



Dunscore Church Family Notices
Registered Scottish Charity SC016060, Congregation Number 080454

SUNDAY 20th November 2022 at 10am
in Dunscore Church

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

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A Message from our Minister:

We live in a time of scams, hacks, and cons. We know to be alert in our inbox, vigilant on the phone, cautious on the doorstep. We check before signing, paying, or receiving.

If someone offers us something it helps to know who they are and whether they can truly offer what they claim. The same goes for spiritual matters, issues of faith, salvation itself.

Before we start our Advent journey together, today we are reminded of Christ the King!

Before we think about the Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love He offers we remember who Christ is! However sparkly, jingly, and excessive our celebrations are this year it is just a façade unless we understand the depth and riches of who and what we are celebrating.

The who is simple - the God of gods, the King of kings, the Infinite, Eternal, Almighty God!

The what is often harder to grasp - salvation, justification, redemption - God become human to make it possible for us to be His friends again, just as He intends for us.

Join us on the ADVENTure into CHRISTMAS to find out for yourself, enrich your celebrations, and become part of His Kingdom of Love and Freedom - a new way of life for the New Year!

God Bless,

Mark

PS I'm 'off' this week so please contact Colin Mitchell (Dunscore 820455), Nan Tait (Moniaive 200403), or Rev Tim Harmer (Dunscore 820861) if you need any help or information.

PRAYER for this Week:

*Christ of the Cross,
thank You for showing us that You meet us where we are,
drawing out the best from us even when we are at our worst.
Help us change our thinking and our attitudes,
to acknowledge the cost of forgiveness,
and to give our all to You and those around us.
King of kings,
though we are undeserving, we praise You for Your Love;
though we are slow to understand, we praise You for Your patience;
though we are quick to defend ourselves at the expense of others,
we praise You for Your Grace.
Inspire us to look to Your Kingdom of Love and Freedom.
We praise and thank You for all that You have done
and continue to do for us.*

PRAYER THEME - Recognise Christ as King, asking to play your part in His Kingdom

*Next Sunday: **ADVENT SUNDAY... The ADVENTure begins ...***

10am - Together with KiKs in Dunscore Church (also online)

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

11.30am - Café Church in St Ninian's, Moniaive

7pm - Hope for the Future Advent Reflection in Dunscore Church

Speddoch Hall Christmas Fair on Saturday 26 November

10am-11.30am coffee and mince pies. 12noon to 2pm Soup and pudding.

The church is having a fundraising table at this event.

Contributions of baking, tablet, chutneys, jams etc. would be very much appreciated.

Let Mary Waugh know (820301) if you can help. Many thanks.

Eco-snippet - Use fewer paper towels.

Help! We need volunteers to be on CFN Rota next year!

There are vacancies to assist with CFN collation and production. This is not a very onerous task and help is always available.

Please contact **John Drabble** if you can help.

Heritage Centre.

From 1 November, the centre will be closed until the spring, but access always available by contacting Pam Mitchell, Matthew Aitken or John Drabble.

Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) - Volunteers from the Dunscore and Moniaive area are sought to take part in the "Eyes on, Hands On" project. This would involve monitoring and cleaning local war graves. Further information from Anne.barclay@cwgc.org

Roadside Messy Church Signs

Do you know the whereabouts of the roadside signs that we used some time ago to alert people that Messy Church was coming soon? If you do, please can you let Colin know? Thanks.

The First Base Food Bank

IF YOU CAN: Please Donate through 'Just Giving' online - 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.

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Please send any items for the November and December CFNs by Thursday afternoon to **Sheila Anderson Tel. 01387 820236** or e-mail sheila69@btinternet.com