



Dunscore Church Family Notices

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10.30 Sunday 5th November 2023

“MESSY CHURCH”

A Message from our Minister:

“Remember, remember ...” the rhyme begins. That is how we start November.

As the winter darkness creeps in, the damp seeps in, and the cold blasts us, we grab the opportunity to rebel, pushing back the dark with bonfires and fireworks, lighting up the sky, warming our faces, delighting our senses.

Those who follow Christ are called to be like those bonfires and fireworks! Pushing back the darkness which tries to overwhelm life, bringing light into the gloom, sharing warmth in a spiritually and emotionally cold world. Join us in joyful rebellion!

God Bless,

Mark

PRAYER for this week:

*May our heartfelt praises ring out and make Your Light, O God,
shine brighter amid the hypocrisy and negativity in this world.*

You are like an eternal firework lighting up the inky sky.

Unlike an earthly firework, You never fizzle out. Your Love makes life sparkle with joy.

Thank You for the myriad blessings that explode and colour our lives as we follow You.

Thank You for working in us, highlighting our blind spots and growing us in faith.

PRAYER THEME – Ask the Holy Spirit to help you be an authentic witness for Jesus’ Love.

Coming Up...

Thursday:

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

Saturday: ARMISTICE DAY

11am – **Act of Remembrance** at the cross, Moniaive, followed by **Act of Remembrance** at Glencairn Memorial Institute followed by **Soup & Bun, teas, cakes** in GMI (Centenary Event)

2pm – **Celebration: Remembering & Looking for Peace** in GMI

Next Sunday: REMEMBRANCE

10am – **Morning Worship & Act of Remembrance** in St Ninian's, Moniaive

11.30am – **Act of Remembrance** at Dunscore War Memorial

12noon – **Short Act of Worship** in Dunscore Church followed by **Soup & Pud lunch** in Glenriddell Hall in aid of Pre-school group

Eco Snippet.

We all have choices to make when buying goods. According to Ethical Consumer, Amazon is likely to have avoided around £2.8 billion in UK corporation tax through artificial tax arrangements over the last 10 years. Quite apart from its tax conduct Amazon also has a record of worker's rights abuses and anti-unionisation efforts, among other Ethical problems...the choice is yours.

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:

"Remember, today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday".

Dale Carnegie

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