

December 2022

# DUNLOP DIARY

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## Dear friends & neighbours,

At our Messy Church event in November, we thought about the meaning of Advent as a time of waiting and preparing for Christmas.

For the children, Christmas seemed to be still a long way away, while for parents and grandparents, it seemed very close indeed! Unfortunately, Christmas can all too often be a time of stress and financial pressures for adults, and with the current cost of living crisis, this Christmas is likely to be even more of a difficult time for many families. Perhaps this Advent's time of waiting and preparing can also be a time for re-assessing what Christmas means for you.

Is it about the amount of money spent and number of presents to be opened on Christmas morning? Or is it about the priceless value of love shared, and happy memories created?

This Advent, I hope that we will be cheered by the lights shining in the darkness - the star on the Church, the lights and nativity scene outside the Church Hall, the new lights on lampposts in Dunlop and Lugton. And not only those lights, but also the lights of our community spirit and resilience. We've all had a tough time over the past 3 years, first with the pandemic, followed by the shock of the war in Ukraine and its impact on the people of that country, and now with rising costs here.

With the previous issue of the Diary, you received a leaflet from East Ayrshire Council with information about sources of help and advice if you are affected by the cost of living crisis. Within Dunlop, there are plans for the Village Hall to be part of East Ayrshire's Warm Spaces Initiative and you'll find out more in this issue of

the Diary. You'll also find information about church-run activities in the Church Hall: Tuesday Coffee, Tea & Chat; Dunlop Musical Memories; and Messy Church - these events are free or donation-only, and open to all.

The Church, and other local community organisations, are keen to help out as much as we can over the winter months, and welcome your suggestions and ideas about local needs and how we can meet them. If you do have ideas to share or would like to help out at one of our events, please contact me or email [dunlopdialry@gmail.com](mailto:dunlopdialry@gmail.com).

As we wait and prepare for Christmas 2022, we remember that we are all loved and cherished by God, who came into our midst as a baby, and whose presence was marked by a guiding star which shone out in the darkness.

*With every blessing*

*Rev Alison McBrier, Minister*

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## Tuesday Coffee, Tea and a Chat

**From 10am - 11:30am**

We invite you to join us for our weekly morning coffee, tea, biscuits, and chat in the Church Hall.  
All are very welcome.

## The Christingle Returns!

All are welcome at our Christingle Service in Dunlop Kirk on Monday 28th November at 6pm. At around 6:30pm we'll walk up Main Street with our Christingles to the Church Hall. 6:45pm will see the Christmas Lights Switch-On, accompanied by the wonderful singing of the School Choir. All will be followed by festive goodies and refreshments in the Church Hall - and a chance to admire our new village lights which will cheer us through the dark winter nights.



## Church Flowers and Readers

December	Readers	Flowers
4th	Beverly Kirk	Christine Wallace
11th	Mike Blyth	Anne Young
18th	Alison Howie	Beverly Kirk
25th	Christine Wallace	Dorothy Brown
January	Readers	Flowers
1st	David Clement	Fiona Walker
8th	Lynne Moss	Anne Young (Lugton)
15th	Anne Sinclair	Margaret Robb
22nd	Roy Wyllie	Sadie Reid
29th	Marilyn Bell	Linda Pinkerton
February	Readers	Flowers
5th	David Sinclair	Kirsteen Hare
12th	Sheila Wyllie	Janette Millar
19th	Brian McGaw	Margaret Hunter
26th	Bob Brown	Netta Howie



### Dunlop Messy Church

**Christmas Fun**  
**17th December**  
**4pm – 6pm in Dunlop**  
**Church Hall**

We'll have stories, Lego, arts & crafts, and hotdogs! All children must be accompanied by an adult. Come and join the fun!

### Dunlop Kirk Services

**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**11:30am in the church.**  
**All welcome!**

Our Sunday worship is also available online through our Facebook page and the Church website ([dunlopkirk.org.uk](http://dunlopkirk.org.uk)), as well as our YouTube channel ([youtube.com/channel/UCiRuNieKc-q8aU7cNkjVlhA/streams](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiRuNieKc-q8aU7cNkjVlhA/streams)).

We also run a Zoom session on Sunday mornings – letting us have a chat and watch the service together.

Dunlop and Caldwell, Exploring the Bible – Tuesdays, 10:30am via Zoom.

