



### **Dunscore Church Family Notices**

Registered Scottish Charity SC016060, Congregation Number 080454

**SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

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#### **TODAY:**

**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**

#### **A Message from our Minister:**

Today we celebrate together!

Storm Survivors Café Church in Moniaive, Holy Communion in Dunscore.

After nearly two years of COVID restrictions and the endless procession of storms this month, it's good to celebrate the God who can calm the wind and waves and who wants to walk alongside us. This week we mark Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday – the paradox of pancakes and abstinence reminds us of the good things God has for us and the challenge to repent and change our ways as we start the season of Lent! Repent is not a popular word as it means we've done something wrong and most of us don't like to admit that!

One of the paradoxes of the Christian Faith is that we know God loves us regardless, yet we also know that how we live, behave towards others, and think can block us from receiving God's Love. We use Lent to reflect on this truth and ask God's help to break any habits or behaviours which hurt others or keep us from receiving Jesus' Love fully in our lives.

On Friday we pray for the world with the theme 'I Know the Plans I Have for you'.

Join us in meeting with Jesus in the midst of life's storms.

God Bless,

**Mark**

#### **Next Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March:**

10am – Holy Communion in St Ninian's, Moniaive

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

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

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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 forever. **Amen**

**PRAYER THEME** – In this time of anticipation and uncertainty ask Jesus to be alongside you.

### **Dates for the diary:**

**Next Friday:**

**2.15pm – World Day of Prayer Service in Dunscore Church**

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

**Church Stated Annual meeting** will be held after the Mothering Sunday service at **11.45 on Sun 27 March**. Please come along and hear how your church has done over the past year and plans for the future.

**The Draft Presbytery Plan** is out for consultation. Elders and Board Members have a copy of the whole document. If you wish to have a copy please let Colin know and he will e mail you a copy or supply a “hard” copy. If you have any comments please contact any elder or Board member before 8th March.

For us in **Dunscore Church** the main item is:

Penpont, Keir and Tynron (1185), Glencairn and Moniaive (890) united with Dunscore (826) Closeburn (1146) (we are linked with Glencairn and Moniaive just now)

Sanquhar (2299), Kirkconnel (2361), Thornhill (1883) united with Durisdeer (317)

Total pop 10907 - Team ministry 2 FTEs

This will be discussed formally this after the Board meeting scheduled for 8th March.

### **Eco Snippet** –from Dunscore Church Eco Group: **Seven Grades of Plastic!**

Have you ever seen the little triangle of arrows and containing a number on the bottom of a plastic item? This is what’s known as its plastic grade. The system separates plastic items into seven grades depending on what type of plastic they’re made from. The grades you can pop in your recycling bin depend entirely on your local council and which they accept. This information should be available on the council website – [dumgal.gov.uk](http://dumgal.gov.uk) – so knowing to look for the number makes it easy to work out which plastics are safe to recycle locally, and which you can’t.

TECHNICAL BIT ... the grades explained ...

1 = PET (polyethylene Terephthalate) – recyclable

2 = HDPE (high density polyethylene) – recyclable

3 = PVC (polyvinyl chloride) – rarely recycled

4 = LDPE (low density polyethylene) – rarely recycled

5 = PP (polypropylene) – rarely recycled

6 = PS (polystyrene) – difficult to recycle

7 = OTHER (everything else!) – difficult to recycle

**Connect**

The Connect group is meeting this **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30pm**. We continue with a short course through Lent following John's gospel and . All are welcome to join us at 7.30pm in the Church.

Tim Harmer ([timharmer95@gmail.com](mailto:timharmer95@gmail.com))

**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](mailto: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.

**The Village Library**

There is now a small 'Help Yourself Library' in the Glenriddell Hall which is available when the Post Office is open. It will be refreshed regularly. If you have books you would like to donate, please put in the cardboard box beside the bookshelf.

**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](http://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

**Please send items for the CFNs for March: Sam Wallace 820231**  
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