

DUNLOP DIARY

March
2025



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Dear friends & neighbours,

Storm Éowyn at the end of January certainly made its mark! From our first experience of the new emergency alert system which set off sirens on phones and tablets, to trees toppled across fields, roads and burns, and of course the power cuts which affected so many, some for several days. We discovered that Dunlop and surrounding areas are supplied with electricity from several different sources, and so the power returned gradually, area by area or street by street. We were fortunate that the Kirk had electricity and so we were able to provide a warm space for people, along with hot drinks and the chance to charge devices. On the Sunday afternoon, we were able to move our warm space up the Church Hall, and

thanks to generous donations, were able to offer tasty soup, rolls and biscuits to those who came by.

The biggest challenge for us was communication - how best to tell people that we were open for them. Our local community Facebook pages are a great resource, and I encourage everyone who can to join Facebook as it does provide a quick and easy way to share information and help. We're a pretty resilient community, good at looking out for each other, especially in times of crisis. I've been speaking with East Ayrshire Council about what we can learn from this experience and what support they can offer to help us in any similar situations in the future, particularly how we can tell

people where to find help.

And a closing thought - the hymns for our Sunday service had been chosen before the storm, but it was striking how many of the verses we sang contained the word "power"! Particularly poignant when many of us didn't have any electrical power, but a reassuring reminder of the power of God which is beyond our imagining, but which heals and sustains us.

May we all know God's power in our home and our lives,

Rev Alison McBrier, Minister

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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 Kirk Services

*Sunday Morning Worship,
11.30am in the church*

Our Sunday worship is also available online through the Dunlop 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!

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

March

Alan Young

Kristeen Hare

Jim Mundell

Alastair Martin

Christine Reid

April

Mike Blyth

Carolyn Blyth

David Clement

Isabel Kerr

Mitchell Wilson

Charlotte McGuinness

Readers

Flowers

March

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2nd Bob Brown

2nd Anne Sinclair

9th Charlotte McGuinness

9th Carolyn Blyth

16th Mike Blyth

16th Beverly Kirk

23rd Beverly Kirk

23rd Julie Smith

30th Alison Howie

30th Norman Neilson

April

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6th Christine Wallace

6th Charlotte McGuinness

13th David Sinclair

13th Jess Duncan

20th Maxine Buck

20th Margo McMurdo

27th Elizabeth Garrity

27th Annette Brown

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.

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 Primary Parents Association

We are holding a quiz evening on Saturday 1st March in the village hall to raise funds for the school.

Please come along and enjoy an evening of canapés with a complimentary cocktail included. This is an over 18s event with a drinks bar. Tickets are available to be booked at

<https://www.ticketebo.co.uk/parent-council-quiz-night/quiz-night-fundraiser>



Dunlop S.W.I.

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

Speaker:

Lorna Lumley, East Ayrshire waste Management

Competitions:

A Decorated Egg

Something Beginning With...'F'

All Welcome

Funeral Charity Donations

Funeral of John Campbell

The sum of £831 was donated to Erskine hospital.

The Campbell family would like to extend their thanks to those that braved the awful weather and donated.

Funeral of Andrew Hamilton

The sum of £933 was donated to Cancer Research UK.

The Hamilton family would like to extend their thanks for the generous donations.

Dunlop Musical Memories

We meet in Dunlop Church Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 2-4pm. All are welcome to come and enjoy an afternoon of song and chat with delicious home baking.

Our next meeting is on 12th March when we will need our soft shoes on to perform our musical armchair exercises with our resident instructress Morgan Allison.

The following month we meet on 9th April and its an Easter theme. Bring along a decorated egg (any size!) and perhaps win a prize! Wear your Easter bonnet and be prepared to join in the fun and games we have planned.

Everyone is welcome

Dunlop Community Council

We would like to take this opportunity to again thank those responsible in completing the initial phase of the Dunlop & Lugton Winter Lighting Project. We hope these lamppost lights have brightened up the darker months for you. We will miss them going into March - but look forward to the lighter nights. We are extremely grateful for the donations from local businesses, members of the community & community organisations which have funded this season's running costs. This allows us to run the lights for a little longer throughout Winter and not just for the Festive period.

If you would like to support this in the future, please get in contact with **Ruth Wilson on 07891 048 258.**

Dunlop Bowling Club

Preparations are well underway for our 2025 bowling opening day which will take place this year on Saturday 12th April with our new President John Craig and committee in place for the new season.

