



Church Family Notices

Date: 16th November 2025

Morning Worship – All Together Now 10:30 am in Dunscore Church

Today's Readings: 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-9 and 13

Worship in Dunscore Church is for everyone. 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:

www.youtube.com/channel/UCd9TjFVXNCAHZGUoIJ3vIEg/live

A MESSAGE FROM OUR MINISTER:

I'm sure all of you have noticed that the diaries are starting to fill up. We face choices when clashes occur, frustration when a 'new' event hits an already-booked one, disappointment when others miss out on a planned meeting. The answer is simple and seems trite! We simply cannot do everything we want to. It might be tempting to stay in and do nothing instead.

The early Christians expected Jesus to return soon, very soon, and some of them decided that they may as well just stay at home and wait. This did not impress the Apostle Paul, who believed that ALL Christians should be going about God's business regardless of Jesus imminent return. Jesus Himself did not know when His return might happen, encouraging His Disciples to be ready AND going about the Father's business.

The truth is that because we don't know when Jesus will return, there is an urgency in the Mission of the Church – sharing God's Love shown in Jesus so that ALL people may respond for themselves.

The Christian Faith and Life is a very 'now' thing! Join us ... be a 'now' person!

God Bless,

Mark

PRAYER for THIS WEEK:

Almighty, Eternal and Infinite God,

we give thanks and praise that we can glimpse You in the beauty of the world around us.

Thank You that we can be transported in our minds by the Holy Spirit

to see beyond this moment and this place,

to see Your purpose and meaning,

to know Your desires for us.

Thank You that we can see You in the midst of confusion and anguish,

when the Spirit lights the way and calms our fears.

Thank You that we can know You in rest and in busyness,

in work and play, in solitude and community.

Thank You for helping us to know how we should live in the 'now',

to the glory of Your Great Name.

PRAYER THEME:

Ask God to help you live for Him in the 'now', never tiring of doing good, His good.

COMING SOON:

This evening:

7:00 pm – **Evening Worship** in Dunscore Church

Thursday:

7.30pm – **Connect: Advent Bible Study**

Saturday:

11:00 am – 4:00 pm – **Christmas Craft Fair** in Glencairn Memorial Institute

12 noon-2:00 pm – **Soup & Pudding lunch** in Speddoch Hall

Next Sunday:

10:00 am – **Morning Worship** in St Ninian's, Moniaive

11:30am – **Together with KiKs** at Dunscore Church

Coming Up ...

Sunday 30th November – 10:30am – Joint Communion at St Ninian's, Moniaive

Friday 12 December – 7:30 pm Come and hear "A Nativity Who's Who" by Christine Sime narrated by a team of readers. As well as hearing a light-hearted take on the Nativity Story, enjoy a festive mulled wine!

La POSADA is coming to Dunscore! June says ...

During the whole month of December - Mary, Joseph & a donkey will be travelling and staying in homes around Dunscore! This is practised in many countries and "La Posada" means shelter or inn.

Would you like to host them for one night? Then the following day / evening take them to their next home. Oh! I forgot to say the figures are eight inches (20.32cm) tall...

When the figures are brought to your home - invite the previous hosts in, to share a drink / afternoon tea / a meal with you. It is up to you and the previous hosts to arrange a convenient time for you both.

After the one night you then take them to the next home on the list and they will offer you hospitality. The last people on the list will bring the figures to the Christingle Service on Christmas Eve and place them in the Nativity Scene.

If you would like to join in with this event (open to the whole Dunscore community) - please contact me, June Harmer, by email - jmharmer21@gmail.com and I will add you on to the list. When the list is full I will tell you who is bringing the figures to you and their contact details and who you take them to next with their contact details.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS CARD

instead of sending your friends in Dunscore Church a Christmas card this year, how about putting a message on the overhead screens on the Sundays leading up to Christmas? As well as being eco-friendly (saving paper) you might decide to donate the money saved to charity. The message will be displayed in the form of a PowerPoint slide (picture and message). If you don't 'do' PowerPoint, send a digital photo and message (which will be converted to a slide) or, if you don't have digital photos, a simple message is fine!

Send to me at davrshaw@aol.com before 30 November. Examples / ideas provided on request!

ECO-SNIPPET

Martin Luther King said: "In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

LIVE STREAMING AND SERVICE RECORDING: We have now moved from Zoom to YouTube for live streaming and recording the service. You can find both the live stream and recordings at this link

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd9TjFVXNCAHZGUoIJ3vIEg/live>

If you have any issues with the live stream or recording, let Matthew know on auchenage@gmail.com.

HYMN / SONG CHOICES: Have your favourite hymn or worship song included in a future service. Send it to Mark and, although it not be used immediately, he will endeavour to use it when the service theme is appropriate.

CHURCH FAMILY NOTICES: If you have anything that you would like to be included in next week's CFNs please send it to Vari at vari.drabble@btinternet.com by noon on Friday.

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