

DUNLOP DIARY

December
2024



Scottish Charity No. SC000447

Dear friends & neighbours,

Christmas carols are being rehearsed, trees and lights are being prepared, oranges and sweets are being counted, mince pies are being baked! When you receive your December Diary, our annual Christingle Service will be almost upon us! A time to gather, sing, celebrate and then carry our lit-up christingles out into the darkness of the night for our Procession of Light up Main Street to the Church Hall. And there in the centre of the village, the Primary School Choir will lead us in singing and the loudest count-down to the switch-on of our Christmas Tree and Nativity Scene. All followed, of course, by time together in the Church Hall eating those mince pies, along with candy canes and other festive goodies!

Advent is a time for preparation, getting ready for Christmas. For most of us this involves a lot of shopping - and that can mean struggling to find a town centre parking space or struggling to keep calm while trying to find out whose doorstep is in the photo the delivery company have sent to you!

Shopping wasn't on the minds of Mary and Joseph during the very first Advent, but they did struggle to find a place of calm and rest in the busyness of Bethlehem. There was no room at the inn, so when Mary's time of waiting came to an end with the birth of her precious baby, he was placed tenderly in a manger.

While we prepare for Christmas,

let's use that time to find calm in the busyness, to slow the pace, and to bring to mind those people most precious to us. Remember that baby boy, laid in a manger, and how his birth changed the world, and us, for the better.

Peace, light and joy to you all this Advent and Christmas,

Rev Alison McBrier, Minister

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Dunlop Kirk Services

Sunday Morning Worship,
11.30am in the church

Our Sunday worship is also available online through the Dunlop Church Facebook page and the Church website (<https://dunlopkirk.org.uk>), or our YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@dunlopchurchofscotland4062/streams>).

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

All welcome

Tuesday Coffee, Tea and a Chat

On Tuesdays from 10–11.30am, we invite you to join us for our weekly morning coffee, tea, biscuits and chat in the Church Hall - all welcome!

*Christmas break from 17th Dec.
Back 7th Jan.*

Harvest Christian Aid

Total raised for Christian Aid was
£746.25. Thank you.

Dunlop & Caldwell Christmas Special Services

Monday, 2nd December, 6pm
Christingle Service in Dunlop Kirk

Christmas Eve, 24th December, 6:30pm
Family Christingle Service - in
Caldwell Church

Christmas Eve, 24th December, 11:15pm
Watchnight Service in Dunlop Kirk
(Carols from 11.15pm; service at 11.30pm)

Christmas Day, 25th December, 10:45am
Short Family Service in Dunlop Kirk
(Please note earlier service time)

Church Flowers & Readers

Welcome Team

December	January
Jimmy Howie	Sandy Hutchison
Marilyn Bell	Lynn Davidson
John Campbell	Jess Duncan
Alison Howie	Margaret Robb
Andrew Pinkerton	Roy Wyllie
Simon Gill	Sheila Wyllie
Debbie Gill	
February	
Annette Brown	
Elizabeth Garrity	
Julie Smith	
Brian McGaw	
Anne Sinclair	

Readers

December	December
1st Christine Wallace	1st Christine Wallace
8th Maxine Buck	8th Anne Young
15th Greer Thomson	15th Beverly Kirk
22nd Brian McGaw	22nd Dorothy Brown
29th Elizabeth Garrity	29th Kirsteen Hare
January	January
5th Roy Wyllie	5th Fiona Walker
12th Anne Sinclair	12th Anne Young (Lugton)
19th David Clement	19th Nancy Graham
26th Lynne Moss	26th Sadie Reid
February	February
2nd Marilyn Bell	2nd Kristeen Hare
9th Julie Smith	9th Margaret Robb
16th Brian McGaw	16th Margaret Hunter
23rd Sheila Wyllie	23rd Beverly Kirk

Flowers

Erskine Hospital

Thank you to all who attended the Remembrance Service on Sunday 10th November.
£223 has been donated to Erskine Hospital.

Caldwell Column

Caldwell Church, Neilston Road, Uplawmoor, G78 4AF
Churches in Union - Caldwell and Dunlop Parish Church

Sunday Service...

Church service time is as usual from 10am. All are welcome for tea and coffee after the service. Donations for Barrhead Food Bank welcome.

Join us for the season of Advent; a time of expectant waiting and celebration of the Nativity of Christ at Christmas. The Christingle Family Service will be held on **Tuesday 24th Dec at 6.30pm.**

Soup and Sandwich Lunches, Fridays, 12-1.30pm, Church Hall...

Everyone is welcome to enjoy a warming bowl of soup and tasty sandwiches, chat and catch-up.

Christmas Lunch: Friday, 13th December

Date for your Diary...

Christmas Card Delivery Service – The Red Post Box will be at front of church Monday **9th – Friday 20th Dec.**
All donations to SAVE THE CHILDREN.

Messy Church Cinema Event – Arthur Christmas (U)
Saturday 14th Dec, Dunlop Village Hall, KA3 4AN.
Doors Open 3:30pm / Film 3:45pm.

Ongoing Activities...

Seniors Group meets every Tuesday morning in the Church Hall from 10.30-12noon for fellowship, lively debate, catch-up, coffee and biscuits.

Bible Exploration Group meet online between 10.30 and 11.30am on Tuesdays for analysis and discussion of selected bible passages and themes.

The Mobile Library of Christian Faith and Practice is free to use, details from paulandcathie@gmail.com

The Motor Bike Club meets on the first Monday of the month from 7-9pm.

