

DUNLOP DIARY

May
2024



Dear friends & neighbours,

As I write this piece for May's issue of the Diary, we are approaching the end of April and I think we've managed only one sunny Saturday since the start of the year!

This feels like the longest winter ever - with almost relentless cold and rain. And yet, this dreichness (is that a word?) has been brightened by wonderfully colourful displays of flowers all around us - from snowdrops and crocuses, through daffodils and bluebells, to the glorious pink of cherry blossom.

Although we might wish for blue skies and the warmth of sunshine, the flowers bursting out around us do seem to have

benefitted from all that rain - and so we too benefit from such beauty around us, which surely cheers us up and lifts our spirits!

A reminder of that hymn, so popular with all ages ...

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.*

*Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colours,
he made their tiny wings.*

Through sunshine and rain, God's creation glows and sings!

May you know the blessings of God's love and care, and in your turn, show love and care for the plants and animals with which we are surrounded.

Blessings,

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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://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!

Special Father's Day Service

Sunday 16th June, 10:30am,
Dunlop Village Hall

Joint Caldwell and Dunlop Service. This will be followed by a brief Stated Annual Meeting then a delicious light lunch.

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

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

May	June
Alan Young	Mike Blyth
Kristeen Hare	Carolyn Blyth
Jim Mundell	David Clement
Alastair Martin	Isabel Kerr
Christine Reid	Mitchell Wilson
	Charlotte McGuiness

Readers

Flowers

May	May
5th Lynn Davidson	5th Jess Duncan
12th Greer Thomson	12th Dorothy Brown
19th Bob Brown	19th Archie Reid
26th Anne Sinclair	26th Margaret Hunter
June	June
2nd Lynne Moss	2nd Christine Wallace
9th Marilyn Bell	9th Sadie Reid
16th David Sinclair	16th Lesley Beaton
23rd Sheila Wyllie	23rd Maxine Buck
30th Charlotte McGuiness	30th Elizabeth Garrity

Dunlop Bowling Club

Dunlop Bowling Club finally got the 2024 season underway on Saturday 13th April. Thankfully the weather was kind and allowed for a full afternoon of play. We were delighted to welcome visiting bowlers from neighbouring clubs Kilmaurs, Stewarton, Crosshouse, Girdle Toll, and West Netherton, who had a thoroughly enjoyable day.

We are delighted to welcome 8 new bowling members so far to the club this season and would encourage any member of the community who would like to give bowls a try to get in touch. We will be running "Try Bowls" sessions throughout the season.

Finally, we are also delighted to be welcoming Dunlop Primary School P6/P7 pupils to the Bowling Club over the coming weeks as part of our new Schools Programme. We would love to establish a junior section within the club which has been absent for some years.

Contact **Scott Gibson** at SecretaryDBC@hotmail.com for any further information on Dunlop Bowling Club.

Caldwell Column

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

Sunday Service...

we are settled back into Church for our services, time is as usual from 10am. We are continuing to record and upload, and this can be viewed online by visiting the **Caldwell Church in Uplawmoor YouTube channel**. We are pleased to see that viewing numbers are creeping up, so why not also join us remotely from our nice wee church in the comfort of your home?

Hall...

regular visitors to the hall will be glad to hear that the old heavy steel framed chairs are being replaced with lightweight stacking chairs - making the tasks of lifting and laying much easier for volunteers. Not a bad innings though as the old chairs had been repurposed from renovations at the Mure Hall a great many years ago. Souvenir relics available on request!

Caldwell Messy Church...

re-started on Sunday, 21st April with a Spring Gathering. This took place in and around the church hall with games, crafts, gardening and food. New small raised plots have been built on the side lawn and children planted flower bulbs to learn and care for the plants as the season progresses. Prayers were offered in a Spring Thanksgiving. An early summer BBQ is planned for June.

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 meet 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

The **motor bike club** meets on the first Monday of the month from 7-9pm.

Contact **John: 0141 881 6553**

The **community choir** practices each Tuesday evening from 7-9pm.

Contact **Lynne: 07710 633416**

St John Scotland Ayrshire and Arran

Charity Event

Friday, 10th May, 6:30pm for 7:00pm
Wellwood Burns Centre and Museum,
28 Eglinton Street, Irvine KA12 8AS,

The evening will be hosted by
Archie Chalmers MSTJ, FSA Scot

Guest speakers:

Lord Lyon King of Arms:
Dr Joseph J. Morrow CVO, CBE, KStJ, KC, LLD,
DL, FRSE
speaking about "A Right Royal Year"

John Shirkie speaking about "Robert Burns,
his early years"

Musical contributions:

Three times All Scotland Accordion
Champion and five times National Accordion
Champion, **Liam Stewart**

Well-known Scottish singing duo,
Alan and Polly Beck

Tickets - £10 each (including tea/coffee
and biscuits)

For tickets, please contact:

Archie Chalmers -
archibald.chalmers@stjohnscotland.org.uk
or Janice Granger -
janice.granger@stjohnscotland.org.uk

Agricultural Show

We are delighted to be participating in
this year's **Stewarton & Dunlop
Agricultural show** on Saturday 25th May
at Lainshaw Holm, Irvine Road,
Stewarton (B769).

