



Dunscore Church Family Notices

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**This SUNDAY 18th December 2022 at 10.00am
Carols and Orchestra- in Dunscore Church
followed by buffet with mince pies and shortbread**

A Message from our Minister:

Our ADVENTure this week takes us into LOVE!

I suspect that none of us would claim to be experts in love - but we all know we need it!

We all also know times when we have felt un-loved. Christmas is the start of a Love Story - the greatest Love Story ever! God chose to come down to earth as a naked, vulnerable, baby in a shed. Born to a teenage girl out of wedlock, in a strange town, far from home ... for YOU!

We are blessed today to have help from some of our friends with musical gifts - an ad hoc orchestra (thanks to Sarah for co-ordinating this at Dunscore), Andy and Mel at St Ninian's, and Wendy this evening as we reflect on Love at Dunscore. They will help us focus on God's Love as we celebrate the Christmas story again, enjoy the stirring music, and sing the familiar songs.

Our last Advent candle reminds us of true Love - God with us, EMMANUEL!

God Bless,

Mark

PRAYER for this Week: Gracious God,
in You no one is insignificant,
no one goes unnoticed,
no one is turned away,
no one is forgotten.
Eternal God,
no promise that You make is broken,
no plan is unfulfilled.
So, with confidence,
we can lay down all that burdens us
and step out boldly, confidently and forgiven
in the Name of Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us.

PRAYER THEME - Thank God for the Love He shows you - always, not just at Christmas!

This evening:

7pm - **Love free for all Advent Reflection** in Dunscore Church with Wendy Stewart (harp)

Monday 19 December at 7pm - **Carol Singing outdoors at the Flying Pig**

Sat 24th (Christmas Eve) at 3.00pm - **Scratch Nativity ADVENTure ... be ready to play your part!**

Next Sunday is CHRISTMAS DAY ...

10.30am - **Joint Christmas Day Family Worship in Dunscore Church** (also online). Bring an unopened present - if you can wait!

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JANUARY 2023 - a New Year Begins ...

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

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

Recycle as much as you can this Christmas....

Across the UK, each year we allegedly throw out around **300,000 tonnes of card packaging**, somewhere in the region of **one billion cards**, and around **seven million Christmas trees**. Oh, and enough tin foil to cover Suffolk. Recycle as much as you can this Christmas.

WARNING - Remove batteries & dispose of them safely. They can cause fires if they are thrown into household waste or recycling.

Colin has asked me to thank you all for the children's Christmas gifts for the Annual Standard Appeal - he has delivered them to their base.

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.

Tel. 01387 820236 or e-mail sheila69@btinternet.com

Please send any items for the Christmas Day CFNs by Thursday afternoon to Sheila Anderson (820236) sheila69@btinternet.com

There will be no CFNs on 1st January so for **Sunday 8th Jan** and rest of the month any items for the CFNs should be sent to :
Mary Waugh [Tel:820301](tel:820301) craigeller@hotmail.co.uk