Contact John: 0141 881 6553

The Community Choir meets on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm. New members are welcome – no previous experience necessary.

Contact Lynne: 07710 633416

Update...

£1,103 raised for Erskine Hospital – thanks to everyone who supported the Brunch and Quiz.

Dunlop and Lugton Senior Citizens Association

Our annual Christmas Lunch will be held on Thursday 5th December in the village hall with lunch being served at 12:30. The Committee are still finalising the details, but tickets will be on sale soon and posters will be up in the usual locations within the village.

Please put the date in your diary/calendar and we look forward to seeing you all again for another enjoyable day.

Margaret True
Chairperson

Dunlop Musical Memories

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 11th December in the Church Hall, and we are once again inviting the Primary School choir to come along to entertain us. This means we will be starting promptly at 2pm and would like everyone to be seated by 1:45pm.

It will be a festive afternoon with carols, prize-winning games, and of course a Christmas tea. Everyone is welcome to join us for an enjoyable couple of hours.

We do not meet in January as the weather is often inclement and tricky to venture out in.

Time Again for the Christingle!

All are welcome at our Christingle Service.

Around 6.30pm we'll walk up Main Street with our Christingles to the Church Hall for the Christmas Lights Switch-On (6:45pm), accompanied by the singing of the School Choir and followed by festive goodies and refreshments in the Church Hall, and a chance to admire the village lights which will cheer us through the dark winter nights.

Margo McMurdo, Session Clerk

Dunlop Primary Parent Council

We would like to thank all those who have donated clothing over the past year. Between the collection earlier in the year and the clothing bank, more than £600 has been raised for the school so far. Thanks also to the Community Company for continuing to allow us to keep the bank at the village hall.

We are also now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to you!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. You can find our easyfundraising page at:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/dunlop-primary-school-parents-association>

Thank you so much!



A programme of carols, many of which you'll know, a few you won't, and a chance to join in with some Christmas hymns. Please come and support us and enjoy an hour or so of the real Christmas spirit! **Everyone welcome.**

Dunlop Bowling Club

Our Winter programme of events continues with Family Prize Bingo scheduled for the 7th and 21st of December. Tickets are also available for our Family Hogmanay Party from our Facebook Page or from

the clubhouse open on Fridays from 7pm.

We're closed for the month of January, and this year are excited to be implementing our grant funded improvements

to our kitchen and ladies' toilets.

We would like to wish our members, social members, friends and family all the best for the festive season.

Dunlop Gallery

Thank you to everyone who has joined us at our gallery open evenings over the year, the committee and the artists really appreciate everyone coming along to support the events and make the open evenings so enjoyable.

The current display shows artworks by several local artists and will continue till

Wednesday 18th December. If you are searching for present ideas, drop into the café for a look and if you wish to buy any of the paintings displayed, please call **Shiona on 07506 951620** or **Aileen on 07748 626712**.

We have changed the theme for next year's photo competition, the theme is

now just photos from around Dunlop and Lugton, so keep those cameras ready to snap some beautiful winter images over the coming months.

Wishing you all a merry Christmas and happy new year!

Dunlop Community Cinema

The Holdovers (15)

Sunday 15th December, 3pm

Paul Giamatti stars in our slightly left-of-centre Christmas film this year, directed by Alexander Payne (Sideways, The Descendants, Nebraska). A cantankerous teacher, a bright student, and the school's head cook (Da'vine Joy Randolph in an Oscar and Bafta winning supporting performance) find themselves forced to spend Christmas together. It is about finding family where you least expect it, but as well as supplying the requisite atmospheric dusting of snow and school-choir carols, there is also an edge to the humour which provides a counter to what

could be seen as sentimentality. Last year's 'best Christmas movie' according to Peter Bradshaw, who describes it as a 'genial, gentle, redemptive dramedy'.

Tickets: ticketebo.co.uk/dunlopcc.

Tickets also available on the door. Any difficulty buying online please do contact us at dunlopcinema@outlook.com for assistance.

Doors open 30 minutes before screenings commence. There will be a bar (including mulled wine), popcorn, ice cream, and mince pies.

Questionnaire

We would also love to hear your views about the cinema, and we have produced a questionnaire with this in mind. There will be paper copies available at Norman's, the Post Office and the Village hall, and also an online version available via this QR code:



Looking forward to hearing from you!

Christmas Messy Church Cinema

14th December 3:30pm,
Dunlop Village Hall

Arthur Christmas (U)

Festive Fun Family Film!

Join us for popcorn, treats and juice. Children, if you want, bring your own bean bag or floor cushion.

All welcome.
children must bring an adult!

DUNLOP VILLAGE HALL
CHRISTMAS FAYRE 14th DECEMBER 10am-2pm

Christmas Carols by Garnock Community Concert band

Threepwood sweets and cheeses	Brian Devlin - slate Art
Ayrshire cancer support	Flora - Cat Action Trust
Milio makes - Bunting	Michelle Wright - Arts
Avril Easton sushine crafts	Greys gifts
Baking stalls	Fiddley bits jewellery
Knitting stalls	Little Moon crafts,baubles and wreaths
Elma's crafts and cards	Hot mulled wine
Stewarton Bows	Caroline Nimmo crafts
	Cafe for hot foods and drinks
	The Calendar girls- Dunlop calendars

Selfie mirror pictures by Mystic Pix-

Dance display by JAM STREET STUDIOS

Dunlop Diary Submissions

Do you have something to feature in the next edition of the Dunlop Diary?

The deadline for submissions to the February Diary is Monday 20th January 2025. Send them to dunlopdialry@gmail.com