



Church Family Notices

Date: 21 December 2025

11:30 am in Dunscore Church

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/UCd9TjFVXNCAHZGUolJ3vIEg/live

Today is our CAROL SERVICE with the wonderful DUNSCORE AD HOC ORCHESTRA! This is followed by refreshments in the Glenriddell Hall.

A Message from our Minister:

The last Sunday of Advent carries the theme of **LOVE**. Love as seen through Jesus, the promised Emmanuel – literally, “God with us”!

As we sing the familiar carols, hear the familiar readings, do you see God's Love at work? Or is it just a cultural thing? Traditions to warm our chilled bones in the middle of winter?

As the year turns and we move through solstice, mid-winter day, New Year's Day, do we know that God is with us? Or is it all an anti-climax? The start of another countdown to the next Christmas, interrupted by life and all it throws at us.

Our Advent themes – **Hope, Peace, Joy, Love**– are things we all want, we all need. God chose not to just throw these things at us, hoping we would catch them, but to be with us as He brings them into our lives. I pray that you will all know Jesus for yourselves, in all that you face. Not just as a baby from long-ago, but as Emmanuel, God with us.

Remember ... Jesus is not just for Christmas!

God Bless, Mark

Help with your personal Advent Journey:

ONLINE: see <https://www.ecocongregationscotland.org/advent-2025/>

for various resources, videos, readings across the season

PRAYER for FESTIVE PERIOD:

We praise You, Almighty God,

for walking with us through Advent.

We praise and thank You:

that You guide and show us the Way;

that You reveal Yourself in the expected and the unexpected;

*that You are a balm to our pain and a companion in our joy;
that we see prophecies fulfilled, promises upheld;
that we glimpse hope in desperate times;
that tears of sadness can be transformed to tears of joy.*

*We praise You for the greatness of Your transforming power
as we celebrate Christmas and walk into 2026 with You,
Emmanuel, God with us.*

PRAYER THEME:

Thank God that the Advent anticipation is met at Christmas and continues into whatever 2026 holds.

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CHRISTMAS EVE:

4:00 pm – **Christingle Together!** in Dunscore Church

CHRISTMAS DAY:

10.30 am – **Family Worship** in St Ninian's, Moniaive (bring an un-opened pressie!)

Next Sunday 28 December: 11.30am – **Morning Worship** in Dunscore Church

Sunday 4th January 2026: 11.30am – **Morning Worship** in Dunscore Church.

NativityWho's Who...The event on the 12th December raised a total of £110.50, of which £55.25 has been sent to the charity "Embrace the Middle East".

Eco snippet: It's Christmas time! To everyone in our congregation and friends of Dunscore everywhere .. "A very Happy Christmas and May Peace Prevail in 2026."

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 <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd9TjFVXNCAHZGUolJ3vIEg/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 may not be used immediately, he will endeavour to use it when the service theme is appropriate.

Church Family Notices: The CFNs will reappear for the service on **11 January 2026**. If you have anything that you would like to be included in that week's CFNs please send it to Mary Waugh at marypwaugh@gmail.com by noon on Friday 9 January.

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

