



Dunscore Church Family Notices

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SUNDAY 13th February 2022

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TODAY:

10am – Morning Worship in St Ninian's, Moniaive

***10.30am – Messy Church** in Dunscore Church (also on Zoom)

7pm – Lessons in Love - Prayer & Reflection in Dunscore Church

online: Zoom live – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86939887756>

or Telephone: **0131 460 1196 enter ID code: 869 3988 7756**

A Message from our Minister:

A lad from Liverpool wrote: "All you need is love." The haircut was strange, the suit trendy, the specs dated, but the words still ring true. Especially as we approach Valentine's Day.

As you rush to get a card and flowers from Watson's Grocers, think about all the opportunities to share and celebrate love throughout the year, not just ST VALENTINE'S DAY!

Christmas celebrates God With Us – giving up His privilege and wealth to be alongside you.

Good Friday marks Jesus' death on the Cross – dying so you don't have to.

Easter Day celebrates Jesus' resurrection – opening the way to new life for you.

Remembrance Day reminds of sacrifices made – signs of self-giving love at work.

On Holocaust Memorial Day we were reminded of Jane Haining and her unwillingness to leave her charges, walking with them into certain death – true love in action.

Love might just be a four-letter word but it takes more than anonymous flirting or reduced-price bouquets to show it and share it. Every Sunday, Christians celebrate God's Love, learn the depth of His Love, and commit themselves to sharing it with others!

If you want to glimpse the full extent of what love is and what it can do, join us.

God Bless,

Mark

Next Sunday 20th February:

10am – Morning Worship in St Ninian's, Moniaive

11.45am – Morning Worship in Dunscore Church (also on Zoom)

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PRAYER for February:

Almighty God, You put yourself in the middle for my sake.
Be with me when I look back in regret,
when I rue missed opportunities,
or wish to re-live past glories.
Inspire me to hope for the future,
to see the potential of my life,
or resist tempting fantasies.
Guide me as I stand still,
when I am unsure,
or when I feel hopeless.
I ask this through Jesus Christ my Lord,
who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

PRAYER THEME – Ask God to show you the true width and depth of love and how to share it.

Dates for the diary:

Next Sunday 20th February – Soup and Pudding lunch 12pm- 2pm Glenriddell Hall, thanks to the Gala Committee.

Saturday 26th February – Fairtrade Big Brew.11am – 2pm. Local Stalls in church and café in the Glenriddell Hall

And keen gardeners start planting seeds for the **Plant Sale 28th May**

Connect

The Connect group is meeting this **Thursday 17th February** at **7.30pm**. We are following a home grown course looking at geographical locations in the Bible associated with Jesus' ministry and what happened there. All are welcome to join us at 7.30pm in the Church. Tim Harmer (timharmer95@gmail.com)

Eco Snippet –from Dunscore Church Eco Group:

A group of products that ranks high in the worst plastic offenders is the black plastic trays most shops tend to use for meat. Due to the black pigment used in the tray, they cannot be picked up by infrared technology at recycling facilities and end up going to landfill. An alternative is to buy meat from the meat counter in the shop, or, better still, from your local butcher who will likely sell locally reared, traceable, produce. Take your own brown paper and ask it's wrapped up in that for you old-school style, rather than the plastic wrapping that tends to be used nowadays.

Zoom Church:

If any of our Church Family who join our service via zoom has any feedback good or bad please let Matthew know via email on Auchenage@gmail.com or by ph 01387820448 It's very useful to know if there are any issues that may be able to be sorted.

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 I will be happy to take a donation in church and send it. Many thanks for your help. Sheila

Ken Dodd one liners:

"My dad knew I was going to be a comedian. When I was a baby, he said, 'Is this a joke?'"

"I haven't spoken to my mother-in-law for 18 months. I don't like to interrupt her."

On his famous tax fraud trial: "He said I told HMRC I didn't owe them a penny because I lived near the seaside."

"I wanted to take the dog to obedience classes but it wouldn't go."

"Five out of every three people have trouble understanding fractions."

Please send items for the CFNs for February : Tim Harmer 820861

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