<b>First Sunday in Advent</b>	Sunday – 27th Nov, 11.30am
<b>Christingle Service</b>	Monday – 28th Nov, 6.00pm
<b>2nd Sunday in Advent</b>	Sunday – 4th Dec, 11.30am
<b>3rd Sunday in Advent</b>	Sunday – 11th Dec, 11.30am
<b>4th Sunday in Advent + Nativity Play</b>	Sunday – 18th Dec, 11.30am

#### Christmas Eve

11.15pm, Watchnight Service in the Church  
Carols from 11.15pm; service at 11.30pm

#### Christmas Day

10.45am, Short Family Service in the Church  
(Please note this service is earlier than usual)

#### Worship in the Church

Sunday – 1st January 2023, 11.30am

If you would like any information about our services, or would like to join our email list, please send a message to Margo at [contact@dunlopkirk.org.uk](mailto:contact@dunlopkirk.org.uk)

### Christmas Appeal East Ayrshire Churches Homelessness Action

This year there will again be a collection of gifts for children affected by homelessness at Christmas. Please mark the gifts for a boy or a girl (if relevant) and with an age range.

There will be a collection of tinned goods for residents in temporary accommodation so they can have a festive meal on Christmas. Cash donations to help will also be welcome if you are unable to arrange a children's gift.

Please bring gifts to church by Sunday 11th December so that they can be delivered for distribution before Christmas. If you are unable to do so, or are donating money, please contact Margo McMurdo **01560 484824** or Lesley Beaton **01560 484989**.

We appreciate the support this appeal always receives from the community.

Margo McMurdo,  
Session Clerk



### Christmas Fair

**Dunlop Village Hall**  
**Saturday 3rd December 2022**  
**10am – 2pm**

Find gifts, cards, candles, wreaths, toys, arts & crafts, local produce, and more!

Maureen will serve hot food and drinks to keep us all warm.

The Dunlop Calendar will be on sale.





### Cards for Christmas

Beautiful cards, available with or without a Christmas insert. Featuring 2 of the stunning stained glass windows in the church.  
**Special price: £1 each.**

### Stained Glass Booklet

The booklet makes a delightful present, easily wrapped and easily posted.  
**£5 per copy.**

For sale in the church or contact Carolyn **01560 484846** or Sheila **01560 480919**.

## Dunlop & Lugton Winter Lighting

Dunlop & Lugton Community Council are delighted to see the Winter Lighting project come to light (pun intended).

After a successful year of fundraising, our efforts will continue as we require funds for future maintenance and energy costs.

Our lights aren't just for Christmas – we hope they bring you joy through the dark months. Find out more or **DONATE TODAY** by visiting...

[www.gofund.me/62b6a9e2](http://www.gofund.me/62b6a9e2)

*Cash donations also accepted at participating local businesses.*



**St John**  
Scotland

## Huge Thank You!

...to all who so generously supported our recent fundraising Coffee Morning in Stewarton at St Columba's Church Hall.

The magnificent total of **£2463.34** was achieved! This will go towards helping communities throughout Ayrshire install life-saving public access defibrillators.

To find out more about the work that we do, see our website:

[www.stjohnscotland.org.uk](http://www.stjohnscotland.org.uk)

*Jess Duncan, Chair,  
St John Scotland, Ayrshire and Arran*

## Helping the Diary

With the help of our usual loyal distributors and a few of us new to printing the Diary, we managed to issue the November edition.

The design team of We Are Brass Tacks provided a new layout. Thank you to everyone. However, we still require additional help to print and bag the Diary. No technical knowledge required, and you can come in next time we are printing

and bagging to see the process. If you can spare a couple of hours, a few times a year, we would love to hear from you.

If you would like more information on how you could help, please email [dunlopdialry@gmail.com](mailto:dunlopdialry@gmail.com) or phone Margo **01560 484824**.

*If you have any articles for the Diary or you received the Diary via email from Douglas, please email the above address.*

## Dunlop Gallery Christmas Exhibition

Our fabulous Christmas exhibition is showing in the Conservatory Cafe right now.

Catch it before the 20th of December while the cafe is open, at the cinema showings, or at the Christmas Fair on the 3rd of December – and any time the Hall is open for other events. This

is your chance to buy that extra special Christmas gift or just treat yourself. There are art works at a variety of prices by several of our local artists, so do come in and have a look!

Our 2023 calendar, with photos by our local photographers, will be on sale at the Christmas Fair. Remember

to start taking photos for next year's photography competition – the theme is Nature in Dunlop. Your picture might be in the 2024 calendar!

