

DUNLOP DIARY

November
2023



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Dear friends & neighbours,

Winter is definitely here now—and it's not just the weather which helps us tell one season from the other here in Dunlop and Lugton. We need only look to our lampposts—which take us from the hanging baskets of summer to the poppies of Remembrance and on to the sparkling lights of Christmas and winter.

As the nights draw in, we can look forward to various festive events and activities in and around the church and village.

We'll be starting Advent and the countdown to Christmas on the first Monday in December, with our traditional Procession of Light from the Church to the Church Hall to light

up our nativity and trees. The evening will begin at 6.30pm in the Kirk with a Christmas Tree Service.

Local groups and organisations will be invited to decorate a Christmas tree on the theme of a particular Christmas Carol which we'll sing together as the lights are switched on.

Our Messy Church families will be decorating their tree when they meet in the church on the last Saturday in November.

At a time when the news, as well as the nights, is filled with the darkness of war and conflict we remember that Jesus came as Prince of Peace, and that His light will always shine in the

darkness, and will never be overcome. We keep praying for the people of Israel and Gaza, and for everyone who is working so hard to support them and to bring a peaceful end to this terrible situation.

Blessings,

Rev Alison McBrier, Minister

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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 (<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!

Remembrance Service

Sunday, 12th November

Join us at 11:30am in Dunlop Kirk
& 12:30pm at the War Memorial in
Dunlop Cemetery

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

Dunlop Kirk Harvest Service

Thank you to all in the community who donated to our Harvest Service. We distributed 48 gifts and Stewarton Food Bank were delighted with the many bags of food and toiletries.

Margo McMurdo, Session Clerk



Church Flowers & Readers

Welcome Team

November

Annette Brown

Elizabeth Garrity

Julie Smith

Brian McGaw

Anne Sinclair

December

Alan Young

Jim Mundell

Alistair Martin

Christine Reid

Carol Fraser

Readers

November

5th Charlotte McGuinness

12th Remembrance

19th Marilyn Bell

26th Roy Wyllie

December

3rd Bob Brown

10th Alison Howie

17th Christine Wallace

24th Mike Blyth

31st David Sinclair

Flowers

November

5th Kirsteen Hare

12th Remembrance

19th Carolyn Blyth

26th Margaret Gibson

December

3rd Christine Wallace

10th Anne Young

17th Beverly Kirk

24th Dorothy Brown

31st Kirsteen Hare

Readers Note

If anyone wishes to be added/removed from the Reader/Flower rota, would you please contact Beverly during November as she will be making up the 2024 rota in December.

She can be contacted in church, by phone on **07375514384**, or by email at **kirk1948@icloud.com**.

Caldwell Memo

Upcoming Events at Caldwell Church

Neilston Road, Uplawmoor, G78 4AF

Churches in Union - Caldwell and Dunlop Parish Church

Soup and Sandwich Lunches

Soup and sandwich lunches will be restarting on Friday 27th October in Caldwell Church hall, from 12 noon until 1.45pm, and then each Friday until the special Christmas lunch on Friday 17th December. We will start again in the New Year on 12th January 2024.

The lunch will include a choice of soups, sandwiches or rolls, a chocolate biscuit and tea or coffee or juice.

The cost of the lunch is £2 for children and £4 for adults, and everyone is welcome to enjoy a meal in a warm and friendly place.



Annual Brunch for Erskine

Saturday, 11th November, 10am-12.30pm

Last year we raised £722 for Erskine and we hope to match it this year (or hopefully exceed it) with a delicious range of Breakfast Rolls, Cakes, and a Baking Stall - all baking donations are welcome.

We will be delighted if you can join us, and a warm welcome awaits.

Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice

We are proud to announce that our annual Craft Fair in aid of the Ayrshire Hospice will take place on Friday 3rd November in the Village Hall. We will be offering the option this year to have a sit down tea with homebaking or a cakeaway box for those who would rather enjoy at home.

Please come and enjoy over 25 different crafters, homebaking, raffle and the last chance to buy your Ayrshire Hospice Christmas Cards.

Open from 7:30-9:30pm
Entrance £3.50

Dunlop Musical Memories

Wednesday, 8th November, 2–4pm
in Dunlop Church Hall

The next meeting of Dunlop Musical Memories will feature Abbie Blackmore (a local 'weel kent' face) and a lively ukulele group (with another 'weel kent' face) will provide the entertainment for the afternoon.

This will be followed by tea/coffee and cake. A warm welcome awaits everyone and we look forward to seeing you there.

DUNLOP S.W.I.

A.G.M

Wednesday, 15th November, 2pm

Speaker: Dominike Sorores Aromatherapy

Competitions:
Favourite Dish Towel
Something Beginning with 'B'

105th Anniversary Christmas Lunch

Wednesday, 6th December

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.

Dunlop and Lugton Senior Citizens Association

The Annual Christmas Lunch this year will be held on Thursday 7th December in the Village Hall, 12 noon for 12.30. Tickets remain the same as last year at a cost of £8 per person.

