



## **Dunscore Church Family Notices**

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**Sunday 29th January 2023**

**Joint Service with St Ninians Moniaive 10.30 am**

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

### **A Message from our Minister:**

Today we hear from Jesus' Sermon "on the Mount". Familiar words of comfort which challenge how we as humans see the world and society. In fact, the whole Bible is full of examples of God challenging the human way of doing things and offering a distinct alternative - His Kingdom! If we are to part of His Kingdom, acknowledging God as King of our lives, we must reflect His Kingdom's values - peace, justice, mercy, love - and share the benefits - comfort, rest, fulfilment, assurance. All positive stuff and a stark contrast to the self-serving message so prevalent in our media and society today. Jesus' simple message has turned many lives upside-down over the centuries and still does today.

He wants to walk alongside us as we head in His direction, however hard that may seem. Join the topsy-turvy movement that is God's Kingdom!

God Bless,

Mark

### **PRAYER for this week:**

God of Peace, Justice, Mercy, and Love,  
thank You that in You we inherit the earth.  
Thank You that we are Your children.  
Thank You that as we mourn, we are comforted.  
Thank You that as we seek for righteousness, we are filled.  
Thank You that in You we receive Your Mercy.  
Thank You that we can see You through our changed hearts.  
Thank You that in Your upside-down Kingdom,  
we find rest, peace, comfort and assurance of Your Presence.  
Thank You, Lord, that in life's darker times we are never alone -  
You are always by our side.

**PRAYER THEME** - Ask God to be real to you in whatever you face this week.

### **Thursday:**

7.30pm - Connect Bible Study Group meets in Dunscore Church. We are looking at the Prophet Elijah in the Old Testament.

### **Next Sunday:**

**10am** - Morning Worship in Dunscore Church (also online)

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

**11.30am** - Morning Worship in St Ninian's, Moniaive (cuppa from 11am!)

### **Important dates**

Hopefully you will all have noticed our logo for our 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our church building. There are plans for this celebration concluding with a weekend event **1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> September**. More information to follow.

**20<sup>th</sup> May** for the plant, book and bric-a-brac sale.

### Eco-snippet

Final water theme, in the garden. Use rainwater butts, and try and grow less thirsty plants such as rosemary and sage. Using grey water is also becoming more common. Having a plastic container in your shower, the water collected can be used directly in the garden.

### Help! We still need volunteers to be on CFN Rota!

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/firstbase](http://www.justgiving.com/firstbase) 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 February CFNs by Thursday afternoon to Tim Harmer [timharmer95@gmail.com](mailto:timharmer95@gmail.com) 820861