



**Dunscore Church Family Notices**  
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**Sunday 25th February 2024 Reading - Romans 4:13-25**

**A Message from our Minister:**

Last Sunday we finished our services singing "Great is Thy Faithfulness" having thought about rainbows (some crackers this past week) and God's covenant with all living things. Over the next two weeks we celebrate God's great Love for us as human beings, and His ongoing work in our lives, through Communion and the Ten Commandments. These are reminders of God's covenant with His people, first set up with Abram as he became Abraham, God's faithfulness in sharing His Love with all who seek Him, shown through Jesus Christ, and how God wants us to live with each other ... "bear with one another in love" is the text for this year's World Day of Prayer. A lot of heavy duty theology there! But one of our baptism questions covers it ... "Do you believe and trust in God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?" Our response to God by faith opens us up to His Love, Grace, Mercy, Forgiveness, Hope, and Joy. He will be faithful to His promises, whether rainbow or covenant. How about our side of the deal? Can you join us in saying: "I believe and trust in Him"? As February ends and March begins and Lent continues this week is a busy one! Focus is on Fairtrade in Dunscore, and on Prayer in Moniaive.

As we respond to God ourselves, He opens our eyes to His ways - justice for workers, producers, oppressed, refugees, abused, trapped, neglected. We are called to be responsible citizens of His earth - join us to learn more and play your part.

God Bless,  
Mark

**PRAYER** for this week:

Eternal and Infinite God, how wonderful and vast are Your horizons.  
Thank You, Creator God, for making us in Your image.  
Thank You, Lord Jesus, for calling us to be Your disciples.  
Thank You, Holy Spirit, for empowering us to fulfil our calling.  
Thank You, Holy Trinity, for the expanse of Your Love  
and the depth of Your faithfulness!

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

**Tuesday:**

2-3pm - Fairtrade Mini-Brew in Dunscore School

**Thursday:**

7.30pm - Connect: Lent Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done ... at Dunscore Church

**Friday:**

2pm - World Day of Prayer: "Bear with one another in love" in St Ninian's, Moniaive

7-9pm - Ladies' Night: Prosecco & Pamper in Glenriddell Hall

7.30 for 8pm - Quiz Night at the Flying Pig

**Saturday:**

10am-1pm - Repair Café in Glencairn Memorial Institute, Moniaive

11am-2pm - Fairtrade Big Brew Dunscore Church/Glenriddell Hall

**Next Sunday:**

10am - Holy Communion in St Ninian's, Moniaive

11.30am - Morning Worship in Dunscore Church

2pm - Prayer for Peace in St Ninian's, Moniaive

**Funeral Intimation:** Christine McConnel, who lived at Lettrick, died at home on Sunday 4 February. Her funeral is tomorrow Monday 26 February at 11:00 am in St Margaret's Church in New Galloway.

**Eco Snippets:** The Dunscore Fairtrade Big Brew is just a week away on **Saturday 2 March** from **11:00 am to 2:00 pm** in the hall and the church. Enjoy soup, baking, tea and coffee and a raffle in the hall and the church packed with stalls ranging from Fairtrade products to crafts, food and drink and all for a donation. Some of the stalls will be familiar as they have been coming to the Big Brew for years but there are some new ones too. Don't miss it.



Please send any items for CFNs for service on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March by Friday afternoon 1<sup>st</sup> March to Tim Harmer at [timharmer95@gmail.com](mailto:timharmer95@gmail.com)