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Minister - Rev Mark Smith

SUNDAY 14th January 2024

Minster REV MARK SMITH

A Message from our Minister: We are nearing the second half of January (already!) and Christmas and New Year seem far away. During those celebrations it is easy to see and hear God's message - nagging from the pulpit, familiar nativity scripts, much-loved carols. But what about during the everyday? As life settles into 'normal' routines, how and where do we see and hear God's message, His call for our lives?

The answer is simple - it is all around us. In the people around us, the signs of nature, the music, the words. God's voice is not hidden. Sometimes it gets swamped by other 'stuff', but it is there.

Now you've broken all your New Year resolutions, here's a new one for you ... listen out for God's voice, watch for signs of His presence, be alert. It may surprise you what He has to say to you!

God Bless,

Mark

PRAYER for this week:

We praise You, God of Grace, for bringing into our lives those who draw us closer to You, those who speak Your words of encouragement, those who believe in Your calling for our lives those whose testimonies inspire, excite and move us, and those who reflect Your Love faithfulness and compassion, day by day.

PRAYER THEME – Listen out for God's call, however it may come, then respond "Here I am".

Saturday:

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

Next Sunday:

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

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

21st January at 9.15am in Crichton Church there will be a service for Christian Unity.

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- The fashion industry is **one of the main polluting industries in the world**. Most of our clothes are produced in countries with **low environmental standards**. As a result garment factories are releasing toxic chemicals into the local environment. To lessen the impact this industry has on our planet, you could **buy more of your clothes from charity shops and sustainable clothing brands**. But most importantly: **The less clothes you buy, the better for the planet!**

Save your Used Stamps!! **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 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

Please send any items for CFNs for service on Sunday 21st_January by Friday afternoon 19th January to Mary Waugh marypwaugh@gmail.com Tel. 820301

