



Dunscore Church Family Notices
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Sunday 18th February 2024 Reading - Genesis 9:8-17

A Message from our Minister:

Today we celebrate rainbows! and the promise they carry ...

At **Dunscore** we hold a baptism for Maggie - a treasure to her family - and pray that she will walk with God through her life, just as much as she walks with her earthly family. We're told in Scripture that Noah "walked with God" (Gen 6:9b) and we all know how the story goes! Yet we can still learn from the familiar. That goes for life and our own walk with God ... we can learn from the familiar. If only we would look. With the flow of the seasons, do you appreciate the snowdrops, crocuses, daffodils, leaves, lambs as they emerge. Do you wonder at the new life bursting out around us, or have you seen it all before!? Or does the knowledge of how it all works dull that sense of wonder, remove the mystery, destroy the moment? We know a lot these days, but did you realise that each rainbow you see is unique to you? No-one else sees the same rainbow, your private rainbow - your personal message from God! How many of us have tried to capture the beauty of a rainbow with our cameras only to be disappointed at the flatness of the image? We cannot beat the real thing, and however capable the photographer and their equipment, an image is not enough. When we see the real thing we need to take

time to appreciate and wonder at it, then treasure the memory, returning to it in quiet moments or times of stress, reminding us of *God's Grace and Love and His promises. Treasure indeed!*

Let's celebrate ...

God Bless,

Mark

PRAYER for this week: Living God, we praise You ...
with the crescent moon and rising sun,
with the singing birds and the roaring waves,
with Your creatures in the forests and the creatures in the fields,
with our friends and family around our tables
and our brothers and sisters around our world,
for Your promises, Your Love and Your faithfulness ...
Living God, we praise You!

PRAYER THEME - Thank the Lord for His promise and faithfulness, seen all around us.

Monday:

7.30pm - '**Following Death**' at Dunscore Church. We have a panel of four comprising a GP, Minister, Solicitor and Undertaker who will give information and advice on what happens and needs to be done following death. We will then have a time for questions. This is an informal evening with tea/coffee and biscuits. No ticket price but donations and all are welcome.

Thursday:

7.30pm - Connect: Lent - Our Father, Hallowed be Thy Name ... back in Dunscore Church

Next Sunday:

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

11.30am - Communion with KiKs in Dunscore Church

Eco Snippets: Looking for local, sustainable, good food? Have you tried the Galloway Food Hub? The GFH allows you to shop online and your order will be delivered to a local hub (Watsons shop in Moniaive or Low Auldgirth for example) for collection.



Fairtrade Big Brew
Saturday 2nd March 11am-2pm
Craft stalls in the Church
Soup, Cake & Refreshments
In the Glenriddel Hall

Please send any items for CFNs for service on Sunday 18th February by Friday afternoon 9th February to Tim Harmer timharmer95@gmail.com Telephone 820861