

DUNLOP DIARY

February
2024



Dear friends & neighbours,

This is our first Dunlop Diary of 2024 and I wish you all a belated Happy New Year!

With the shops full of Valentine's Day cards and gifts, February seems a good time to be thinking about love! One of the most popular readings for weddings is 1st Corinthians 13, which contains this excellent advice which never goes out of date...

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

When St Paul wrote these words almost 2,000 years ago, his letter wasn't addressed to newly weds. Instead he was writing to a congregation of Christians, in one of the earliest established churches, because he had heard they were quarrelling and having a hard time working out how to get on with each other.

I think his advice, to get back to the heart of their faith, God's love, still holds very good for us today.

Paul's words remind us that love is so much more than hearts and flowers and cards, and that it is love which is at the heart of all successful and healthy relationships.

Whether or not you send or receive a Valentine's card this year, remember that God loves you!

May faith, hope and love be yours, and remember that the greatest of these is love.

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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!

New Communications Group

The Church is keen to make better and increased use of both social media and more traditional low-tech methods to promote our services and activities.

If you are arty, techy or simply enthusiastic and you would like to get involved, then please contact **Alison**, our Minister, or **Margo**, our Session Clerk.

Dunlop and Caldwell, Exploring the Bible

Tuesdays, 10.30am via Zoom

If you want any information on the above, or would like to join our email information list, please email Margo: **contact@dunlopkirk.org.uk**



Church Flowers & Readers

Welcome Team

February

Jimmy Howie

Marilyn Bell

John Campbell

Alison Howie

Andrew Pinkerton

March

Sandy Hutchison

Lynn Davidson

Jess Duncan

Margaret Robb

Roy Wyllie

Sheila Wyllie

Readers

Flowers

February

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4th Marilyn Bell

4th Kirsteen Hare

11th David Sinclair

11th Margaret Robb

18th Sheila Wyllie

18th Margaret Hunter

25th Brian McGaw

25th Netta Howie

March

March

3rd Bob Brown

3rd Anne Sinclair

10th Charlotte McGuinness

10th Carolyn Blyth

17th Beverly Kirk

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24th Mike Blyth

24th Julie Smith

31st Alison Howie

31st Norman Neilson

Having a Clearout?

Dunlop Parents Association have arranged a Rag Bag collection on Monday 19th February. They accept wearable clothing, paired shoes, handbags and belts.

This is a brilliant way of recycling textiles, distributing good quality clothing to developing countries, and helping to raise funds for the school.

If you have any of these items, please could these be bagged/tied and placed under the bandstand in the playground on Monday 19th February before 9am. If you are unable to drop off at the playground on that morning, we would be happy to collect a donation from your home anytime from now. Please contact **Emma** (07762788610) or **Caroleann** (07801820962) to arrange collection. **Thank You.**

Caldwell Column

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

During the severe weather we have been experiencing, our Sunday Services are being held in the warmth of the Church Hall. Time of service is as usual from 10am, but we regret that no recording facilities are available for online posting.

As we were using the hall on 21st January ahead of storm Isha, it seemed like a good idea to try something new. We held a Café Church with tables laid out, and on entry we all received a cup of warming tea or coffee. That proved to be a successful alternative setting for worship, bringing the congregation together in a sociable way.

The village Christmas Card delivery by the Messy Church team raised the amazing sum of £850, the proceeds being donated this year to Barnardo's.

Caldwell Messy Church...

had its last event for 2023 on Sunday 26th November in the Mure Hall. The theme of Advent preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus was explored through games, crafts, songs and storytelling followed by a small supper. A meaningful and fun time was enjoyed by the children and parents alike.

Soup and Sandwich Lunches...

have restarted and are served every Friday in Caldwell Church Hall from 12 - 1.30pm.

The lunch includes a choice of soups, sandwiches or rolls, plus a chocolate biscuit with tea, coffee or juice.

The cost of the lunch is £2 for children and £4 for adults. Everyone is welcome to enjoy good home fayre in a warm and friendly place – just ask the many school children who make this a weekly must!

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 restarted on 17th January meeting online between 10.30 and 11.30am on Tuesdays for analysis and discussion of selected bible passages and themes.

Mobile Theological Library is free, details from **Paul Burgess** at paulandcathie@gmail.com

Dunlop Musical Memories

Wednesday, 14th February, 2-4pm
in Dunlop Church Hall

We are very much looking forward to seeing old friends and new on the above date!

First, we will be entertained by Dunlop Primary School Choir who will treat us to a selection of Scottish songs. After tea, our good friend Eddie will lead us in community singing.

All are welcome

St John Scotland Ayrshire & Arran

In partnership with the Stewarton Arms and The Hub Stewarton, a bystander CPR and defibrillator awareness session will take place at the following:

St Columba's Church Hall, Lainshaw Street, Stewarton
Sunday 4 February 2024
from 2 – 3:30pm

Everyone is welcome to attend!

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 very welcome.



Dunlop and Lugton Senior Citizens Association

A Happy New Year to all. It was great to see everyone at our Christmas Lunch in December and the Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported the event. A big thank you to Bertha and all her staff for providing such a delicious meal and to Craig and Fiona in the Post Office for supplying the wine. Our thanks also go to the local businesses who kindly donated goods for the raffle. Without

all the support we receive the event would not be as successful.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you all that anyone over the age of 65 can attend the events we organise. If you wish your name to be added to our records please contact either **Margaret True** on 07768 011183 or **Aileen Allan** on 07538 790271.

