

DUNLOP DIARY

February
2025



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Dear friends & neighbours,

Many of us are fascinated by miniatures and models - whether that's doll's houses with tiny furnishings, model railways or planes or miniature wargaming. I remember visiting a model village as a child - a scaled-down replica of the village it was in, complete with a scaled-even-further-down replica of the model village itself. We felt like giants stepping over houses and streets, leaning down to look in windows.

Last week I was contacted by the "Matchstick Man", Jim Miller of Kilwinning who, over the past 3 decades, has made a total of 105 model churches from matchsticks! His 106th model

will be of Caldwell Church, and he has already been to visit the building to take measurements and start planning this project which is simultaneously tiny and huge! Some years ago, he made a model of Dunlop Kirk, which is currently in the Clandeboyes Hall. Maybe there's someone here who is also a skilled model-maker who could add our recent vestry extension to the model!

The matchstick church building will be at the centre of our next Messy Church, planned for Saturday 15th February, as we think about Jesus, who was a carpenter just like his earthly father, Joseph, and who built on the strong

foundations set down by his divine Father God.

May all your plans, large or small, for this coming month be blessed.

Peace to you,

Rev Alison McBrier, Minister

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Morning Holy Communion Service

Sunday, 2nd February, 11:30am

Caldwell Church 10am
Dunlop Kirk 11.30am

'All who love the Lord are welcome'

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@dunlop Kirk.org.uk

Dunlop Kirk Services

Sunday Morning Worship,
11.30am in the church

Morning Communion Service
Sunday, 5th May, 11:30am

Our Sunday worship is also available online through the Dunlop Church Facebook page and the Church website (<https://dunlop Kirk.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 very welcome.



Church Flowers & Readers

Welcome Team

February

Annette Brown

Elizabeth Garrity

Julie Smith

Brian McGaw

Anne Sinclair

March

Alan Young

Kristeen Hare

Christine Reid

Alastair Martin

Jim Mundell

Readers

Flowers

February

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2nd Marilyn Bell

2nd Kristeen Hare

9th Julie Smith

9th Margaret Robb

16th Brian McGaw

16th Margaret Hunter

23rd Sheila Wyllie

23rd Beverly Kirk

March

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2nd Bob Brown

2nd Anne Sinclair

9th Charlotte McGuiness

9th Carolyn Blyth

16th Beverly Kirk

16th Beverly Kirk

23rd Mike Blyth

23rd Julie Smith

30th Alison Howie

30th Norman Neilson

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, Coffee, and Fellowship in the church hall after the service.

Donations for Barrhead Food Bank welcome.

Caldwell Messy Church Spring Event

Sunday, 27th April, Caldwell Church Hall and grounds.

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Join us as we rejoice and give thanks to the God of hope.

Update

Thanks to everyone who supported the Christmas Card Delivery Service helping us to raise £960 for the charity Save the Children.

A Word from the Manse

As mentioned earlier, we are delighted that Jim Miller has chosen Caldwell Church for his next project and look forward to welcoming him to Sunday worship in a few months' time when he'll present the completed model to us.

Ongoing Activities

Soup and Sandwich Lunches on Fridays from 12-1.30pm in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome to enjoy a warming bowl of soup, tasty sandwiches, chat and catch-up.

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.

Mobile Library of Christian Faith and Practice is free to use, details from Paul Burgess at 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

Dunlop and Lugton Seniors Committee

On behalf of the Committee, I'd like to thank everyone who came along to our annual Christmas Lunch on 4th December. We had a record number of raffle ticket sales on the day, with attendees winning some amazing prizes that had been kindly donated by local businesses and residents.

I would like to thank Margaret True for her continued service as president and committee member for the last 30+ years, who stepped down at the November

AGM. Aileen Allan stepped down as Secretary at the same time, thank you both for your hard work over the years making our events a success for our village.

Your new committee members are:

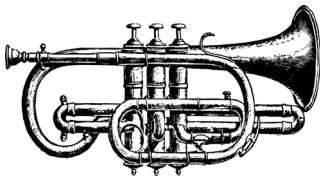
President Arlene McEwan (new)
Vice President Rita Hall
Treasurer Louise Woods
Secretary Lesley-Anne Duffy (new)
Arlene Mounce (McEwan)

Dunlop Musical Memories

Happy New Year to all our members!

