



# Church Family Notices

**Date:** Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**Service Time:** 10:00 am

**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 we plod into 2025, January is rushing by! I'm certainly plodding at the moment! No rushing for me at the moment. Many of you will have had similar experiences of sudden changes to your physical well-being. Doctors may diagnose, friends may sympathise, medicines may ease, but the discomfort and frustration stay.

Imagine the discomfort and frustration of the Steward of the Feast at the Wedding in Cana! The wine ran out just as things were getting going. A woman was giving the servants a 'talking-to'. A young man was telling the servants what to do! A servant was approaching with a cup of water! Not a good day for him – Trip Adviser was not going to treat him well. A career-ending mistake. We all know what happened next!

Jesus can still make a difference for us in the midst of discomfort and frustration.

"Taste and see that the Lord is good;" as the Psalmist says, "blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him." (Psalm 34v8).

Whether tasting or seeking refuge – join us!

God Bless, Mark

P.S. I'm 'off' this week so please contact Colin Mitchell (Dunscore 820455), Nan Tait (Moniaive 200403), or Rev Tim Harmer (Dunscore 820861) if you need any help or information.

## 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!

## Coming Soon:

### Next Sunday 26th January 2025

10:00 am – **Together with KiKs** in Dunscore Church

11:30 am – **Family Worship** at St Ninian's, Moniaive

**Thursday 23rd:** - 3:00 pm – **Joint Congregational Get-Together-** to discuss the future of the churches - location t.b.c., depending on transport needs.

### Holocaust Memorial Day Monday 27 January:

There will be a short act of remembrance at the Jane Haining Memorial Cairn at 2:00 pm remembering Jane's life and tragic death and the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz. All are welcome.

### Monday 27<sup>th</sup>:

12 noon – **Funeral of Callum McIntyre** in St Ninian's, Moniaive

### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January

11:00 am – **Funeral of John Redpath** in St Ninian's, Moniaive

### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February:

10:00 am – 1:00 pm – **Repair Café** in the Glencairn Memorial Institute, Moniaive

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February:

10:00 am – **Morning Worship** in Dunscore Church

11:00 am – 2:00 pm – **Soup & Pudding Lunch** in Glenriddell Hall – All welcome

11:30 am – **Morning Worship** in St Ninian's, Moniaive

**Eco Snippet:** If you haven't made any resolutions this year, maybe a nice one would be to learn more about birds? This is a great time of year to start birdwatching, with the RSPB garden birdwatch coming up soon. You could also visit WWT Caerlaverock to see the barnacle geese and whooper swans or ask Colin Mitchell about the wonderful Dunscore Birdwatching Group. Happy twitching!

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