



# Church Family Notices

**Date:** Sunday 12 January 2025

**Service Time:** 10:00 am "All Together Now" Family Service

**Reading:** Luke 2:41-52

**Worship:** Worship in Dunscore Church is for everyone regardless of age, nationality, status, or ability. You will be made most welcome at our services. If you can't make it to our Sunday services, you can join online at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86939887756>

## A Message from our Minister:

As temperatures drop and we enjoy a burst of dry and crispy winter, the beauty of the world around us has re-emerged. After a year of blustery wind and soggy rain, the sunshine is very welcome. Sunlight is such an important thing for us. It can lift our spirits, improve our mood, even help our health! I'm sure you have been making the most of it.

As a 12-year-old, Jesus was taken to Jerusalem for a Festival. His first visit to the big city since infancy. We can only imagine the sights that greeted Him, the sounds that assaulted Him, the smells that filled the air at that busy time. So much to see, hear and enjoy, yet He chose to go to the Temple courts and listen to the Rabbis and Teachers of the Law discussing their faith.

For Jesus, the life-changing light was not in the sights and sounds but in the living Word of God as it was being explored by those who love it.

Just as sunshine can make a difference to us in so many ways, so can meeting with God in His Word. Listening to others' experience of Him, asking questions of those with more wisdom, meeting together to deepen our faith. As our understanding of God and His ways increases so our faith becomes more resilient, more focussed, more steady.

## Prayer Theme:

Remember to thank God for past blessings and seek Him in 2025! Enjoy the sunshine and increasing daylight, but do think about joining us to meet with the Light of the World and receive all the benefits He has to offer.

## Prayer for this year:

Almighty God, praise and thanks be to You!

We give You thanks for the blessings You have poured out upon us,  
for the difference You have made to our lives.

For gifts beyond measure:

not the gold, frankincense and myrrh the Magi brought to Jesus,  
but gifts of forgiveness way beyond what we deserve,  
love everlasting, light in our darkness, hope in our despair.

We give thanks for the constancy of Your being,  
eternal, unchanging, reliable and secure,  
which grounds us

when life around us seems constantly in flux.

We give thanks for the glimpses we catch of You unexpectedly  
as we go about our daily living:

glimpses in the light and in the dark;

glimpses that uphold and sustain us.

Almighty God, praise and thanks be to You!

## Next Sunday: 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025

10am – Morning Worship in Dunscore Church

11.30am – Morning Worship at St Ninian's, Moniaive

## Eco Snippet:

### Remember that we want:

All your stamps! Leave them in the box in the church and they will be sent to help to raise funds for the RNIB.

And all your ink cartridges! There is a box for these in the church too. When the box is full, they go for recycling and we get a small amount towards our funds for each cartridge that can be reused.

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