We look forward to seeing you all in Dunlop Church Hall on **Wednesday, 12th February, from 2-4pm.**

Come along and enjoy a friendly chat with your tea and home-baking, AND hear all about the exciting events we have planned for you in the year ahead.



Dunlop Bowling Club

January has been a very busy month at Dunlop Bowling Club as we implement a number of grant funded improvements including upgrading our kitchen and ladies toilet facilities, as well as the provision of pathway lighting to create a safer environment.

Our first Prize Bingo of 2025 will take place on Saturday 8th February at 2pm and we look forward to a good turnout.

Our 2025 bowling opening day will take

place this year on Saturday 12th April and we are always looking to welcome new members to join the club, with first year memberships half price.

Our improved facilities are a great venue for private functions so please get in touch if we can host your event.

Please contact **SecretaryDBC@hotmail.com** for any further information.

Dunlop S.W.I.

Wednesday, 26th February, 2pm,
Dunlop Church Hall

Speaker:

David Mundell, Landscape Gardening

Competitions:

Drew Stewart Trophy

Best 3 Hyacinths in a Bowl – any colour

Joan Young Salver

5 miniature daffodils

Flora Young Trophy

10 Crocus bulbs any colour,
Amaryllis, foliage plants,
Snowdrops – maximum 8 inches lifted
from garden

Knitted Toy

Dunlop Messy Church

Saturday, 15th February, 4-6pm,
Dunlop Church Hall

Stories, music, lego, arts and crafts,
before we sit down to eat together!
Children must bring an adult with them!
Come and join the fun!



Dunlop Gallery

The Dunlop Hall Gallery has another year of superb exhibitions lined up for 2025!

Some early dates for your diary:

Children's Art Exhibition

Wednesday 15th January-Wednesday 12th February, huge thank you to everyone taking part in this.

Kilmaurs Photography Club Exhibition

Thursday 13th February-Wednesday 12th March, open night, 7-9pm on Thursday 13th February.

Kilmaurs Photography Club, Schools Photography Competition

Friday 14th March-Wednesday 9th April, open night 7-9pm on Friday 14th March.

Please note the open nights in your diaries and we look forward to seeing you then.

And remember to keep taking photos around Dunlop and Lugton for our photo competition which will be judged in June. Good luck everyone!

Dunlop Community Cinema

Cold, bleak and grey, January is named after Janus, the Roman god of new beginnings... and so a new season of Community Cinema is here to brighten up the dark winter nights:

The Wild Robot (U)

Sunday, 26th January, 3pm

For our younger audiences, an epic adventure about a robot who learns to survive on a remote island.

Film Club: Touch (15)

Friday, 7th February, 7:30pm

A romantic drama from Iceland that spans several decades and continents as a man searches for his first love who disappeared 50 years ago. This film will warm the cockles of your heart in the depths of winter.

Twisters (12A)

Friday, 21st February, 7:30pm

A good-old fashioned rollicking visual-effect laden blockbuster about storm chasers in the US with the charismatic Glen Powell leading the charge.

Come and join us for a touch of light in the dark winter months, and grab some popcorn, ice cream and perhaps a few drinks if you're not doing Dry January... We look forward to seeing you soon.

Doors open at 7pm on Fridays for a 7.30pm start and 2.30pm on Sundays.

Tickets available from [ticketbo.co.uk/dunlopcc](https://www.ticketbo.co.uk/dunlopcc), or, if not sold out, at 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.

**** UPDATE ****

We have unfortunately had to take the difficult decision to cancel our screening of **The Apprentice** on **Friday 24th January** due to the severe weather forecast.



The Ayrshire Hospice

The Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice would like to sincerely thank everyone who supported their recent Craft Fair; whether as a crafter, by buying a ticket, contributing baking or coming along on the night. The veritable army of

volunteers is vital to making the event a success and we are very grateful to you all.

We raised a fantastic £3,816.10 at the Craft Fair and, separately, £3,231 from

selling Hospice Christmas Cards on the night and also in the wider community beforehand.

With best wishes for a wonderful 2025. Thanks again.

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 17th February. Send them to dunlopdialry@gmail.com