



Dunscore Church Family Notices

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Sunday 12th February 2023

10.30am - Messy Church in Dunscore Church (also online)

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

11.30am - Hotpot and Sweet lunch in Glenriddell Hall
(donations in aid of school funds)

7pm - Prayer & Reflection in Dunscore Church

11.30am - Morning Worship in St Ninian's, Moniaive

2pm - Moniaive Gala Duck Race

starts from the garages on Ayr Street

A Message from our Minister:

The snowdrops are appearing! They are small plants with delicate flowers yet have the ability to push through despite cold, wet and darkness. They are beautiful and at the same time tough. Their bulbs are full of the strength and goodness they need to flourish and thrive when others cannot. They have stored up what is good and helpful, ready for the moment they can show their true form and burst into life through the adversity of winter. As followers of Jesus, when we meet together we are building up our 'reserves' of faith and trust in God, being filled with Jesus' light and the Spirit's strength, ready for whatever life throws at us. If we have the "life

in all its fullness" that Jesus promises then, like the snowdrop, we will flourish and show our inner beauty when the time is right. Like the snowdrops, we are not all the same. Look closely at each clump - some are pure white, some smaller, some larger, some have hints of colour, some have coloured edges, some are tall, some short, some hide in the corner, some spread out into the open. Yet they are all snowdrops! Whatever our outward differences, the same Lord wants to be in our lives to show His beauty to the world in the myriad ways it needs to be seen by those around us. God Bless,
Mark

PRAYER for this week:

Jesus, our Friend and Saviour,
thank You that when we seek You with all our heart,
we are choosing life in all its fullness.
Thank You that You have offered us a different path:
a path of truth, humility, wisdom, integrity, honesty.
Through Your example here on earth
You showed us how to live peaceful lives,
how to reconcile with others,
how to follow You and seek wholeness.
Thank You that we have all of that in You.
You reconciled us on the Cross and we are truly grateful.

PRAYER THEME - Ask Jesus to show you His Way of truth and humility - life in all its fullness.

Thursday:

7.30pm - Connect Bible Study Group meets this week at the Manse as we complete our study of Elijah in the Old Testament.

Next Sunday:

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

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Important dates

The **World Day of Prayer Service** this year is on **Friday 3rd March** in **Penpont Church** at **2pm**.

20th May for the plant, book and bric-a-brac sale.

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

Eco-snippet

When buying plastic flower pots, go for second hand if possible or an alternative colour to black which cannot be recycled.

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 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** 820861