



**Dunscore Church Family
Notices**

Registered Scottish Charity SC016060, Congregation Number 080454

SUNDAY 9th January 2022

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***10.30am - Messy Church Epiphany Special in Dunscore Church (also on Zoom)**

2pm - Cairn Chorus concerts, starting in Dunscore

7pm - Prayers & Reflection in Dunscore Church

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:

Well done if your decorations made it to Wednesday evening (Twelfth Night) or even to Thursday (Epiphany). The season of Christmas is over and we are in the Church season of Epiphany.

We often talk of someone having an epiphany when they see something clearly for the first time.

Archimedes shouted 'Eureka' in the bath, Isaac Newton's light-bulb moment came in the form of an apple (believe it or not that tree is still alive and bearing fruit!), Fleming found penicillin on his toast (!?). We never know when and how things are going to be revealed to us.

The Wise Magi saw a sign and worked hard to find out what it meant. Christmas the season may be over but what do we do about it? Ignore it until next December or keep looking for the signs of God at work in the world?

Today in our services we will continue seeking an encounter with God, a treasure-hunt of faith to know His presence in our lives.

Join us (and the Wise Magi) on the journey of faith.

God Bless,

Mark

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.

Next Sunday:

10am - **Morning Worship** 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

Message from Betty and Andrew Edgar

Thank you for everyone's concern. We appreciate the cards and best wishes given. Everything is going well and I hope to be home soon.

ECO snippet:

If you decide to try and go plastic-free it can be tempting to have a complete purge. However, don't forget that all the plastic you throw out will create waste! So here are the top ten worst single-use plastic offenders to get to grips with:

Crisp packets; Wet wipes; Sandwich packaging; Sauce sachets; Ready-meal trays; Pet-food pouches; Cotton buds; Plant pots; Plastic drinking straws; metallic/foilized wrapping paper!

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