



## Dunscore Church Family Notices

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**Messy Christingle at 10.30am Sunday 10 December**  
**Also .... last chance to bring along a child's gift**  
**- new and unwrapped for the Standard Gift Appeal**

### *A Message from our Minister:*

This week's Advent theme is Peace. The angels sang "Peace on earth" and the Saviour is described as "The Prince of Peace". God's action in becoming a human baby was to bring peace between us and God. The Christmas story is about reconciliation - barriers being overcome through action.

The Apostle Paul wrote that "if you've got it in you, get along with everybody" (Message version) in Romans 12:18 - "If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone" (NIV).

At Remembrance we pray for peace in our world, in our homes, and in our hearts. That prayer should be with us at all times and in all situations, but at Christmas we focus on our own peace with God. A peace we cannot achieve ourselves - we need God's gift of faith in Jesus to receive it.

Will you unwrap the gift of real inner peace this Christmas?

Join us to start the unwrapping ...

God Bless,

**Mark**

PRAYER for this week: *Lord, as we go into our week  
may we look for more of You.  
Help us to see more clearly,  
to see further, to see what You see,  
to see the whole picture -  
and to live our faith each and every day.*

PRAYER THEME - Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see God's bigger picture.

**TODAY .....** Sun 10 Dec at 2pm - **CAIRN CHORUS** in concert in Dunscore Church  
(£10 on door)

from 2.30pm - Winter BBQ at the Flying Pig, Dunscore

7pm - ADVENT PEACE Prayer & Reflection in Dunscore Church

Tues 12 Dec at 7.30pm Dunscore **Kirk Session and Board Meeting**

Thurs 14 Dec at 7.30pm **Carol Singing at/in the Flying Pig**

*Next Saturday:*

10.30am-12noon - Coffee Morning in **St Ninian's, Moniaive**

*Next Sunday:*

11.30am - **Carols with *The Christmas Orchestra*.**

*We provide a finger buffet after the service and we hope you will all  
contribute to this joyful occasion.*

**Sun 24 Dec at 11.30am Carols of Love - Advent Sunday Service.**

**Sun 24 Dec at 3.00pm - Your Chance to be part of (or just watch) the Nativity  
Play! In the church.**

**Mon 25 Dec at 10.30am (Christmas Day) Family Worship in St Ninians,**

**Sun 31 Dec at 10.30am Family Worship in Dunscore.**

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## Pre-Christmas musical events .....

- **Today - Sunday 10 Dec** at 2pm in Dunscore Church.  
Cairn Chorus "**Little Gifts of Light**". (£10)
- **Saturday 16 Dec** at 3.30pm in Closeburn Church.  
Dalgarno Singers "**Christmas Concert**". (£10 - children free)

## ECO SNIPPET

**Sustainable fish** - When buying fish try alternatives to cod, haddock, salmon, tuna and prawns. Fish such as hake, char, dab or mackerel are just as good and often much cheaper. (A recent purchase of hake was £11/kg against £22/kg for more 'popular' fish.) Also use your fishmonger to fillet it for you ...win win! Check the Good Fish Guide [goodfishguide.org] for a wider range of sustainable alternatives.

**Christmas Trees** We have some unusual Christmas trees - they are sitka spruce and so are a bit on the jaggy side but very cheap at £20 and could be quite a talking point. The money will go to **Embrace the Middle East**. Their carbon footprint will be your fuel to pick it up or less if you can collect on foot or by bike! They are from 3 foot to 15 foot high. Speak to **Kath or Matthew** for more information.

**Many thanks to Stuart Higgins of Fountain Forestry for providing the church tree this year.** Stuart has also left some trees outside the church for anyone who would like one!

**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 (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](mailto:sheila69@btinternet.com)

Please send any items for next week's CFNs by Friday afternoon to Sheila Anderson at [sheila69@btinternet.com](mailto:sheila69@btinternet.com) Tel. 820236.