



Dunscore Church Family Notices
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Sunday 12th March 2023

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

A Message from our Minister:

TODAY is all about ... Posing and being accepted!

At Dunscore we're starting to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the current church building! A photographer from DGLife will be with us from 10am to set up some poses – wear your glad-rags and a smile! Then Messy Church proper gets underway at 10.30am – bring your overalls and some colourful gloss paint! As the other Madonna once said: "Strike a pose ..."

At Moniaive we focus on being loved for who we are, despite all that's gone on in our lives, as we hold our AGM – formally reviewing the past year and looking forward to the next! Celebrating what God is doing and asking the Holy Spirit to guide us to what He has for us next! As the other Madonna once said: "... let's get to it!"

At Dunscore in the evening we are a bit quieter as we reflect on our Lenten journey together.

Something for everyone!

God Bless,

Mark

PS: AGM ALERT! Annual Congregational Meetings for Dunscore is on 26th March.

In order to vote you need to be on the Congregational Roll

– check with Archie Anderson if you're not sure!

PRAYER for Lent: *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 – Thank Jesus for loving you despite everything you think gets in the way!

Thursday:

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

Next Sunday: MOTHERING SUNDAY

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Important dates

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

We are at the end of Fairtrade Fortnight. Be aware that not all standards are the same nor as good as Fairtrade. Apart from Fairtrade, the one that you are most likely to encounter is Rainforest Alliance. This standard (bigger than Fairtrade) is focussed on policing production and doesn't attempt to ensure minimum pricing nor to provide a premium (Fairtrade does both of these). It is much better than no standard but not as good as Fairtrade. You can see more about standards here.



Can you help?

Dunscore with Moniaive / Glencairn Churches have been twinned with Lubuto, Ndola Zambia Church of Zambia Congregations for the past 14 years. There have been various visits back and forth during that time. It was decided that to refresh the twinning Lubuto congregation would be 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 airfares 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 first 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 blocks)
- Hosting daily activities (which will include trips to the seaside, to local towns and hopefully to Edinburgh).
- Providing them with an evening meal (we will need to provide this for each night 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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