



Dunscore Church Family Notices

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This SUNDAY 11th December 2022 at 10.30am

MESSY CHURCH - in Dunscore Church

Come share the light this CHRISTINGLE

followed by BUFFET LUNCH in Glenriddell Hall

fun with fruit! Craft & Carols! For all ages ...

Remember to bring along a gift for the Toy Collection for the

Standard Appeal. There will also be a Retiring Collection for

The Children's Society

A Message from our Minister:

More ADVENTures this weekend ... Being very British, we don't like to express our inner feelings very often, but today we open the floodgates! JOY TO THE WORLD! Real joy comes from within – stirred by an outpouring of relief, gratitude, release, renewal.

We're sometimes suspicious of people who are joyful – we suspect that they've 'missed the point' or are being naïve or have a hidden agenda. That's a sad indictment of our society!

As followers of Christ we are called to show joy by our response to all that God has done for us through Jesus. Not just leaping and shouting, but serving one another inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Messy Christingle and Buffet Lunch (an early party with oranges, candles, sweets and fun for all!) is a great excuse for an outpouring of joy! Toys donated for those less fortunate than ourselves – the Annual Standard Toy Appeal – is another way to express it. Coming together to worship God is our weekly chance to release our inner joy as we are reminded of His constant Love, Grace and Mercy. In our daily lives we are motivated by joy in serving others in Jesus' Name.

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS ... and again I say: REJOICE!

God Bless,

Mark

PRAYER for this Week: *God of Advent,
Your Love never waivers,
Your Power never fails,
You always hear our cry.
Hear our prayers of Joy:
You heal us when we are wounded,
You free us when we are bound,
You reassure us when we wobble.
Hear our songs of Joy:
You show us Your Love in action,
You help us begin again,
You are always with us.
We praise and thank You for all that You have done
and continue to do for us.*

PRAYER THEME – Let what God has done for you feed your inner joy – and let Him know!

Tonight 7.00pm **JOY TO THE WORLD –Advent Reflection in Dunscore Church**

Sunday 18 Dec:

The ADVENTure continues ...

10.00am **Carol Service ADVENTure ... with orchestra**
Followed by coffee and buffet ...incl mince pies/shortbread

7.00pm **LOVE FREE FOR ALL – Advent Reflection**

Sat 24th **3.00pm Scratch Nativity ADVENTure ... play your part!**

Sun 25th **10.30am Family Worship with KIKs... in Dunscore Church**
bring what you've been given!

JANUARY 2023 – a New Year Begins

Sun 1st **10.30am Family Worship and Cuppa at St Ninian's Moniaive.**

DALGARNO SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERTS ...WE ARE BACK!

Sat 17th Dec 3pm - Closeburn Church (large car park)

****Super raffle for 2 Christmas hampers****

Adult £10 : Student/Child free

See John or Caroline for tickets ... or pay at the door.

CAIRN CHORUS COMING SOON ...

Sat 7th Jan at 2pm in Dunscore Church –£10 at the door (incl refreshments).

Sat 7th Jan at 7.30pm in Glencairn Memorial Institute, Moniaive.

Tickets £10 (incl refreshments). Pre-book at info@cairnchorus.co.uk

Homemade Christmas Crackers.....

With the family's help this Christmas I will be making my own. All you need are some toilet roll tubes, some paper to make hats, and small pieces of paper to write silly jokes on and some more paper to wrap the tubes to look like crackers. These can be filled with homemade sweets & chocolates for after the meal.

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....

The centre is closed until the spring, but access always available by contacting Pam Mitchell, Matthew Aitken or John Drabble.

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 December CFNs by Thursday afternoon to
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