

DUNLOP DIARY

May
2023



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Dear friends & neighbours,

Some of you have met Katrona, the student minister who has been on a training placement at the church here, and in Uplawmoor, since last October. Katrona is from Kilmarnock, so being involved with village churches surrounded by farmland is a new experience for her. A few weeks back, she commented on how 'the lambing seems to be a big thing here!'. Yes, yes it is!

In the Bible, Jesus is referred to as the Lamb of God, and so you will find references to the Lamb in Christian hymns, prayers and literature as well as depictions of the Lamb in paintings, sculpture and stained glass. And as a measure of how many aspects there are to God, Jesus is

not only a Lamb, but also describes himself as a shepherd. The Good Shepherd who loves and cares for the sheep, keeping them safe. The Good Shepherd who will not rest until the lost sheep is found. The Good Shepherd whose sheep know his voice and are reassured by his presence.

The fields around Dunlop, Lugton, Burnhouse and the Halket are full of sheep and lambs just now. While the sheep graze and rest, the lambs leap around, racing with each other before running back to their mothers for milk and snuggling down together for a nap. It has been lovely to see them in the late April sunshine — a reminder of the presence of God, new life and the changing of the seasons.

This time of year also sees the start of the season for agricultural shows, with Stewarton and Dunlop Show set for Saturday, 27th of May at Lainshaw Holm in Stewarton. Dunlop Messy Church are delighted to be part of the show again this year, and hope to see you there!

Springtime blessings,

Rev Alison McBrier, Minister

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**Morning
Communion Service**
Sunday 30th April 2023, 11.30am

All who
love the Lord
are welcome



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!

Dunlop Kirk Open Sunday Afternoons

The church will be open every Sunday afternoon during July, August and September.

Would you like to be part of the team who welcome visitors? One Sunday afternoon, 2–4pm, we will match you with a regular. No experience necessary. We have information sheets and brochures.

Coffee, tea and biscuits as always.
For more information, please call Carolyn Blyth on 01560 484 846 or 07950 049 504

Deaths

April 2023

Mrs Jennifer Hunter
Mr David Mitchell

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

Church Flowers & Readers

Welcome Team

May

Sandy Hutchison

Lynn Davidson

Jess Duncan

Margaret Robb

Roy Wyllie

Sheila Wyllie

June

Annette Brown

Elizabeth Garrity

Brian McGaw

Anne Sinclair

Readers

May

7th Roy Wyllie

14th Greer Thomson

21st Bob Brown

28th Sheila Wyllie

June

4th Mike Blyth

11th Alison Howie

18th Christine Wallace

25th Beverly Kirk

Flowers

May

7th Alison Howie

14th Dorothy Brown

21st Archie Reid

28th Annette Brown

June

4th Linda Pinkerton

11th Annette Brown

18th Christine Wallace

25th Beverly Kirk

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@dunlopchurch.org.uk

Annual Cream Tea

Sunday 14th May, 2pm-4pm

Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice would like to invite you to their Annual Cream Tea to be held in Dunlop Village Hall. We will have our delicious scones and there will be a raffle and home baking stall. Donations of home baking would be much appreciated.

Plants to brighten up your garden will be available for sale from Scotplants.

We look forward to seeing you again this year. Tickets can either be purchased in advance from any of the committee or at the door.

All proceeds to the Ayrshire Hospice.

Dunlop Messy Church

Saturday 27th May,

Lainshaw Holm, Stewarton

The Messy Church will be part of the 107th Stewarton and Dunlop Annual Show – where there will be arts and crafts, and activity bags.

All ages welcome. See you there!

Dunlop S.W.I.

Wednesday 31st May, 2pm

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

Speaker: Kevin Ferguson

Topic: Trading Standards

Competitions:

Knitted Baby Booties

Baked Potato with Filling

All welcome.

Dunlop Musical Memories

Our annual day trip will be on Wednesday 10th May, leaving from the school gates at 10.30am. We will visit Rozelle Country Park and then on to Dobbies Garden Centre for afternoon tea.

Non-members of Dunlop Musical Memories are very welcome to join us at a cost of **£15 per person**.

If you are interested in coming along, please contact Christine Wallace on **07983653103**.

Dunlop And Lugton Senior Citizens Association

The Annual Summer Trip (this year to Summerlee Museum in Coatbridge) will take place on Thursday 15 June 2023. Coaches will leave Dunlop at 10.45am and Lugton at 11am. A Fish and Chip tea will be served in Dunlop Bowling Club on our return.

The cost is £10 for Seniors and £20 for carers and guests. Numbers are limited and Committee Members will be visiting you soon to distribute tickets which must be paid for at the time.

