



Church Family Notices

Date: Sunday 22nd February 2026

Holy Communion with KiKs 11.30 am

READING – Matthew 4:1-11

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:

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

A Message from our Minister

Today we read about the Temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. This was a time of preparation and testing for Jesus before He began His Ministry. We know Lent as a time of penitence (recognising our shortfalls and need of God), preparation (getting ready to celebrate Easter) and discipline (learning to control our urges?!) and much more. If Jesus had to go through such a time, how much more do we need to set aside time to re-focus and clear-the-decks so that we are ready for whatever life may throw at us?! On Thursday this week we will hear about the adventures of people from Moniaive who have been on pilgrimages. People who have challenged themselves physically, mentally and spiritually. Pilgrimage is a reflection of our life's journey ... time to reflect and meditate, time to act, time to receive from others, time to open ourselves to whatever God has for us. None of this is easy. We all lead busy lives. We don't know where the time goes. We have calls on our time and energy that drain us. We need to sleep! Jesus was willing to put in the effort and, as with all great leaders, He doesn't ask us to do anything He wasn't willing to do Himself. That's a challenge, a challenge that may change your life!

Are you up for it? Join us, Body, Mind and Soul, as the journey continues.

God Bless,

Mark

PRAYER for LENT:

Creator God, I bring before You
all that I have faced,
all that I have overcome,
all that I need to hold on to
and all that I need to release.

Faithful God, I bring before You
the times when I make wrong decisions,
the times when I covet what others have,
the times when I am not satisfied and want more
and the times when I try to deal with things in my own strength.

Eternal God, I thank You
for Your understanding of my weakness,
for the generosity of Your forgiveness
and the support of others through testing times.

Infinite God, I pledge to look to Jesus for guidance and follow in His footsteps
and to support others going through testing times;
I ask You to give me the courage, grace, gifts, strength and faith I need.

PRAYER THEME for LENT:

Bring God into your journey at every step, as you re-focus on all He gives to you.

Thursday:

7.30pm - People on Pilgrimage in St Ninian's, Moniaive

Friday:

2-3pm – Fairtrade Wee Brew in Dunscore School

7pm – Auld Alliance Quiz Night in Keir Village Hall

Saturday:

11am-2pm – Fairtrade Big Brew in Dunscore (Church & Glenriddell Hall)

12noon-2pm – Community Café in St Ninian's, Moniaive

2-10pm – Danceathon in Glencairn Bowling Club (in aid of Moniaive Playcare)

from 6.30pm – Pizza & Pud at the Flying Pig, Dunscore

Next Sunday:

10am – Holy Communion in St Ninian's, Moniaive

11.30am – Morning Worship in Dunscore Church

CONNECT: Lent Bible Studies

Thursdays, 7.30pm, Dunscore Church ... ALL welcome

5 Mar – Identity: "Who are you?"

12 Mar – Desire: "What are you looking for?"

19 Mar – Home: "Where are you staying?"

26 Mar – Glory: Meeting God

Dunscore Fairtrade Big Brew: The Big Brew is on again this year with a wonderful mix of Fairtrade and local craft stalls, Fairtrade tea and coffee, Fairtrade baking, soup and rolls and a raffle and treasure hunt. It is in the church and Glenriddell Hall on **Saturday 28 February** from **11:00 am - 2:00 pm**. Please support this event!

Eco Snippet:

Here we are in Feel Good February. Let's all try to embrace activities that are not only good for our mood but also gentle on our wallets and the planet. By embracing budget-friendly activities that prioritise sustainability, connection and self-care this February, we can not only uplift our own spirits but also make others and our planet feel good. That's a lot of benefits.

Week 4

Volunteer and giveback..... There is no better way to uplift your spirits than by spreading kindness and making a positive impact in your community. This Feel Good February, consider volunteering your Time and Skills to local organisations or community initiatives. Whether it's helping out at a foodbank, participating in a neighbourhood clean-up or lending a listening ear to someone in need, every act of kindness, no matter how small, has the power to create a ripple effect of positivity and change.

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