If you are interested in a painting, please speak to the cafe volunteers who will let us know, or phone Ellenor **07811 045600** or Shiona **07506 951620**.

## Dunlop & Lugton Senior Citizens Association

**We are delighted to announce the return of our Annual Christmas Lunch.**

This year's event will take place on Thursday 8th December in the Community Hall at 12pm. Tickets are £8 each, with meals provided by Struther. The school choir will be performing a selection of Yuletide songs and the Committee look forward to welcoming

you all. Committee members are distributing tickets in their areas. Should anybody be missed, please call Margaret True **07768 011183** or Rita Hall **07786 543318** ASAP.

### Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone who provided baking, helped on the day, and attended the Coffee Morning on

29th October. We were pleased to see so many of you, and I am delighted to say we raised a total of £768.74.

**Many thanks and we look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Lunch on Thursday 8th December.**

*Margaret True (President)*

# Dunlop & Lugton: Warm Space

Supporting our community through the cost of living challenges

The cost of living challenges are apparent to us all, and as we move into the colder and darker winter months the extra money we need to spend on our gas and electricity bills is a significant factor in everyone's budget.

East Ayrshire Council have committed resources to address this challenge, and throughout East Ayrshire they are assisting communities to promote 'Warm Spaces' where people can get a warm welcome, perhaps take part in an activity or just socialise and connect with friends.

Dunlop & Lugton Community Council are co-ordinating this initiative in our area and, along with Dunlop & District Community Company, we are establishing the Village Hall as our designated 'warm space'.

From the beginning of December through to March 2023, the aim will be to extend the opening hours of the hall, provide more in the way of warm drinks, and publish a calendar of activities so that people of all ages can take advantage of the 'warm space' on offer.

We do need volunteers to help make this happen, so if you can spare a few hours, either regularly or on a one-off basis, we'd love to hear from you.

Details will be publicised as soon as possible online, on notice boards and in shop window posters.

Contact Andrew at [andrewpinkerton@btopenworld.com](mailto:andrewpinkerton@btopenworld.com) or 07899 798556.

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## Dunlop Musical Memories

Following our most successful Halloween meeting, the next one will be our Christmas party on December 14th.

We will be entertained by the Dunlop Primary School choir, followed by afternoon tea and games... and perhaps a very special guest will visit.

There will be no meeting in January, but we look forward to catching back up with everyone on Wednesday 8th February.

## Dunlop Community Cinema Our films for December and January are as follows:

### Bad Guys (U)

Sunday 4th Dec, 3pm

This is a sharp, silly and very funny animation about an animal gang of notorious criminals pretending to seek rehabilitation to avoid prison, only for their boss to find that he really does want to change his ways. With voices from Sam Rockwell, Awkwafina, and Richard Ayoade. 'Looney Tunes meets Oceans 11'.

### Cinema Paradiso (12A)

Sunday 18th Dec, 3pm

Our Christmas film this year is a beautiful and warm, Oscar and Bafta winning celebration of youth, friendship and the everlasting magic of film. An interesting fact – it is #52 in IMDB's top films of all time, with its very credible neighbours being Chaplin's City Lights and Coppola's Apocalypse Now! (Note: Presented in Italian, with English subtitles.)

### Mrs Harris Goes to Paris (PG)

Friday 13th Jan, 7.30pm

A perfect feel-good film for the depths of winter – Lesley Manville stars as a cleaner from London following her dream of buying a Dior dress in Paris. Described as 'unabashed froth' by the Guardian – what's not to like!

### Blind Ambition (12A)

Sunday 27th Jan, 7.30pm

#### TO BE CONFIRMED

'Heart-warming and inspirational' documentary about 4 refugees discovering wine and friendship in the course of becoming the first Zimbabwean team in what is described as 'the Olympics of wine tasting'.

*Please keep an eye on social media and your emails for confirmation.*

Tickets will be available from [ticketebo.co.uk/dunlopcc](https://www.ticketebo.co.uk/dunlopcc)

If you're having difficulty buying online or if you would like to be added to our mailing list, please do contact us at [dunlopcinema@outlook.com](mailto:dunlopcinema@outlook.com).

We would prefer you to buy your tickets online. This guarantees entry if we sell out, and helps us know how many people are coming. There is a service charge, but it is only 75p per transaction (not per ticket) which we feel is very reasonable. If we do not sell out, tickets will be available on the door at a cost of £7.

**Doors open 30 minutes before screenings commence. There will be a bar, popcorn, and ice cream.**