

# DUNLOP DIARY

March  
2023



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## Dear friends & neighbours,

Although the February weather remained quite wintry, it has been lovely to see great swathes of snowdrops appearing in and around the village. I've even spotted some early daffodils making a very cheery appearance at the foot of dull, leafless hedges. Timely reminders for us all that spring is just around the corner with warmer and lighter days ahead. Even through the chill and darkness of winter, life continues

albeit in a more muted, less showy way. If you are on Facebook, then the recently launched Dunlop and Lugton Wildlife page has been a place to share many beautiful photographs and videos of local flora and fauna - a reminder of how fortunate we are to share this planet with such diverse wildlife, and of our responsibilities to care for this wonderful planet and our fellow creatures.

The Dunlop and Lugton Warm Spaces have been a way for us, as community and church, to gather in care for each other over this difficult winter,

and we have also shown great care for our neighbours further afield in generous responses to the appeals launched following the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. God's light of love and hope shines in even the very darkest of times.

As we journey through Lent towards Easter, may you and yours know God's blessings.

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### **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](mailto:contact@dunlopkirk.org.uk)**



### **ABC of Discipleship**

Do you have questions about where you find meaning in life? Would you like to find out more about Christian faith and the Church of Scotland?

The ABC of Discipleship Bible Study is a four-week course, starting on Wednesday 8th March at 7pm, and then the next 3 Wednesdays. We'll meet in Dunlop Kirk and on Zoom. Each meet-up will last about an hour, during which we'll watch some short videos to inspire and inform our discussions. The themes to be examined are structured around the vows of church membership, and the themes explored in the "ABC" are Acceptance, Belonging and Commitment.

***If you'd like to know more, then please get in touch with Rev Alison McBrier on 01560 673686 or by emailing [amcbrier@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:amcbrier@churchofscotland.org.uk).***

# Church Flowers & Readers

## Welcome Team

### March

Mike Blyth

Carolyn Blyth

David Clement

Carol Fraser

Isabel Kerr

Mitchell Wilson

### April

Jimmy Howie

Alison Howie

Marilyn Bell

John Campbell

Andrew Pinkerton

Linda Pinkerton

## Readers

### March

5th Charlotte McGuinness

12th David Clement

19th Lynn Moss

26th Beverly Kirk

### April

2nd Mike Blyth

9th Alison Howie

16th Christine Wallace

23rd Marilyn Bell

30th Anne Sinclair

## Flowers

### March

5th Anne Sinclair

12th Carolyn Blyth

19th Margaret Hunter

26th Bertha Horne

### April

2nd Norman Neilson

9th Charlotte McGuinness

16th Jess Duncan

23rd Margo McMurdo

30th Susan Shorrocks

## Deaths

February 2023

Mrs Elspeth Syme

*Blessed are they that mourn  
for they shall be comforted*

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## Tuesday Coffee, Tea and a Chat

On Tuesdays from 10am – 11.30am, we invite you to join us for our weekly morning coffee, tea, biscuits and chat in the Church Hall. Part of Lugton & Dunlop Warm Spaces.

*All very welcome.*

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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 ([dunlopkirk.org.uk](http://dunlopkirk.org.uk)), or our YouTube channel ([www.youtube.com/channel/UCiRuNieKc-q8aU7cNkjVlhA/streams](http://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. All welcome!

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## Dunlop Messy Church

Saturday 18th March,  
4pm-6pm in Dunlop Church Hall

We'll have stories, music, Lego, and arts & crafts before we sit down to eat together! All children must be accompanied by an adult. Come and join the fun!



### **Next Meeting**

Thursday 2nd March  
7pm in the Village Hall

This spring, the Community Council are hoping to start the preparation of a COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN for Dunlop and Lugton.

Come along to the meeting to find out more about this and other CC initiatives.

### **Dunlop and Lugton Warm Space**

The warm space initiative is continuing through to the end of March.

Every week, on a **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday** the Conservatory in the Village Hall will be open from 10:30am – 2:30pm as a cosy place to provide warmth, company and **FREE SOUP!**

*(There's also FREE wi-fi.)*

On Thursdays and Fridays, the usual café menu will be available, but soup will be free.

In March, look out for **FREE FILM SCREENINGS** – see programme on the back page for details.

Details of all the places in the village that are open free of charge in March are in the What's On calendar insert.

## **Dunlop and Lugton Community Action Plan**

*A Community Led Action Plan provides a road map for implementing community change and improving the delivery of essential services.* It describes what the community wants to achieve and clarifies what will be done, who will do it and how it will be done.

Over the next few months, Dunlop & Lugton Community Council will be co-ordinating the preparation of a Community Led Action Plan for our local villages and surrounding rural area.