DUNLOP S.W.I.

**Wednesday, 31st January, 2pm,
Dunlop Church Hall**

Speaker:

Jim Carruth, Poet and Author

Competitions:

Flask of soup – own choice
3 biscuits – own choice

**Wednesday, 28th February, 2pm,
Dunlop Church Hall**

Speaker:

Roger Griffith, Glorious Tombs of Ayrshire

Competitions:

Flora Young Trophy
10 Crocus bulbs any colour
Amarillas – 5 miniature daffodils – foliage plants

Joan Young Salver

Best bowl of miniature daffodils
Baby Jacket

All Welcome

East Ayrshire Churches Homelessness Action

Thank you to all in the community who donated to our Christmas EACHa appeal. We collected 2 car loads of Christmas gifts, many bags of food to provide Christmas dinners and over £600 cash.

Margo McMurdo, Session Clerk

Scottish Opera at Dunlop Village Hall

Join us on Tuesday 13th of February as a troupe of talented singers, including Scottish Opera's 2023/24 Emerging Artists, bring an original piano-accompanied production to Dunlop.

This vibrant, one-of-a-kind show is created specifically for Scottish Opera

each season. Director **Laura Attridge** (*The Miserly Knight* and *Mavra 2022*) brings her signature storytelling to this year's tour and, alongside designer **Ana Inés Jabares-Pita**, creates an unforgettable experience: flinging our four singers and pianist into the oh-so-familiar setting of a wedding reception, they explore the highs and lows of love in opera.

Dunlop Gallery

The Dunlop Hall Gallery started 2024 with the Children's Exhibition in January, a huge thank you goes to everyone who took part.

Our February exhibition will feature the work of another local art class and the open evening will be held on Friday 16 February.

Please come along to the Conservatory Café to view the paintings and enjoy a glass of wine from 7 – 9pm.

As ever, if you can't manage along to the open evening, the pictures will be on view and on sale till Wednesday 13 March, please drop in to see the paintings when the café is open or while the hall is open

for other events - and if you're interested in a painting, please call **Ellenor** on 07811 045600 or **Shiona** on 07506 951620.

And remember to keep taking photos for our photo competition – this year's theme is "Dunlop and Lugton Gates and Doors".

Dunlop Community Cinema

THE GREAT ESCAPER (PG)

Friday, 23rd February, 7:30pm

In the summer of 2014, Bernard Jordan (Michael Caine) made global headlines. He had staged a "great escape" from his care home to join fellow war veterans on a beach in Normandy, commemorating their fallen comrades at the D-Day Landings 70th anniversary.

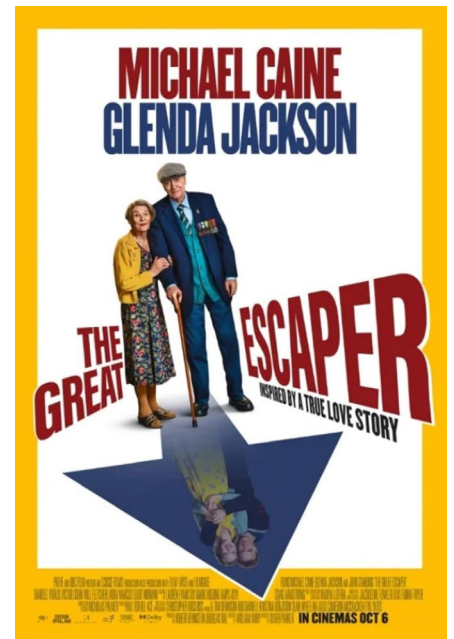
It was a story that captured the imagination of the world as Bernie embodied the defiant, "can-do" spirit of a generation that was fast disappearing. But of course, it wasn't the whole story. It was an inspirational but sanitised retelling of

one man's need to come to terms with the lasting trauma of war.

Bernie's adventure, spanning a mere 48 hours, also marked the culmination of his 60-year marriage to Rene (Glenda Jackson) – THE GREAT ESCAPER celebrates their enduring love but always with an eye to the lessons we might learn from the "Greatest Generation".

Tickets can be booked online at ticketebo.co.uk/dunlopcc

Any difficulty buying online, please do contact us for assistance: dunlopcinema@outlook.com



Dunlop Bowling Club

We are eagerly looking forward to our new season which starts on Saturday 13th April. Bowling can be anything you want it to be - fun, relaxing, social, sporting, and most importantly, for all. We would warmly welcome any members of our community who would like to give bowls a try and have a throw on our green. For those who want to join the club, our first year new bowling membership is half price in the first season and we also offer a social membership.

We would also kindly ask that members of the community consider Dunlop Bowling Club for private functions, celebrations or events. Our upgraded venue is a great size and we will do what we can to accommodate your needs. We also put on a regular programme of social events, including our popular winter Saturday bingo, and you do not have to be a member of the club to attend these or to hire the venue.

Your support allows us to continue to improve our offering to the community.

For more information, please contact Club Secretary, **Scott Gibson**, at SecretaryDBC@hotmail.com

Dunlop Diary Submissions

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

The deadline for submissions to the March Diary is Monday 19th February. Send them to dunlopd diary@gmail.com