



## **Dunscore Church Family Notices**

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**SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

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### **TODAY:**

**10am** – Joint Worship – Saints & Sinners in St Ninian's, Moniaive

from **2pm** – Churches open for Remembering, Giving Thanks and Prayer

– see poster in Dunscore and Moniaive – light a candle, place a picture, prayerfully remember

### **A Message from our Minister:**

Today is many things ... the end of October, the end of British Summer Time, the eve of All Saints' Day, the service is a joint one in St Ninian's. A lot to remember and, for many, a time to remember those who have gone before us, loved ones we have lost too soon. This time of year is very much associated with death and remembering – All Saints, All Souls, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day. This is reflected in the life of the Church as we open our doors this afternoon from 2pm in Dunscore Church, from 3pm in St Ninian's (revised after the Minister double-booked the church) so that whoever wants to can find a quiet place to Remember, Give Thanks, Pray in whatever way suits best. It is often in these moments that we encounter God – the "still, small voice" in the midst of the storm of life.

**Today** we have a Joint act of worship in St Ninian's Church, Moniaive, at 10am – join us in the flesh or try the 'dry' version on Zoom - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86939887756> !

**Today** we come together to pray for COP 26 – that real changes would occur as a result.

**Today** we come together as Saints and Sinners – where do you fit in?

**Next Sunday** we remember Jesus at St Ninian's with Holy Communion and celebrate new life with a Baptism in Dunscore Church – Andy and Margaret Wood's great-grand-daughter.

God at the centre of life and death – exactly how it should be!

God Bless,

**Mark**

**Next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

**10am – Holy Communion in St Ninian's, Moniaive**

**\*10.30am – Messy Church + Baptism of Scarlett Ross in Dunscore Church (also on Zoom)**

### **PRAYER for October:**

Creator God, Heavenly Father,

Your Creation shows Your Love;

Saviour God, Jesus,

Your Life and Death show Your Love;

Helper God, Holy Spirit,

Your presence shows Your Love.

May we reflect You in all that we do and say,

and clearly show Your Love in our lives.

**PRAYER THEME** – Ask Jesus to be alongside you in all aspects of your life this week.

**Pray for COP 26 to make a real difference, ask how you can play your part.**

**Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup> Soup & Puddings - Glenriddell Hall 12noon to 2pm** raising funds for the Dunscore Playpark Project.

**Dunscore Digest:** The Digest is coming out soon. Could you have anything for inclusion to Matthew on auchenage@gmail.com by Sunday 14 November please?

**Dunscore Church Board** will meet on **Tues 9th November** at 7.30pm in Church.

### **Christmas Shoe Boxes**

It's Shoe Box season. - 5 minutes of your time can give hope and joy to a child for a lifetime. If you want to fill a Shoe Box online this year please go to :

[www.samaritans-purse.org.uk](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk)

### **Connect**

The Connect group resume this **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November** at **7.30pm**. We will be following an Advent Corse entitled 'Wake up to Advent' by John Sentamu former Archbishop of York All are welcome to join us at 7.30pm in the Church. Tim Harmer ([timharmer95@gmail.com](mailto:timharmer95@gmail.com))

**Eco Snippet** - If you want to know lots about living as sustainably as possible, consider subscribing to Ethical Consumer magazine. You will find loads of information there on all sorts of ethical topics. The website is worth a look: [www.ethicalconsumer.org](http://www.ethicalconsumer.org).

### **Litter Larks**

Next meet will be on **Thursday 4th November at 0900** in car park.....with coffee etc in the church afterwards. **Do hope you can come.....spruce up Scotland for the COP visitors**

### **COP26 Glasgow 31<sup>st</sup> October – 12<sup>th</sup> November**

**Our Involvement With COP 26:** One of the ways that we can all have an impact on the results of Climate Change is to become aware of the repercussions of our behaviour. With this in mind we are going to live stream some content from **The People's Summit For Climate Justice in the Church on Sunday 7th November**. This will be after Messy Church and the lunch being held in the hall in aid of the play area. A busy Sunday indeed but this is really serious stuff and worthy of our time.

We are also going to stream a **Christian Aid service** from Sandyford Henderson Church in Glasgow on the **9th November 6-7pm** i.e. **before the Board** meeting. This service will include prayers and reflections from Amanda Mukwashi and Sally Foster-Fulton and representatives from communities in the Amazon. All are welcome at all these events.

We are going to be making banners with encouraging messages for our politicians attending COP26 on our behalf, which we could put outside the Church. Perhaps you could make one to add to the collection.

### **First Base Food Bank**

... I spoke recently to Mark Frankland of First Base who told me that pre-Covid they were distributing **600 food parcels** a week throughout Dumfries & Galloway. At its peak during lockdown this had risen to **2,400!!!** It has now levelled off to around **1,400**. **BUT** he dreads the result of the £20 a week reduction in universal credit received during the pandemic and knows that the numbers will soar again. Winter is just starting so please do help ... there are a number of ways of doing this.

**You can:** Donate through 'Just Giving' on line [www.justgiving.com/first-base](http://www.justgiving.com/first-base)

**OR** Mark Frankland would be delighted to receive cheques made out to 'The First Base Food Agency' at First Base Food Bank 6 Buccleuch Street, Dumfries DG1 2NH

**OR** I will be happy to take a donation in church and send it via 'Just Giving'.

Many thanks for your help. **Sheila**

I am covering the CFNs for next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November so send items to

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