



Church Family Notices

22 December 2024 and 29 December

Service Time: 10:00am (see below for other services and times)


Readings: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7; Matthew 1:18-23; Luke 2:1-7; Luke 2:8-20 and John 1:1-14;


Join the Service Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86939887756>

Dunscore Parish Church Worship in Dunscore Church is for everyone, regardless of age, nationality, status, or ability. We'd be delighted to welcome you.

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Message from the Minister:

We stand at the threshold ... Christmas is almost here, 2025 beckons! I hope you are enjoying the various celebrations in our communities. Carols being sung, mince pies being eaten, mulled liquids being slurped! Festivities abound!

A simple message this week. One to carry us into 2025. Don't forget to put Jesus at the centre of all you do. Not just celebrating His arrival, but looking forward to His return. This has an impact on how we live. Aware of what He has done for us and living as if He will return at any moment! Remember that when you plan your New Year Resolutions! Thanks to all of you who have given us cards – they are much appreciated. Saying "Thank you" is part of the tradition of Christmas. Saying "Thank You" by living in the way God wants should be part of our life all year. Remember that when you plan your New Year Resolutions! Nag over ...

Have a happy Christmas and a bless-ed New Year!

God Bless, Mark

Prayer Theme: Remember to thank God for His gifts this Christmas!

Prayer For This Week

God of Wisdom and Wonder,
we praise You for Your gift of Hope
as we greet Jesus, the Christ-child;
we praise You for Your gift of Peace
as we greet Jesus, the Prince of Peace;
we praise You for Your gift of Joy
as we greet Jesus, the Light of the World;
we praise You for Your gift of Love
as we greet Jesus, the King of Love;
we praise You for past blessings
we greet a New Year and await Jesus' return..

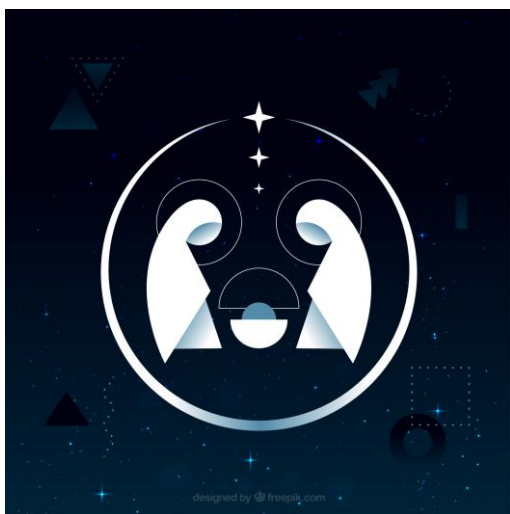


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Stamps

As the result of the positive response to the request for used postage stamps, we have accumulated a KILO of stamps for the Royal National Institute for the Blind in just under a year! They are valued at £20 per kilo, so for very little effort money can be raised for this worthy cause. Please continue to save your stamps, and cut 1cm around them. Look for the box in Dunscore Church in the hall of fellowship to pop them in. Thanks for your help.

Coming Soon

Tuesday 24 December	4:00 pm	Christingle Carols and Christingles in Dunscore Church
Wednesday 25 December	10:30 am	Christmas Day Family Worship in Dunscore Church
Sunday 29 December	10:30 am	Joint Service in St Ninian's in Moniaive
Sunday 5 January	10:00 am	Morning Worship in Dunscore Church

Church and Parish News

Hymn/Worship Song Choices

If you have a favourite hymn or worship song please send it to Mark and he will include it in one of our services. This might not be immediately but will be slotted in when the service theme is appropriate.

Books

There are two books available in the church. The history of Dunscore Church over the 200 years since it was built. A fascinating read.

Also, "A Nativity Who's Who" written by Christine Sime (our former minister) which is the nativity story focusing on some of the key characters that were there. It's easy to read, fun and ideal for older primary age children (and adults!).



ALL Together NOW!

Please do try and make it along to our new relaxed and fun, family- friendly services and support the younger members of our congregation. These are usually on the second Sunday of the month. The next All Together Now outing will be the All Together Christingle on Christmas Eve at 4:00 pm. They tend to include arts & crafts, dramatic readings, songs with Claudia, worship and, of course, snacks & refreshments for everyone. All Ages – All Stages – Bring a friend – Bring the Family!

An Amazing Opportunity!

We are looking for someone to follow in the footsteps of our lovely JD. We need a willing person to be our Clerk to the Board. We anticipate that this to be a temporary position because, we expect to join with our linked congregation in Moniaive at which time the Session and Board of both congregations will become one single Session. The Clerk to the Board agrees the agenda for the board meetings (held every other month) and sends this round with any board reports. She / he takes the minutes of board meetings, writes them up, circulates them and signs them along with the Board Chair. The Clerk does not need to be a member of the Board.

Please contact Kath or Mark if you can help with this – we are all part of the team!

Eco Snippet

There's no Eco Snippet this week. Instead, we'd like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and here's to a peaceful 2025. From the Dunscore Church Eco Group.