



# Dunscore Church Family Notices

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**11.30am - Christmas Eve Service**  
**Carols of LOVE**

*Later Today ...*

**3.00pm - Scratch Nativity** in Dunscore Church

CFNs for 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> December .....

*A Message from our Minister:*

As the 'Big Day' approaches, we celebrate LOVE!

On the 'Big Day' we celebrate the best ever gift!

As 2024 approaches we look forward to another year walking with Jesus.

So much to say. You probably think you've heard it all before.

Yet, year after year, the Christmas story seems fresh. Year on year a new facet of the truth behind the story becomes clear. Even the familiar words and music carry fresh Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

Come and join the celebration!

Happy Christmas and may God Bless you in 2024.

Mark

**PRAYER for this fortnight:**     *Father, how can we thank You enough for Your Christmas gift to us?*

*We give thanks as labour pains intensify,  
heralding Jesus' birth,  
the empty cradle soon to be filled  
and overflowing with love -  
a love that touches, convicts, renews and blesses.  
We thank You for the joy that fills us  
as we wait with baited breath to celebrate our Saviour.  
We give thanks for Your Loving Glory  
which comes down this Christmas time.  
Thank You that as we journey into a new year  
with hearts open to You,  
we carry with us Your Joy and Light.  
As we walk forward together may we be able to say,  
'I see and hear Your Wisdom.'*

**PRAYER THEME - Offer yourself to Jesus -**

the best gift you can give ... in response to the best gift ever given!

**Monday 25 December ..... CHRISTMAS DAY**

**10.30am - Family Worship... Joint Service in St Ninian's, Moniaive - bring your 'best' present!**

**Sunday 31 Dec**

**10.30am Family Worship... Joint Service in Dunscore Church**

**Let Mark know asap if you need a lift.**

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***Save your Used Stamps!! ... Message from Mary Waugh ... RNIB will take used stamps.*** There will be a collection box in the church. Keep saving them up.

***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)

**ECO SNIPPET- *Special Offer - BoGoF for the end of the year!!***

**TECHNOLOGY: Descaling your washing machine** - You don't need shop bought products to descale your washing machine Just use a large cup of white vinegar or lemon juice in place of your usual detergent and run the machine empty on a normal cycle!

**FOOD: Banana news** - Did you know that keeping your bananas in a bunch means that they will ripen at the same time, breaking up the bunch will prevent this. Also, by storing apples in a fruit bowl you can spoil the other fruit, so keep them separate from other fruits for a longer life...

**Best before date conundrum** - Food at its "best before" date, doesn't mean it's ready to be thrown away. Common sense methods include:-

**Sight:** Check if there is any mould, discoloration, or any signs of spoilage.

**Smell:** If the food has a nasty smell, it is likely off.

**Touch:** If the texture of the food is different to normal then it is most likely off.

**N.B.** Rules and guidelines apply to all types of food, including frozen or pantry food but it is personal choice as to whether something is OK to eat.

Please send any items for CFNs for service on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January by Friday afternoon (5<sup>th</sup> January 2024) to Mary Waugh [craigeller@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:craigeller@hotmail.co.uk) Tel. 820301