



Dunscore Church Family Notices

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11.30 Sunday 12th November 2023

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

at Dunscore War Memorial



A Message from our Minister:

As we gather today, with many wearing poppies (most red, but some white, some purple), we remember in order to not forget! Remembrance is not just for 11th of the 11th at 11am, it should be a way of life! Jesus said “Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they shall be called Children of God” at the start of His Sermon on the Mount – a statement of how our faith should show itself in our lives.

We truly honour those who have died in War and Conflict by seeking a world of Peace and Freedom, not just by standing in sombre silence for two minutes.

Tomorrow sees the start of Inter-Faith Week, which this year has the theme of Comm-Unity. As you may know, the word community comes from the phrase “common unity”, emphasising the things which unite us, as opposed to those which divide. So often, too often, small differences get magnified, swell into strife, and create barriers which so easily become conflict and war.

We see this in our families, our nation and the world throughout history. Stopping this cycle of un-peace must start early in the process. Stopping this process starts with me ... and you!

We are Christians because God took a bold step – bringing peace through dying on a Cross so that we could be freed from the things which stop us living the abundant, full life He wants for us all. He gave Himself – what will you give for peace?

God Bless,

Mark

PRAYER for this week:

*Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of Truth and Peace proceed;
kindle in the hearts of all people the true love of Peace;
let the design of Your Great Love shine on the waste of our wrath and sorrow;
and give Peace to Your Church, Peace among the nations,
Peace in our homes, and Peace in our hearts.*

*By the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen us as we work as Peacemakers in this world
to show that we are Children of God, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of Your Love.*

PRAYER THEME – Ask the Holy Spirit to help you show true remembrance as a Peacemaker.

This Evening: 7pm – **Prayers for Peace** in Dunscore Church

Thursday:

7.30pm – **Connect Bible Study Group** in Dunscore Church - *Saints in the Bible ... and beyond.*

Next Sunday:

10am – **Morning Worship** in St Ninian's, Moniaive

11.30am – **Morning Worship** in Dunscore Church

Eco Snippet.

Rather than using a tax avoiding company like Amazon (as mentioned last week) why not have a look at some more ethical online retailers such as Veo, Green Stationary, Shared Earth, Oxfam or the Amnesty Shop. An even better move would be to support local producers at craft fairs such as at the Fairtrade Fair on 2 December in the Glenriddell Hall.

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 (Sheila) will be happy to take a donation in church and send it. Many thanks for your help. Tel. 01387 820236 or e-mail sheila69@btinternet.com

Shoe Box Appeal: We are making a collection of Samaritan's Purse shoe boxes which will be collected and taken into King's coffee shop in Dumfries. You can either fill your own box or I have two spare pre-printed ones or you can pack and pay for one online. For more information visit Samaritan's Purse online. if you would like your box to be taken in to King's please take it to Dunscore Church by the 12th November, alternatively drop it in to King's yourself by the 13th November. Many thanks. Kath.

Quote of the Week:

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.” – *John F Kennedy*

Please send any items for next week's CFNs by Friday afternoon to John Drabble at jdrabble@btopenworld.com Tel. 820376