



Dunscore Church Family Notices

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Sunday 25th February 2023 10am

10am - Together with KiKs in Dunscore Church (also online)

KiKs is for young people who bring their parents to church!

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

11.30am - AWETHENTIC Café Church Special in St Ninian's, Moniaive concert with Francis McFaul followed by lunch! Bring a friend.

A Message from our Minister:

What is your aim for Lent? An Easter-ready body? Better mental resilience? Being more like Jesus? Today we hear about Jesus' own preparation for His Ministry - His temptation in the desert. Temptations abound in our world, and it is all too easy to get distracted from God's Way. Lent is about learning to resist and stay on the path God has for us. Our lives are also marked by bad habits. By their very nature, 'habits' are habitual, done without thinking or consideration - as much part of us as our breathing! Lent is about learning good habits which become part of us - habits inspired (literally) by the Holy Spirit. At St Ninian's, we will also hear (in words and music) how Jesus has helped someone at their lowest ebb, physically, mentally and spiritually. An inspiring story for today!

Whatever your aim during Lent - keep your eyes on Jesus as you travel.

God Bless,
Mark

PS: AGM ALERT! Our Annual Congregational Meetings are coming up for both churches. In order to vote you need to be on the Congregational Roll - check with Archie Anderson(Dunscore) or Nan Tait(Glencairn & Moniaive) if you're not sure. 12th March at St Ninian's, 26th March for Dunscore.

PRAYER for this week:

Lord, we are sorry when we are tempted by all that the world has to offer us: the temptation to be relevant and popular; the temptation to be spectacular and successful; the temptation for power and wealth and so many 'things'. We are sorry when we make the wrong decisions. We are sorry for the temptations that lead us to hurt other people. Forgive us, Lord. We seek Your Wisdom and Discernment to make better choices, to be rooted in You. We thank You that, in our weaknesses, we can be made strong; and that it is in weakness, in the desert times of our lives, that amazing things can happen.

PRAYER THEME - Ask the Holy Spirit to help resist the things which stop you being like Jesus.

Thursday: 7.30pm - Connect with Lent in Dunscore Church, join us on the journey to the cross with Jesus ... **Meditation and Bible Study for Lent**

Next Sunday:

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

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

11.30am - Holy Communion in St Ninian's, Moniaive

Important dates

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

Fairtrade Big Brew: The Fairtrade Big Brew is **next Saturday 4 March from 11:00 - 2:00** in the church and the Glenriddell Hall. There will be lots of stall (Fairtrade and local) as well as tea, coffee, soup and baking.

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

The Litter Larks have been collecting roadside rubbish for some years now. At our meeting last week we had twelve volunteers, a lot of litter picked and a happy coffee and cake afterwards. We have recently joined the national campaign run by The Association for Protection of Rural Scotland.

Please join us if you canonce a month...usually on second Thursday. Watch out on CFNs.

Ink Cartridge Recycling: If you have any used ink cartridges, please bring them to church and put them in the recycling box. When the box is full we'll send it away for the cartridges to be recycled and receive some cash for the church into the bargain!

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 March CFNs by Thursday afternoon to Sam Wallace samanthaw782@outlook.com