Committee members will be distributing tickets from the week beginning 6th November. The deadline for numbers will be Wednesday 22nd November.

Catering will be provided by Bertha and her team from Struther and the school choir will be entertaining us with a selection of Christmas songs.

We look forward to seeing you all for what is guaranteed to be a fun-filled afternoon.

Margaret True, Chairperson

Christian Aid Harvest Collection

This year we raised the wonderful sum of £1064.50— Gift Aid included.

Thank you to all who gave so generously.

Alison Howie, Christian Aid Convener, Dunlop Kirk



St John Scotland Ayrshire & Arran - Annual Coffee Morning

Saturday, 18th November, 10am–12:30pm

The St John Scotland Ayrshire & Arran annual coffee morning is being held in St Columba's Church, Stewarton.

With a wide variety of stalls including home baking, plants, Christmas goodies, Defib demonstrations, and much more!

Tickets are £4.00 each for adults. This includes tea or coffee and delicious home baking. Entry for children is free.

To obtain tickets, please email us:
janice.granger@stjohnscotland.org.uk
or jess.duncan@stjohnscotland.org.uk

Dunlop Messy Church

Saturday 25th November, 4–6pm
in Dunlop Church Hall

Join us for Advent Stories, lego work, Christmas arts and crafts, followed by hot dogs!

Children must bring an adult with them.
Come and join in the fun!



Cards for Christmas

Our beautiful cards, featuring two of the most stunning stained glass windows in the church, are available with or without a Christmas insert.

Special price £1 each

Stained Glass Booklet

With its fascinating details about all the windows, it makes a lovely gift. Easily wrapped and easily posted.

£5 per copy

For sale in the church

or contact

Carolyn 01560 484846

Sheila 01560 480919

Dunlop Gallery

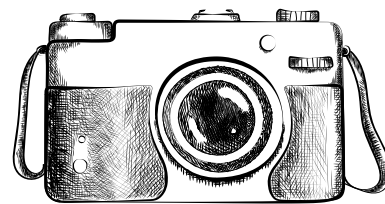
The November Art Exhibition will be on from Friday 10th November to Thursday 14th December, featuring the work of some of our local artists.

Please do come along to the Open Evening, 7–9 pm on Friday 10th November, to support the artists and view the paintings.

If you can't manage along on the opening night, you can still view the exhibition when the hall is open for the café, cinema or other events. If you are interested in a painting, please call Ellenor on **07811 045600**, or Shiona on **07506 951620**.

Our 2024 Calendar, with photos by local

photographers, will be on sale at the Christmas Fair in the hall on 2nd December and available at the Post Office soon.



Dunlop Community Cinema

Elemental (PG)

Sunday, 12th November, 2pm

Please note earlier time than usual*

Latest Pixar animation, following on from Zootopia and Inside Out, with the Independent describing it as 'sincere and clever, with a splash of dazzle'—perfect Sunday afternoon viewing!

The Fabelmans (12A)

Friday, 17th November, 7:30pm

Spielberg's lavish love-letter to cinema, with Michelle Williams (The Greatest Showman) and Paul Dano (Little Miss Sunshine), loosely based on his early life.

Final two films of 2023 to be confirmed:

Friday, 1st December, 7:30pm

Sunday, 17th December, 3pm

All tickets can be booked online at ticketebo.co.uk/dunlopcc

If you have any difficulty with this, do let us know: dunlopcinema@outlook.com

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.

Dunlop Village Hall Fayre

Saturday, 2nd December, 10am–3pm

Come and enjoy all our stalls featuring bespoke, handmade goods including snacks, artwork, jewellery, ceramics, knitwear and much more!

The Conservatory Cafe will be open and serving hot food, and we will have a mulled wine & beer table.

Also featuring carols played by Garnock Valley Community Concert Band

Dunlop Players Proudly Present...

Peter Pan by J.M Barrie.

Join us for one (or more!) of our four performances directed by our very own Martin Ritchie! We are anticipating four sold out shows as we have done in previous years. Book now to avoid disappointment!

Performance dates:

Thursday 23rd November 2023 @ 7pm

Friday 24th November 2023 @ 7pm

Saturday 25th November 2023 @ 1.30pm

Saturday 25th November @ 6.30pm

Tickets can be purchased from: <https://www.ticketebo.co.uk/dunlop-players>

If you are having difficulties with ordering online, please feel free to pop along to Dunlop Village Hall during our rehearsals (Tuesday and Thursday evenings) where one of our members will support you to do so!

Dunlop Gala

The next Dunlop Gala committee meeting will be held at the following:

Dunlop Church Hall

Tuesday, 28th November, 7:30pm

New Volunteers are welcome!

Find us on Facebook & Instagram @dunlopgala

Dunlop Diary Submissions

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

The deadline for submissions to the December Diary is Monday 20th November. Send them to dunlopdialry@gmail.com