



Dunscore Church Family Notices

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SUNDAY 6th 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:

This week we crossed the middle! Wednesday was Candlemas – halfway between the winter solstice and the vernal equinox! It used to mark the end of the Christmas celebrations. People had enough daylight to go back to their work in the fields and look forward to the growth of spring. The snowdrops are appearing, the daffodil shoots have popped up – signs of hope. Sometimes being in the middle means we don't know which way to turn, sometimes it means the best is done, sometimes the best is yet to come!

Jesus is God putting Himself in the middle. In at the deep end of humanity, Jesus was born at a time of upheaval and walked on earth during a time of bandits and rebellion. He stepped away from quiet village life and into the towns around Galilee.

If you feel in the middle are you looking forward in hope, looking back in regret, or standing still, just waiting? Why not ask Jesus to join you in the middle and help you see where you really are and to walk with you, whatever comes next.

God Bless,

Mark

Next Sunday:

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

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

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

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7pm – Prayer & Reflection in Dunscore Church

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 be with you, however the ‘middle’ feels to you.

Dates for the diary:

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 10th November** 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:

Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall (from Much More Veg (2017):

“If we had to consider just one thing to do in order to alter our diet to help the planet then Eat More Veg would be it. Simple, inexpensive to produce and way less demanding of energy and resources than other alternatives – animal/fish etc. This also gives credit to not only the environment but also the opportunity to consider the welfare of our farm animals. Whilst I still enjoy all types of food, the need to explore the world of vegan cuisine has called to me, so:

Squash & Chickpea patties.

500g squash, 400g chickpeas, spring onions,
1tsp coriander, 1tsp cumin, 1tsp tamari (or soy sauce),
dry chilli flakes, 50g mixed seeds (eg. sunflower, pumpkin, etc)
Steam prepared squash until tender
Mash squash with chickpeas & spices
Add spring onions
Shape into patties & pat in seeds
Sauté & serve”

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

Church Notice Board Clangers:

Outside one Church - **Don't let worry kill you - let the church help.**

Or the notice which was read out in one Church service that said:

This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

Or the notice in another Church which read: **This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the communion table.**

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