Church Family Notices



Date: 7 December 2025

11:30 am in Dunscore Church Reading: Isaiah 11 verses 1 - 9

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/UCd9TjFVXNCAHZGUolJ3vlEg/live

Message from the Minister:

The second Sunday of Advent is based on the theme of Peace. After the busy weekend of quizzes, repairs, lunches, arts and crafts, it may be that you feel the need for some peace in your life. Or it may just be that you simply feel the need for peace in your life anyway!

One of the titles used to describe Jesus is Prince of Peace. The prophets describe God's Kingdom as being about peace – peace with God, peace within ourselves, peace with others. BUT ... we are not to just sit back and wait for Jesus' return, rather be peacemakers, actively seeking peace in how we live and relate to God and others.

In a world of un-peace I pray that we can all find the peace which God wants us to have.

One old song sums it up for us:

"Peace, perfect peace ... by thronging duties pressed?

To do the will of Jesus, this is rest.

Peace, perfect peace ... with sorrows surging round?

In Jesus' presence nought but calm is found.

Peace, perfect peace ... our future all unknown?

Jesus we know – and He is on the Throne."

Whatever business, sadness, or uncertainty we face in life, the message of Christmas is clear ... we need the Prince of Peace.

Bring your stress, grief, and questions with you and join us in seeking Jesus' Peace.

God Bless, Mark

Prayer for this Week:

Advent God.

through Your prophets You promised a time of Peace will come,

a time of harmony, unity, and God's Kingdom.

We look forward to that day when Jesus, the Prince of Peace returns and brings Peace, harmony and unity to the world.

Help us to live in that way now, as we get ready for His return.

that we may show God's Kingdom of peace and unity to the world.

Prayer Theme:

Ask God to help you be active in sharing the ways of His Kingdom of peace and harmony.

Help with your personal Advent Journey:

Online: For various resources, videos, readings across the season visit the Eco Congregation advent page: www.ecocongregationscotland.org/advent-2025/.

Connect: Ask Tim Harmer about the book being used to guide us through Advent (he may have a spare copy).

Coming Soon:

Thursday 11 December: Connect Bible Study at Susan Leask's house

Friday 12 December: A Nativity Who's Who in Dunscore Church at 7:30 pm – See below

Sunday 14 December: A Festival of Joy – All Together Now in Dunscore Church at 10:30 am

Sunday 14 December: Winter Barbecue at the Flying Pig from 2:30 pm

Sunday 14 December: Evening Worship in Dunscore Church at 7:00 pm

Thursday 18 December: Carols in the Pub at 7:00 pm in the Flying Pig

Saturday 20 December: Bright Stars Arising - Cairn Chorus in Dunscore Church at 4:00 pm

Sunday 21 December: The Dunscore Orchestra Christmas Service at 11:30 am

Wednesday 24 December: Christingle Together! in Dunscore Church at 4:00 pm

Christmas Day Service: This year in St Ninian's in Moniaive at 10:30 am

Sunday 28 December: Morning worship in Dunscore Church at 11:30 am

Nativity Who's Who: Friday 12 December at 7:30 pm. This will be an entertaining telling of the nativity story (from the book by Christine Sime) focussing on some of the main characters and in their words (or at least a decent guess at what their words would have been!). The reading takes around an hour and you can enjoy some mulled wine and juice before the reading. Donations to Dunscore Church and Embrace the Middle East.

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

Eco Snippet: If your Christmas lights need replacing this year why not choose LEDs, as they use 80% less energy than the old ones, so, what's not to like?

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/UCd9TjFVXNCAHZGUolJ3vlEg/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 Sheila at sheila69@btinternet.com by noon on Friday.

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