Dunscore Church Family
Notices
Registered Scottish Charity SC016060, Congregation Number 080454

SUNDAY 16th January 2022
Reverend Tim Harmer

PLEASE NOTE…

- *We need to take **lateral flow tests** before attending church for any event / service.*
- *We still need to sign in for Test and Protect*
- *We still need to wear face coverings*
- *We still need to socially distance (at **least** 1m)*

A Message from our Minister:

We have recently seen in the news how people in positions of influence and authority will pick and choose which 'rules' they follow. Politicians, Civil Servants, their 'advisers', and even a top tennis player have been 'trying it on'! This is nothing new and we have often seen clips of some celebrity or politician squirming when quizzed about their behaviour. Even those who claim to be 'of the people' very quickly succumb to the 'them and us' culture.
What about God? He tells us how to live our lives (Ten Commandments) and will be our Judge at the end of time – you can't get much more 'us and them'!
Yet … He acted to bypass the barriers between us and Him by stepping down from His Infinite, Eternal Throne and becoming human to understand us and open the way back to Him. That's what Christmas and Epiphany are all about – God with us. Born illegitimate, a refugee, apprentice joiner, wandering preacher – truly 'of the people'. The celebrations seem over, but, with trust in Jesus, they can continue into 2022 and beyond.

PRAYER for January: *Almighty, Infinite, Eternal God,*
You stepped into the flow of time for our sake
and time itself changed for ever.
Be with us as we set out into 2022,
guide our path, guard our hearts,
and strengthen our resolve to follow You;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

PRAYER THEME – Ask God to be with you during these short, dark, uncertain, cold days.

This week:

Our Minister is having some time 'off' so any issues or pastoral matters should be directed to the Session Clerks (Dunscore, Colin M – 01387 820455; Moniaive, Nan T – 01848 200403) your Elder or our Associate Minister, Rev Tim Harmer (01387 820861).

Next Sunday:
10am – **'Dry' Café Church** in St Ninian's, Moniaive
11.45am – **Morning Worship** in Dunscore Church (also on Zoom)
online: Zoom live – https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86939887756
or Telephone: **0131 460 1196** enter ID code: 869 3988 7756

ECO snippet:
Wanting to go Waste-Free? Remember the 5 Rs!
REFUSE – say "no" to plastic-wrapped produce, tempting freebies, and unsustainable products!
REDUCE – do you really **need** to buy it?
REUSE – anything (jars, clothes, furniture, etc.) can be imaginatively upcycled or simply repaired.
RECYCLE – every scrap of packaging you can. Donate re-useable and valuable stuff to charity.
ROT – compost all your food scraps – they break down better than in landfill!

First Base Food Bank
Mark Frankland of First Base has told us that they distribute around **1,400** food parcels a week. **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** 'Just Giving' on line www.justgiving.com/first-base . I will be happy to take a donation in church and send it via Many thanks for your help. **Sheila**

Please send items for the CFNs for January to Mary Waugh on craigeller@hotmail.co.uk