



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

SUNDAY 4th December 2022 at 10am
in Dunscore Church

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

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A Message from our Minister:

As Advent continues, there are all sorts of events and activities to occupy our time – craft markets, social events, even Santa visiting! There is more to come too!

But ... how is your mind occupied? Increasing bills? Present dilemmas? Catering conundrums? There's a lot to juggle at this time of year! We really need Jesus' Peace in the midst of it all.

On top of all the personal stuff we are also challenged to think of others less fortunate than ourselves. The homeless. The abused. The isolated. The bereaved. The unwell.

The annual Standard toy appeal is under way, collecting toys (new, packaged, but not wrapped) for those who will struggle this Christmas. You can donate at our services next Sunday (11th) and they'll be passed on to this worthy cause.

Our Christingle services highlight the work of the Children's Society and our retiring collections will help their work with vulnerable young people.

Join us on this ADVENTure into CHRISTMAS to enrich your celebrations, and become part of His Kingdom of Peace and Love – a new way of life for the New Year!

God Bless,

Mark

PRAYER for this Week: *Loving God,
You promise us healing
when we turn away from the things that harm us;
You promise us a welcome
when we leave behind the things that separate us from You;
You promise us forgiveness
when we find the courage to name our sins;
for You are full of love and long to see us whole,
living life to the full, generously and compassionately.
We praise You for Your Peace.
Inspire us to look to Your Kingdom of Peace and Love.
We praise and thank You for all that You have done*

and continue to do for us.

PRAYER THEME – Thank God for His promises which give us peace beyond understanding.

DECEMBER

Today 10am Morning ADVENTure

7.00pm PEACE FOR TODAY –Advent Reflection in Dnscore Church

Sun 11th10.30am Messy Christingle in Dunscore Church

the ADVENTure continues fun & crafty skills! (also online).

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

7.00pm JOY TO THE WORLD – Advent Reflection

Sun 18th 10.00am Carol Service ADVENTure ... with live band!

Please see or contact Sheila/Archie re mince pies and shortbread following the service. (820236)

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...
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!

Next Sat 10th Dec 3pm - St Ninian's Church, Moniaive

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

Scarf & green ideas for wrapping presents.....

Lots of wrapping paper contains plastic. Opt for the understated elegance of brown parcel paper tied up with string - adding natural decorations like spruce or homemade biscuits.

Also, fabric can be used to wrap presents & is reusable again & again.

Alternatively, try a scarf! Someone somewhere came up with the ingenious idea of using a scarf to wrap a present. Look up 'scarf wrapping' on the internet.

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.

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