



Dunscore Church Family Notices
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Sunday 5th March 2023 10am

10am – Service in Dunscore Church (also online)

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

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

A Message from our Minister:

At Dunscore this week we are focussed on FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT. We are a Fairtrade Village and a Fairtrade Church ... why? If you want to know, read Micah 6:6-8! God seeks our worship not just in words or rituals, but in working for justice for all people. Who are we to deny this to others simply so that we can have more cheap coffee, the latest fashions, the tastiest exotic fruit?

At Moniaive we share HOLY COMMUNION together! Jesus' own reminder of His Love for all.

As we remember His Body and Blood shed for us, we face the challenge to live our lives for others, as He did. Last Sunday's Café Church Special – Awethentic with Francis McFaul - encouraged us on our pilgrimage of faith, reminding us of God's provision and care whatever we go through. You can see it online at - <https://youtu.be/-AEEjF2MkCM> – or check out his YouTube channel.

The Bread and Wine this week symbolise how Jesus' Love can become part of us as we seek to be more like Him. Let's be people who make a difference for others!

God Bless,

Mark

PS: AGM ALERT! Our Annual Congregational Meetings are coming up for both churches.

12th March at St Ninian's, 26th March for Dunscore.

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!

PPS: Ask anyone who was at Connect about their plant pot!

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 you be more like Jesus.

Thursday:

7.30pm – Connect with Lent in Dunscore Church, join us on the journey ... with your plant pot!

Next Sunday:

from 10am – photographs for 200th Anniversary in Dunscore Church ... get posing!

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

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

11.30am – Morning Worship & AGM in St Ninian's, Moniaive

7pm – Lenten Prayer & Reflection in Dunscore Church

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 **this 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

4 March: We are in Fairtrade Fortnight. Most people in Dunscore will know something about Fairtrade but here is a wee reminder: Fairtrade works with farmers and workers so they can improve their living standards, invest in their communities and businesses, and protect our shared environment. Fairtrade achieves this by rallying a global community of millions – farmers and workers, supply chain partners, brands, retailers, shoppers, schools, government – to pay fair prices and uphold fair production standards and practices. Fair prices provide an immediate lifeline for farmers and workers struggling with low incomes and disadvantaged by global trade.

Choose products with the Fairtrade Mark:



Can you help?

Dunscore with Moniaive / Glencairn Churches have been twinned with Lubuto, Ndola Z Church of Zambia Congregations for the past 14 years. There have been various visits both ways during that time. It was decided that to refresh the twinning Lubuto congregation was asked to send two delegates to Scotland.

Rev Friday Sinconde, minister and Mr Levy Mwanza were selected by the Lubuto congregation. A Faithshare grant was successfully applied for, where the Church of Scotland pay the air fares of the delegates. The host churches have to cover their visa and insurance costs.

Subject to successfully obtaining visas, the two Zambians are coming to Dunscore in the two weeks of May and the visit will need volunteers to make it run smoothly. These include:

- Driving the Zambians to and from the airport,
- Hosting them for the duration of their visit (this would be in one week block)
- Hosting daily activities (which will include trips to the seaside, to local tourist sites and hopefully to Edinburgh).
- Providing them with an evening meal (we will need to provide this for each day of their stay).

If you can help with any of these things, please contact Aly Robertson at alyrobbo@hotmail.com or 01387 255722

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
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