Note: Bus terminates at the Bowling Club. Please ensure you have transport home if living outside the village. We look forward to seeing you on the day and hopefully the weather will be kind to us!

Margaret True, President

Stewarton and Dunlop Show

Saturday 27th May, Lainshaw Holm, Irvine Road (B769), Stewarton, KA3 3EB

The 107th Stewarton and Dunlop Show will be held by kind permission of Mrs Aileen Howie and family. There will be lots to see and do, for adults and children alike! Including: Cattle, sheep, horses, donkeys, show jumping, fancy dress, craft competitions and marquee, baking, face painting, balloon modelling, fun fair, vintage tractors and lots more!

Dunlop Messy Church will be in the Educational Tent, and Owl Magic returns!

You can enter your dog in the Fun Dog Show, and the digger competition will be running, kindly operated by Blackwood Plant Hire.

We hope to see you there! For more details, please visit:
stewartondunlop.wixsite.com/agricultural
www.facebook.com/Stewarton-and-Dunlop-Show

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 & LUGTON community council

Thank you to everyone who has completed the community survey to date. We want to gather views from as broad a cross section of the community as possible. There is still time to submit your response – access the survey online at: www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/DunlopandLugtonCAPSurvey/ or by scanning the QR code. (Completed surveys can be left at Struthers or the Post Office.)

During May, all responses will be collated and fed back to the community at a public event. This enables further refinement of key issues before the final report is prepared and published.

Next Community Council Meeting:
Thursday 4th May, 7pm in the village hall



St John Scotland Ayrshire & Arran

Stewarton Thro' the Years Slide Show *Friday 19th May, St Columba's Church Hall, 7 – 9.30pm. Tickets £5 (includes light supper) available from Warwick Cards, Stewarton.*

Stewarton & Dunlop Agricultural Show
Saturday 27th May

For information on Defibrillators/CPR training, or becoming a volunteer, please visit our stand within the marquee.

Dunlop Gallery

Our next exhibition, featuring the latest work from the Stewarton Colourists, will be starting on Thursday the 11th of May. There will be an open evening that night from 7–9pm, to which everyone is invited. All the paintings will be for sale, and there will be a complimentary glass of wine. Do join us for this, meet the artists in this group and enjoy the new show. If you can't make the opening night, pop in when the cafe is open on Thursdays and Fridays,

11am–2pm. The exhibition runs until the 7th of June. Don't miss it!

Our photo competition this year is being held in August, and we have a new local supplier helping to design and print the calendar. The theme is Dunlop Nature and Wildlife, so next time you're out for a walk, make sure you have your camera or phone with you. You don't have to be out and about though; it might be a scene from

your garden window! Save all your best pictures so you can choose from them nearer the time. To be included in the calendar, landscape setting is preferable to portrait, but the rest is up to you.

If you have any questions or are interested in having a show of your own work, feel free to call **07506951620**, or **07811045600**, and we'll be happy to help.

An Evening with Dunlop Players

Friday 19th and Saturday 20th May, Dunlop Village Hall

Come along and see the Dunlop Players performing 3 one-act plays on the above dates! Featuring:

Are You New Here: written by SJ Edwards, directed by Stephanie Craig, featuring a cast of 19 Youth Members.

Right on Cue: written by Barry Lambart, directed by Alan Mitchell, featuring a cast of 4 Adult Members.

Bad Reception: written by Paul Vincent, directed by Callum Alldridge, featuring a cast of 9 Youth Members.

Tickets are available from:
Ticketebo.co.uk/dunlop-players
Curtain up 7pm, doors open 6.30pm.

The next production will be the annual pantomime. This year it is Peter Pan, by JM Barrie, script by Alex Jackson, directed by Martin Ritchie. Auditions will take place on Sunday 13th August. Information Evening Tuesday 15th August. Performances will be on 23rd, 24th and 25th November. Look out for more information nearer the time!

Dunlop Community Cinema

The May screening will be our final film club screening

THE QUIET GIRL (12A)

Friday 12th May, 7.30pm

This 'beautiful and compassionate film' follows a young girl as she is sent away from her family, spends a summer living with foster parents, and discovers a major secret. A wonderful, touching Irish drama which was nominated for Best International Feature Film at this year's Oscars!

Tickets available from:
ticketebo.co.uk/dunlopcc



Dunlop Diary Submissions

Do you have something to feature in the next edition of the Dunlop Diary? The deadline for submissions to the June diary is Monday 22nd May, and they should be sent to **dunlopdiary@gmail.com**