



## **Dunscore Church Family Notices**

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**SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

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**11.45 am - Remembrance Service followed by short ceremony at the War memorial.**

**7pm - Remembrance Prayer & Reflection in Dunscore Church.**

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

Today is Remembrance Sunday and we will be including Acts of Remembrance in all our activities.

10am in St Ninian's, 11.45am in Dunscore Church, 12.30pm at Dunscore War Memorial, 7pm in prayer and reflection in Dunscore Church. Join us if you can.

In doing this we look to commit ourselves to seeking peace in this world. The reminders of the horrors of war are intended to turn us away from repeating them and stir us to actively work for peace. Unfortunately the only thing which we seem to learn from history is that we don't learn from history! A cliché, but very true – even in our own lifetimes.

In Jesus, God acted to break the cycle of sin and death which religious observance and legal compliance had failed to solve. Jesus Himself said: "Blessed are the peace-makers ..." in Matthew 5 (verse 9, NIV). Other versions challenge us to "work for peace ..." (GNB); "strive for peace ..." (LB); "show people how to co-operate instead of compete or fight ..." (Message).

However we translate Jesus' words they mean work ... hard work!

The quiet thoughtfulness of the minutes' silence should lead to action ...

seeking peace with God through faith in Jesus;

seeking peace with each other through sharing Jesus' Love, Grace, and Mercy;

seeking peace in the world through sharing compassion, justice, and resources;

seeking to follow Jesus' example of self-giving living.

Are you remembering by responding in action?

Or just marking time?

God Bless,

Mark

## **PRAYER for November:**

*Almighty God, as we remember those who gave their lives,  
help us choose peace and life over death and destruction.  
Lord Jesus, as we remember Your Sacrifice on the Cross,  
help us choose Your Way of Peace over our own desires.  
Holy Spirit, as we remember what others have given for us, inspire us to live for others.*

**PRAYER THEME** – Ask God to help you be an active peace-maker.

## **Next Sunday:**

10am – Morning Worship in St Ninian's, Moniaive  
11.45am – Morning Worship in Dunscore Church (also on Zoom)

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

## **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)

**Dumfries and Galloway Toy Appeal** – This year we will collect toys for the appeal as part of **Messy Church** on **Sunday 12th December**. Please bring gifts for children unwrapped. We will give all gifts to the Dumfries and Galloway Toy Appeal.

## **Connect**

The Connect group will continue this **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November** at **7.30pm** when we are starting an Advent Course 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** - Before you make a tea or coffee fill the cup/mug/pot you are going to use with water and tip into the kettle. This saves both energy and treated water.

## **First Base Food Bank**

Mark Frankland of First Base has told us 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**

Please send items for the CFNs for November to John Drabble [jpdabble@btinternet.com](mailto:jpdabble@btinternet.com)