At our opening day we welcome visitors from many local clubs, and we reciprocate

this by sending representatives to their opening days.

We are always looking to welcome new members to join the club, with first year memberships half price. If you fancy a throw, please let us know and we will ease you in gently!

Our much 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 Hall Gallery

The Kilmaurs Photography Club Exhibition is currently on display in the café and will continue till Wednesday 12th March. The next few exhibition dates to mark in your diaries are:

- Kilmaurs Photography Club, Schools Photography Competition – Friday 14th March till Wednesday 9th April

- Stewarton Art and Chat Group – Friday 11th April till Wednesday 23rd April, open evening 7-9pm on Friday 11th April

- Dunlop Art Groups – Thursday 24th April till Wednesday 14th May – open evening 7-9pm on Thursday 24th April

We look forward to seeing you at the open evenings but if you don't manage along

and wish to buy any of the paintings, please call Shiona on 07506 951620 or Aileen on 07748 626712.

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

Dunlop Community Cinema

Our new season launch didn't quite go to plan thanks to Storm Eowyn but our first film of the year, 'Touch', went down a storm with our audience!

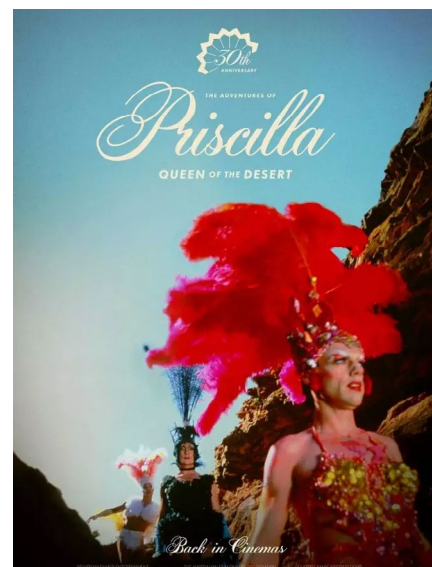
Storming in for your viewing pleasure on **21st February** is **Twisters (12A)**. A fun and enjoyable thrill ride about storm chasers in Oklahoma led by the charismatic Glen Powell. Perfect for a family film night.

A quieter, more considered film follows on **7th March**. **Small Things Like These (12A)** stars Cillian Murphy who plays a coal merchant who discovers startling secrets kept by the convent in his town, revealing truths about Ireland's Magdalene laundries. Perfectly described by Mark Kermode as "a film that whispers

its story to you," this intimate character study examines what happens when good people let bad things happen.

We then do a 180 degree turn for our next film on **28th March**. **The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert (15)**. A warm-hearted explosion of a film full of glitter, glam and glorious dialogue, this is the story of three drag queens on a road-trip from Sidney to Alice Springs. You'll have 'I will Survive' rattling through your head for days!

So come join us on Friday nights from 7pm for a 7.30 start. Grab some popcorn, ice cream and a drink and sit back, relax and be transported to another time or place for a couple of hours.



Tickets Available from:
www.ticketebo.co.uk/dunlopcc

The Dunlop and Lugton Senior Citizen Committee

The above held their first meeting on 11th February and agreed on 2 dates for your diary at this moment which are:

Saturday 29th March - our annual spring coffee morning from 10am - 11.30am in the church hall.

Thursday 4th December - our annual Christmas Lunch in the village hall.

As always this event is open to everyone in the community with the aim to raise funds for our senior citizens annual

summer trip. So where will we be going this year? We are in the hunt for suggestions for summer trip/activities. We would love to hear your ideas and will collect them at the coffee morning where we can make some plans! Oh the excitement!

Any bakers out there, that can donate some lovely home baking for the coffee morning will be greatly appreciated, along with any raffle prizes. Please contact the committee to arrange a collection.

We have a new Facebook page!: Dunlop & Lugton Senior Citizens. Please like, follow and share, grow our numbers and let's make it the page to be. This will be updated regularly with news and information of what's going on and dates for your diary. If you have any that you'd like to share on the page please do!

Thanks,
Arlene McEwan
President

Dunlop Diary Submissions

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

The deadline for submissions to the April Diary is Monday 17th March Send them to dunlopdiary@gmail.com