

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

# SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022 10.30am – Messy Church

Zoom live – <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86939887756">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86939887756</a> **700pm** – Vigil to Remember and Pray in Dunscore Church.

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## A Message from our Minister:

Last week All Saints' Day (1st) reminded us of the faithful who have gone ahead of us to Glory. All Souls' Day (2nd) reminded us of loved ones we no longer see in this world. Bonfire Night (5th) reminded us of how precarious and precious our way of life is (whatever your views of our Parliaments). Later this week we hold Acts of Remembrance in our villages and in our churches. Wreaths are laid, silence kept as we are remember the men and women who lost their lives in wars. Death is difficult to deal with. It reminds us of our mortality, of the fragile nature of our existence in this world. It takes away those who are precious to us, significant parts of our life on earth. We are unsure what comes next, and our fear of the unknown can bring darkness into our very souls! That is why these days of remembering are so very hard for so many people.

A Christians we believe that Jesus' Death and Resurrection opens the way for us to be with Him Eternally – through death and beyond. This gives us hope as we look to follow Jesus and live in His Way, the way of the Kingdom of God. In His own words: "Seek first the Kingdom of God ..."

God Bless, Mark

## PRAYER for this Week:

Living God,

You understand our fear of death and forgive us. You understand how hard it is to let go of life and support us. You understand when we allow our world to cloud our vision of Your Kingdom.
You understand, You forgive, You support,
and one day You will call us home.
We praise You for the breath of life,
for the assurance of Eternal Life,
for the lives of all those we love,
and for Your Kingdom
where all fear will pass and all questions be answered,
as we grow into life in all its fullness.

**PRAYER THEME** – Ask God to reassure you in this time of Remembrance

### **Next Sunday:**

10am – Remembrance Worship in Dunscore Church (also online) followed by Act of Remembrance at War Memorial Zoom live – <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86939887756">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86939887756</a>
11.30am – Remembrance Worship in St Ninian's, Moniaive including an Act of Remembrance 7pm – Remembrance Prayer & Reflection in Dunscore Church

Tuesday 8th Nov – There will be a Board Meeting in Dunscore Church at 7.30pm and this will be followed by a Session Meeting.

### ALPHA COURSE on Thursday evenings at 7pm in Dunscore Church.

A meal, a short talk, lots of discussion Bring your questions, bring your doubts, bring your faith A chance to grow your faith.



## **Eco-snippet – Switch to LED light bulbs.**

## 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 <a href="mailto:Anne.barclay@cwgc.org">Anne.barclay@cwgc.org</a>

#### The First Base Food Bank

IF YOU CAN: Please Donate through 'Just Giving' online - <a href="www.justgiving.com/first-base">www.justgiving.com/first-base</a>
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 <a href="mailto:sheila69@btinternet.com">sheila69@btinternet.com</a>