our Minister:**

Today we celebrate FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT together then hang around for a CUPPA & BLETHER, Zoom-style!

Various World Day of Prayer material is available online, culminating with a ‘live-stream’ service on Friday at 2pm – see the Scottish World Day of Prayer website and join in this world-wide event.

Christian Aid Prayer Sheet (pdf) will be circulated via email – use it to stretch your prayer muscles!

Who said Lent was boring!

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** – “Lord, teach us how to pray.”

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.

Wednesday 03 March

From 6:00am – Lenten Meditation on YouTube <https://youtu.be/sazWn7nxP8A>

Thursday 04 March

7:30pm – Connect Study Group – DANIEL via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/402568082>

Friday 05 March

2:00pm – ‘live stream’ World Day of Prayer service via Scottish World Day of Prayer website

Sunday 07 march

10.30am – Morning Worship Together via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86939887756> or Telephone: 0131 460 1196 enter code: 869 3988 7756 #

Tuesday 09 March

7:30pm - Dunscore Church Board meeting via ZOOM.

Monday 15 March

7:30pm - Talk on National Parks of South West USA – Pam and Colin are giving a talk using Zoom. This in aid of Church Funds. Please e mail Colin at c.mitchell50@btinternet.com to obtain a link. Donations welcome

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

**MARCH**

3 Wed YouTube Lenten Meditation

7 10.30am Zoom then Glencairn/Moniaive AGM

10 Wed YouTube Lenten Meditation

14 10.30am Mothering Sunday Zoom ‘Thank you’ Special & Coffee Break!

16 Tue 7:00pm Zoom Prayer & Reflection

17 Wed YouTube Lenten Meditation

21 10.30am Zoom with ‘live stream’ Organ then Dunscore AGM

24 Wed YouTube Lenten Meditation

28 10.30am Palm Sunday Zoom Messy Church Special

31 Wed YouTube Lenten Meditation

**APRIL**

1 Thu 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Zoom The Last Supper

2 Fri Good Friday YouTube At The Cross

4 10.30am Easter Day Zoom with ‘live stream’ Organ & Coffee + Egg Break!

**Eco Snippet**

It is possible to choose flowers with zero carbon footprint. Here are some comparisons;

0 Co2 emissions- flowers picked from your garden (using peat free compost or better still home produced compost)

110 g Co2- snapdragon, grown and sold locally

1.7 kg CO2-bouquet of 15 mixed stems grown outdoors in the UK and sold locally

32kg CO2-bouquet of 5 Kenyan or Dutch roses, 5 Dutch lilies and 3 Kenyan gypsophila

You may find a book that I have been reading recently quite interesting and from where I have reproduced the carbon data from. It is " How Bad Are Bananas" by Mike Berners-Lee, and to find out the answer you'll have to read the book!

**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 March CFNs by Friday morning please to Tim Harmer on 01387 820861 or timharmer95@gmail.com

**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT – 22nd February to 7th March**

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Dunscore Fairtrade Village is running an upcycling challenge, mainly aimed at children but open to anyone (and if you send us a photo, you receive a bar of Fairtrade chocolate!).

**CHRISTIAN AID LENT & EASTER APPEAL 2021**

Christian Aid is now 75 years old and this year the Lent and Easter appeal is focused on looking forward as well as reflecting on the past.

Full details are on the Christian Aid Website – [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

A prayer sheet will be circulated via email, let Mark know if you need hard copy.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

23rd Feb to 5th Mar

All services this year will be online

This year for the first time we are holding 10 days of reflection and prayer leading up to the 5th Mar. These can be found on the Website: www.[wdpscotland.com](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/XL-YCXLGltX1kq4IVfm3q?domain=wdpscotland.com)

or on Facebook: World Day of Prayer Scotland Friends.

Each day, starting on 23rd Feb, there will be a little piece about Vanuatu, a Thought for the Day by a National Church or Christian Group Leader and a Prayer by a member of the Scottish Committee. The first will be led by the Moderator of the Church of Scotland and  the 5th Mar will be led by the World Day of Prayer International President, Rosangela Oliveira.

Thanks to Maggie Gurney we will be having a local service on YouTube, please look out for the notices each Sunday. Thank also to all those who have contributed to this, some have been recording videos for the first time! So congratulations to you all for making this happen.

5th Mar at 14.00 there will be a live, World Day of Prayer streamed Service from Augustine United Reformed Church in Edinburgh.

Access details can again be found on the Scottish World Day of Prayer Website. You can also listen in to this service on the phone. Please join in this Service if you possibly can, as it does feature some of our own local people and others from all around Scotland. The Service will later be posted on the Webpage and on Facebook

Song tune: BARD OF ARMAGH

I dream of a church that awakens God’s vision,

of a people who live without counting the cost:

that trust in the Spirit of Christ Jesus’ mission,

to uplift the oppressed with Good News for the lost.

I pray for a church that joins in with God’s prancing,

in a swirling star-skirt made from light cosmic sky:

like prophets of old who lead people by dancing,

unafraid of the pharaohs enthroned up on high.

We sing in a church that cracks up with God’s laughter,

that rejoices in justice, and shares all for free:

turns over the tables of monied disasters,

an abundance of mirth in a new Jubilee.

We work for a church that connects through Christ’s caring,

as she shelters and loves the unloved refugee:

a church that shines light on corruption, then daring,

to forgive and embrace them in God's family.

Dear God, would You make us a people like Jesus,

with His trust in Your Kingdom of unfailing grace:

a travelling band of peculiar people,

on the journey t’wards joy and true life in this place.

K Snyman

Song tune: CONVERSE/What a friend we have in Jesus

God the Maker of the Heavens

And the planet that we share

Show us how to live like Jesus

Lives in gratitude and care

Make us mindful of the footprints

From the lives that we pursue

Make us partners in Your Mission

You are making all things new

God the Gardener of Eden

Teach us how to tend this earth

Learning from the changing seasons

Times of fallow and new birth

Lord have mercy when we’re careless

Rich resources we misuse

Use our hands to heal creation

You are making all things new

God of labour and vocation

Lord of science trade and art

Take our efforts and our passions

Make them mirrors of Your Heart

Every habitat and creature

Loved and valued God by You

May our lives reveal Your Kingdom

Sam Hargreaves

Hymn 231 tune: ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT

For the fruits of all creation,

thanks be to God:

for these gifts to every nation,

thanks be to God;

for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,

silent growth while we are sleeping,

future needs in earth’s safe-keeping,

thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,

God’s will is done;

in the help we give our neighbour,

God’s will is done;

in our world-wide task of caring

for the hungry and despairing,

in the harvest we are sharing,

God’s will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,

thanks be to God;

for the good we all inherit,

thanks be to God;

for the wonders that astound us,

for the truths that still confound us,

most of all, that love has found us,

thanks be to God.

Frederick Pratt Green (1903-2000)

Song

I love the sun

It shines on me

God made the sun

And God made me

I love the stars

They twinkle on me

God made the stars

And God made me

I love the rain

It splashes on me

God made the rain

And God made me

I love the wind

It blows round me

God made the wind

And God made me

I love the birds

They sing to me

God made the birds

And God made me

Gwen F. Smith