



Dunscore Church Family Notices

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SUNDAY 6th March 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 note from our Minister:

With all that’s going on in the world Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day/Mardi Gras) and Ash Wednesday (the start of Lent) passed us by! Some of you may have rustled up leek pancakes (Tuesday was also St David’s Day) but for most of us pictures of the ashes of war have dominated the news and our thoughts rather than the ashes of repentance! This afternoon (3-4pm in St Ninian’s, 7-8pm in Dunscore Church) we’ll be opening our buildings to enable people to come and pray in the quiet – watch for details of other times during the week.

Lent is about re-setting our lives to be open to God’s Love and prepare to celebrate Jesus’ Resurrection at Easter. However ... the climax of Lent is actually Good Friday! The day Jesus died on the Cross to bring us Peace with God – He went through death for you! This is what we celebrate in Holy Communion through the symbols of bread and wine.

Another ‘however’ ... most New Year Resolutions didn’t last forty days so we know that we cannot break bad habits easily but need support and help. The Holy Spirit is given to us when we trust in Jesus and is with us to help as we seek to be more like Jesus and remove the things in our life which can block God’s Love from flowing into our lives as it should.

It is a shame that it takes a war to turn our concerns beyond these shores and Fairtrade Fortnight has reminded us of the daily need to reflect on where our goods come from and who might be exploited along the way. God’s Love is always looking outward, shown when Jesus’ arms were flung wide for all people on the Cross – we should follow His example in prayer and action.

Join with us as we seek to change perspective, and change the world!

God Bless,

Mark

Prayer Theme – Ask the Holy Spirit to help you get closer to God this Lent
and ... keep praying for peace in Ukraine and the world!

Prayer of the Week

*Almighty God,
Your Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are yet did not sin;
give us Grace through the Holy Spirit to discipline ourselves,
so that, as You know our weakness,
we may know Your power to save;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.*

This afternoon: Churches open for Prayer

3-4pm – St Ninian's, Moniaive
7-8pm – Dunscore Church

Next Sunday:

10am – **Morning Worship** followed by **Annual Congregational Meeting**, St Ninian's, Moniaive
10.30am – **Messy Church** 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
7pm – **Prayers for Peace** in Dunscore Church

Eco Snippet

Climate change is not for someone else.

In 1961, President Kennedy challenged every American with the famous words...."ask not what your country can do for you.....ask what you can do for your country"

Plant Sale 28th May

Don't forget when you are doing a Spring Clean, save your books and bric a brac which we will be selling in addition to plants.

Connect

The Connect group is meeting this Thursday 3rd 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)

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 phone 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 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:

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