



## **Dunscore Church Family Notices**

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### **Sunday 5th February 2023**

**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!)

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

Now we're in February, the days lengthen, the shoots appear and we all feel a bit less lethargic.

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No matter how many times we've seen it, the sight of snowdrops breaking through whatever hides them - snow, frost, decaying leaves, soggy grass - gladdens the heart! After the excitement of Christmas and the gloomy lull of January everything seems re-energised by the little things around us. In church today we'll reflect on two little things - salt and light - which make a disproportionate impact on everything around them. The weakest,

flickering candle can light the biggest space. A pinch of salt can flavour the largest pan of broth. Salt also has a huge range of other uses - check it out online - you'd be amazed! However small and insignificant we feel, God wants us to be like salt and light - making a difference to whatever situation we are in! Just ask Him to fill you with His light and let it out!

God Bless,  
Mark

**PRAYER for this week:**

Father God,  
thank You that You restore us and transform us  
to become the people You have called us to be.  
Thank You that You are the Light of the world.  
Thank You that You are the Salt of the earth.  
Thank You that in You we can be salt and light too,  
that we can go out and revitalise our communities,  
bringing hope and renewal to our families, our friends,  
our neighbours and our churches.

**PRAYER THEME** - Ask God to fill you with His Light and help you be His salt in the world.

**Thursday:**

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

**Friday:**

11am - Funeral of Betty Edgar in Dunscore Church

**Next Sunday:**

Dunscore

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

7pm - Prayer & Reflection in Dunscore Church

Moniaive

11.30am - Morning Worship in St Ninian's, Moniaive  
2pm - Moniaive Gala Duck Race starts from the garages on Ayr Street

### **Important dates**

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

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

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.

### **Eco-snippet**

Dead trees release CO<sub>2</sub> as they decay, leaving space for new trees to grow and absorb similar or higher quantities of CO<sub>2</sub>. Insects thrive as they assist in this carbon emitting process. Lighting a logfire or woodburner (using DRY logs), helps us humans to thrive and is equally part of the natural order, not something to be denied on ecological grounds. And the woodash is good for your garden!

The only imperative is to ensure new trees grow and flourish as replacements and also to plant extra if you can to replenish the trees lost over so many years.

### **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