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**SUNDAY 21st January 2024**

**Minster REV MARK SMITH**

**A Message from our Minister:**

Did you notice the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity?

This annual time for prayer happens from 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January and will be reflected in our prayers during our worship. Jesus Himself prayed that we "should all be one" so it seems reasonable to follow that template! He didn't pray that we should all be the same! Imagine if the church was full of people just like you ... nuff said.

The week of prayer ends on the day we remember the Conversion of St Paul - a dramatic change which led to many people hearing the Good News about Jesus.

Today we hear about Jonah who had to learn to listen and obey when God called - and many people turned to God as a result.

We pray that the Church today will clearly point people to Jesus and that folk will respond.

Next Saturday is the annual Holocaust Memorial Day and Pam Mitchell will lead us in a short act of Reflection & Remembering at the Jane Haining Memorial Cairn by the Dunscore Car Park at 10.30am. The Heritage Centre will also be open that morning ... join us as we remember the horrors of war and genocide in the past and pray for peace in our world today.

Thursday is also Burns' Night - a celebration of the Scottish Bard, haggis and whisky! However, you mark any of these days, enjoy the celebrations but remember the Selkirk Grace:

*"Some hae meat and canna eat,  
And some wad eat that want it,  
But we hae meat and we can eat,  
Sae let the Lord be Thankit!"*

God Bless,

Mark

PS I'm 'off' this week so please contact Colin Mitchell (Dunscore 820455), Nan Tait (Moniaive 200403), or Rev Tim Harmer (Dunscore 820861) if you need any help or information.

**PRAYER for this week:** Teach us, good Lord,  
to serve You as You deserve,  
to give and not to count the cost,  
to labour and not to ask for any reward  
save that of knowing that we do Your will.  
(From a prayer traditionally attributed to Ignatius Loyola.)

**PRAYER THEME** - Pray for the Grace to serve God as Jesus serves us.

**Next Sunday:**

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

11.30am - **Morning Worship - Together with KIKs** in Dunscore Church

There will be a short act of Remembrance at the Cairn in Dunscore Church Car Park at 10.30 am on **Saturday 27th January**, marking Holocaust Memorial Day 2024. Please support this. All are welcome.

**ECO SNIPPET-** It is 30 years since the Fairtrade Mark first appeared on products in the UK. 30 years that by buying Fairtrade products we have been supporting farmers, growers and communities in developing countries. Please keep buying Fairtrade products - there are some available in the church entrance hall.

**Save your Used Stamps!!** .... **RNIB will take used stamps.** There is 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 (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)

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