Please come and visit our stand for more
information on our services and
volunteering opportunities



**St John
Scotland**

Ayrshire Hospice Cream Tea

Sunday, 19th May, 2-4pm, Village Hall

Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice
would like to invite you to their Annual
Cream Tea.

We will have our delicious scones and
there will be a raffle and home baking
stand. Donation of home baking would be
much appreciated.

Plants to brighten up your garden
will also 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 on
the door.

All proceeds to the Ayrshire Hospice.



Dunlop Messy Church

We will be at Stewarton and Dunlop
Show on Saturday, 25th May,
at Lainshaw Holm, Irvine Road
Stewarton. And we're looking forward
to being part of Dunlop Gala Day on
Saturday 1st June.



JUBILEE at Dunlop Village Hall

They entertained the nation during
lockdown with their two lounge sessions
on Facebook...

Dunlop Village Hall presents JUBILEE
24th May, doors 7pm for 7.30pm start

Café will serve hot snacks on the
evening. See menu on arrival.

To purchase tickets, visit:
www.ticketebo.co.uk/dunlop-village-hall/jubilee

Dunlop Musical Memories

Our trip to the Transport Museum is on
8th May, leaving Norman's at 10.30am
and returning to the Church Hall by 3pm,
where we will have a fish tea supplied by
the Chip Box.

This is free to regular members and open
to friends at the cost of £15.

DUNLOP S.W.I.

Meetings held in Dunlop Church Hall

Wednesday, 29th May, 2pm

Speaker:

*Laura Telford: Mooving Milk –
Milk on the move*

Competitions:

*3 Muffins (any kind)
Knitted Cushion Cover*

All welcome

Dunlop Gallery

The weather is finally improving and it's time to look forward to longer nights, warmer weather and some sunshine, hooray! And if you are looking for something to do, why not come along to our next exhibition, featuring the work of the Stewarton Colourists (now known as Art and Chat).

The open evening will be 7-9pm on Friday 10th May, and the exhibition will continue

until Wednesday 5th June.

We hope you can join us and some of these talented local artists for a glass of wine on the opening night. If you can't join us but wish to buy a painting, please call **Shiona on 07506 951620** or **Aileen on 07748 626712**.

And please keep taking photos for our photo competition – the theme is

'Dunlop and Lugton Gates and Doors'. Entry forms are available from the café in the Village Hall or by emailing **dunlophallgallery@gmail.com**. Entries should be submitted between 11am and 1pm, on Friday 31st May, to Shiona at the café or if you can't manage then, please call **Shiona on 07506 951620** to make other arrangements. Photos should be printed A4 size. Prizes will be awarded on 7th June. Good luck everyone!

Dunlop Community Cinema

Filmclub Screening: Poor Things (18)
Friday, 17th May, 7:30pm

So, we are showing something a little different, even to our usual film club screenings, and please note the 18 certificate, due to strong sex, nudity, and very strong language.

As described by another community cinema, this is 'an interesting Frankenstein-like story about Bella being brought back to life using a baby's brain, so it is about her social, sexual and emotional growth as she changes from a baby in an adult's body to a mature adult, through lots of adventures and experiences. It is weird but entertaining, dark and light, sexually explicit but not

crude'. The film is based on the book by Alasdair Gray (*Lanark*), directed by Yorgos Lanthimos (*The Favourite*), with Emma Stone, Mark Ruffalo, and Willem Dafoe. A winner of 4 Oscars and 5 Baftas, including both for best actress, we must admit it's dividing audiences, but what can we say other than - why don't you come to see for yourself!

Comments from other community cinemas:

'Feminist symbolism with dark humour.'
'Totally bonkers but the most original movie you will see.'
'It's 18 for a reason.'

And as someone in the village said the other day... 'Brace yourself!'

Calamity Jane (U)
Friday, 31st May, 7:30pm

Finishing our season with a BANG...and something that couldn't be more different to *Poor Things* – with our Gala film *Calamity Jane* – entertainment for all the family (singing will be encouraged!)

Tickets can be booked online at
[ticketebo.co.uk/dunlopcc](https://www.ticketebo.co.uk/dunlopcc)

Online price £6 per ticket plus 75p per transaction (not per ticket).

If not a sell-out, tickets on the door are £7.

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

Dunlop and Lugton Senior Citizens Association

The Annual Trip this year will visit **The Burrell Collection** on Thursday 13th June. The coach will be leaving Lugton at approximately 11am, and Dunlop (outside Norman's) at 11.15am.

The booking for the self-led tour is between 1pm and 3pm. Thereafter returning to the Bowling Club for a Fish and Chip style tea. Tickets are £10 per

person and will be on sale shortly. As we have only booked one coach, seats will be limited so make sure you don't miss out! Here's to a good day.

Coffee Morning

A great big thank you to everyone who helped to make our Coffee Morning on Saturday 13th April such a success.

A grand total of £900 was raised which will go a long way to helping us to provide the events planned.

Without your continued support we would not be able to survive.

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 20th May. Send them to **dunlopdialry@gmail.com**