



Dunscore Church Family Notices

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SUNDAY 5th December 2021

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11.45 am – Morning Worship - “PEACE”.

Later today:

3pm – **A Quiet Time of Peace** in St Ninian's, Moniaive

7pm – **A Quiet Time of Peace** in Dunscore Church

Message from our Minister:

“Peace be with you” “Shalom” A greeting and a prayer.

Today we think about Peace as we prepare to meet the Prince of Peace who came to bring peace between God and humans and between humans. Peace is very delicate and can easily be broken.

Quiet interrupted by noise, alone-time invaded by another person, truce discarded by a hair-trigger - and that's just in our homes!

Traditionally Christmas has become a time of stress and torture, pretence and tongue-biting rather than a celebration of the Birth of the One who can truly give us peace with God and each other.

Are you ready to break the tradition?

Just as peace can be broken, so can - no-peace – do you believe in the Prince of Peace? That's all it takes to break through and find the peace He has for us.

Have a peace breakthrough this Christmas!

God Bless,

Mark

PRAYER for this week: (The Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent)

*Almighty God,
who sent Your servant John the Baptist
to prepare Your people to welcome the Messiah,
inspire us, as ministers and stewards of Your Truth
to turn to You for the Peace we need,
so that when Christ shall come again to be our judge,
we may stand with confidence before His Glory
through Faith in Him,
who is alive and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

PRAYER THEME – Ask God to help you be filled with His Peace in all that you do.

Next Sunday: "JOY"

10am – **Morning Worship** in St Ninian's, Moniaive
*10.30am – **Messy Christingle** in Dunscore Church (also on Zoom) Bring gifts for the Toy Appeal
3pm – **A Quiet Time of Joy** in St Ninian's, Moniaive
7pm – **A Quiet Time of Joy** in Dunscore Church

Connect

The Connect group will meet this **Thursday 9th December** at **7.30pm in Church** when we are continuing our Advent Course entitled 'Wake up to Advent' by John Sentamu, former Archbishop of York.

All are welcome to join us. Contact Tim Harmer (timharmer95@gmail.com).

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

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

Christian Aid Christmas Appeal.

Please take a look at this excellent video –

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christmas-appeal>

Eco Snippet

You will have heard of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle but it is even better if you add **Refuse** to the start of the list. Refuse to buy produce with too many "food miles", refuse to buy produce with unnecessary packaging, refuse disposable items when reusable ones are available and refuse to buy things that don't last.

Saturday 18th Dec at 3pm. **The Dalgarno Singers** are back together and will be giving a short and jolly one-hour Christmas Concert in Church. There are no tickets, but a donation would be appreciated. *Alternative date and venue* - 7.30pm Mon 20th Dec in Dalswinton 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**

Please send items for the CFNs for December to Sheila Anderson sheila69@btinternet.com