

Dunscore Church Family Notices

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SUNDAY 7th November 2021

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TODAY:

10am – Holy Communion in St Ninian's, Moniaive
*10.30am – Messy Church + Baptism of Scarlett Ross in Dunscore Church (also on Zoom)

A Message from our Minister:

Having survived 'Trick or treat', 'Guising', and Bonfire Night we have a Sunday of Celebrations! Holy Communion (10am St Ninian's, Moniaive) is the ultimate Christian Celebration – remembering Jesus and His sacrifice of Himself for anybody who dares to believe.

In Messy Church (10.30am Dunscore Church) we will begin to prepare for remembering lives lost and join in celebrating a new life! It will be good to join with Andy and Margaret Wood and their family as great-grand-daughter Scarlett is Baptized.

In both we see the paradoxical juxtaposition of life and death ...

Jesus' Death gives us the chance of New Life, Eternal Life through Faith in Him.

The lives lost in war give us a chance to live in peace in this life.

In both we have a choice – which will you choose?

Choose Life!

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. Amen

PRAYER THEME – Ask God to help you make the right choices in life.

Next Sunday 14th November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

10am Morning Worship & Dunscore Church (also on Zoom) followed by ...

12.30pm Act of Remembrance at Dunscore War Memorial

7pm Remembrance Prayer & Reflection in Dunscore Church

Today - 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?

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

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 11th November** at **7.30pm with a session on Remembrance**. Next week we will start 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)

Eco Snippet - Look at your kitchen scourers. Make sure they eco friendly.

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

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We will live stream a **Christian Aid service** from Sandyford Henderson Church in Glasgow on the **9th November 6-7pm** just **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 to watch the service in Church.

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

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**

Send items for the CFNs for November to John Drabble jpdrabble@btinternet.com