The first stage is to carry out a survey of as many people as possible who live in the Dunlop and Lugton area. Volunteer distributors will be delivering paper

copies of the simple survey to every household in the area in early March. Online options will also be available and young people will be able to participate through their schools.

The survey aims to highlight things people like and dislike about our local area and from this, key themes can be identified. The resulting plan will help us to address the problems, needs, and

potential of our community and will allow actions to be focussed on where changes can be made for the better.

When you receive your survey, please don't ignore it. We want the widest possible range of opinions – the greater the response, the easier it will be to identify priorities.

### **Dunlop Musical Memories**

Our next meeting is Wednesday 8th March, from 2 – 4 pm in the Church Hall.

We'll have our usual mix of music and song with tea and coffee. This will also be another edition of our very popular 'fish and chips' day!

A warm welcome is extended to everyone.

*We hope to see you there!*

### **Dunlop And Lugton Senior Citizens Association**

The above group are holding their Spring Coffee Morning on Saturday 25th March in the Church Hall. The event will start at 10am and finish around 11.30am.

Donations of baking would be welcomed, and the cost of the tickets are £3.50/£1.50. We look forward to seeing you all on the day. There will be the usual raffle.

*Margaret True, Chairperson*

### **DUNLOP S.W.I.**

Wednesday 29th March, 2pm

The next meeting of the W.I. will be held in Dunlop Church Hall.

**Speaker:** Mr Michael McCreadie  
**Topic:** Curling with a disability

**Competitions:**  
Favourite Fridge Magnets  
Savoury Supper Dish

**All Welcome.**

## Dunlop Gallery

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On Friday the 10th of March the Wednesday Art Group, run by Liz Bennett, will be holding an open evening in the Conservatory Café.

Everyone is invited along to view the classes latest work, meet the artists, and enjoy a complimentary glass of wine. Do come along and support our local artists! If you can't make it along to the open

evening, you can see the paintings on display during café hours on Thursdays and Fridays, and on Wednesdays when there will be free soup on offer as well as hot drinks. This exhibition will run until **Wednesday 5th April**.

Also, make sure you are saving your best photos for the summer photography competition. The subject is Dunlop nature

and wildlife, and we are looking for photos from all seasons for our calendar. Keep that camera handy while you are out and about!

If you have any questions about these events, or if you are interested in having a show of your own work in the Conservatory Café, please phone **Ellenor on 07811 045600**, or **Shiona on 07506951620**. We'll be happy to help!

## Dunlop Community Cinema Our films for March are as follows:

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### ZOOTROPOLIS (PG)

Saturday 11th March, 3pm

Our second outing for this Oscar-winning, hilarious, warm and clever animation... 'Disney, with a touch of The Godfather!'

**Warm space FREE screening**

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### SEE HOW THEY RUN (12A)

Friday 17th March, 7.30pm

A thoroughly silly and entertaining Bafta nominated Agatha Christie spoof, with Saoirse Ronan (Lady Bird, Brooklyn, Grand Budapest Hotel) and Sam Rockwell (Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri) 'on the trail of high-camp crime'.

**Usual cinema screening: tickets available from [ticketebo.co.uk/dunlopcc](https://ticketebo.co.uk/dunlopcc)**

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### SINGIN' IN THE RAIN (U)

Thursday 23rd March, 1pm

We all know Gene Kelly and Debbie Reynolds are in this masterpiece, but did you know Rita Moreno (from West Side Story) is too!? Come along for a guaranteed smile on your face. Please note that this screening will have subtitles.

**Warm space FREE screening**

### THE WOMAN KING (15)

Friday 31st March, 7.30pm

We have scheduled this Bafta nominated film to link in with International Women's Day. Viola Davis (Widows, Fences) and John Boyega (Star Wars, Detroit) star in this 'ass-kicking, thought-provoking epic' inspired by a real-life, all-female African army.

**Usual film club cinema screening:**

**Tickets available from [ticketebo.co.uk/dunlopcc](https://ticketebo.co.uk/dunlopcc)**

### Additional Information:

Warm Space films are free, with thanks to East Ayrshire Council for providing funding. Our usual two films are being run with the usual prices, with tickets available from [ticketebo.co.uk/dunlopcc](https://ticketebo.co.uk/dunlopcc). Any difficulty buying online please do contact us at [dunlopcinema@outlook.com](mailto:dunlopcinema@outlook.com) for assistance. Please also email us at the same address if you would like to be added to our mailing list.

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 for paid screenings only. For warm space screenings, there will be free soup on Thurs 23rd (plus the usual café refreshments), but on the 11th we will not be selling any refreshments, and encourage people to bring their own (however, there will be free tea and coffee).