

DUNLOP DIARY

October
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Dear friends & neighbours,

I was chatting with a friend who's recently moved house, and when I asked how she was settling in, she said it was taking her a while to get used to the noises in the new place - those unexpected creaks and thuds which all houses make, but which after a while we stop noticing. We can get so accustomed to the familiar that it can take a change to make us more observant.

These past few weeks, even with that bit of September sunshine, many of us commented on how it felt more like autumn - again, like my friend with the creaky house - relying on our senses - the feel of a chill in the air, a certain smoky smell, the sight of leaves changing colour, the sound of migrating geese overhead. With the changing

of the seasons our awareness of our surroundings seems to be heightened.

Think how much we must miss out on when familiarity dulls our senses! What do we miss in our surroundings? Not only in nature and our homes, but also in our relationships - with family, friends, neighbours, even with our own selves. And also with God, who is ever present - not just in the high and low points in life, not just when we're going through change and uncertainty, but also when all is settled, calm and familiar.

This month, let's take a bit of time to savour the familiar and to rediscover what we might have stopped noticing. And whether you are reassured that all is well, or encouraged to do things

differently, may all your senses, thoughts and actions be blessed.

Peace be with you,

Alison

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 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 & Caldwell Churches: Dates for Your Diary

Sunday, 29th September
Harvest Service

Sunday 6th October
Celebrate Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Dunlop Kirk

Sunday, 29th September at 11.30am will be our Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

On Saturday, 28th September the Church will be open from 1pm-3pm to receive donations of flowers, plants etc., as well as items for Stewarton Foodbank.

Christian Aid envelopes will also be available.

Church Flowers & Readers

Welcome Team

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

Readers	Flowers
October	October
6th Marilyn Bell	6th Annette Brown
13th David Sinclair	13th Catherine Glen
20th Sheila Wyllie	20th Fiona Walker
27th Bob Brown	27th Jess Duncan
November	November
3rd Charlotte McGuiness	3rd Elizabeth Garrity
10th Beverly Kirk	10th Carolyn Blyth
17th Mike Blyth	17th Lesley Beaton
24th Alison Howie	24th Margaret Gibson
	& Emily

St John Scotland Ayrshire and Arran

We are holding our annual coffee morning in St Columba's Church Hall in Stewarton to raise funds for life-saving public access defibrillators for local communities.

Date: Saturday, 16th November, 2024

Time: 10am-12 noon

This has always been a very popular event, and this year will be no exception. Tickets are £4.00 each which includes a selection of delicious home baking. Admission for children is free when accompanied by an adult.

There will be a wide variety of stalls and attractions for you to enjoy including home-baking, jams and chutneys, plants and the St John Scotland volunteers.

For tickets or for further information please contact Volunteers and Events Lead, Janice Granger

Email: janice.granger@stjohnscotland.org.uk

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 to join us for Tea and Coffee after the service.

We have been focusing on giving thanks and sharing with others less fortunate. Those attending worship on Sundays and the various ongoing activities in the hall are invited to bring donations for the Barrhead Food Bank in response to need that extends throughout the year, not just at harvest.

Soup and Sandwich Lunches Return on Friday, 25th October, 12-1.30pm, Church Hall...

Everyone is welcome to enjoy a warming bowl of soup and tasty sandwiches, chat and catch-up. Loved by all, including the older Primary Schoolchildren, it will become a highlight of your week.

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.

The Mobile Library of Christian Faith and Practice is free to use, details from 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 will re-commence practice on Tuesday 29th October at 7.30pm. New members are welcome – no previous experience necessary.

Contact Lynne: 07710 633416

Looking Forward...

Remembrance Sunday Service, 10th November

Brunch for Erskine Hospital, Saturday 9th November

Musical Evening in Dunlop Kirk

Celtish are touring Scotland in October and are appearing in Dunlop Kirk on Saturday, 12th October at 7pm. They sing Celtic-influenced music and a range of upbeat and reflective music, instruments, original songs and familiar lyrics. By sharing stories about the ancient Celtic Saints, they hope to dispel some myths about them.

Tickets, suggested donation £5, are available from Roy Wyllie (07812541501), Charlotte McGuinness (07513048666), and Nigel Waddell (07725958991) or by emailing dunlpkirkevent@gmail.com

DUNLOP S.W.I.

**Wednesday, 30th
October, 2pm, Dunlop Church Hall**

Speaker:

Kathryn Howell

Topic:

Ayrshire Hospice Fundraiser

Competitions:

A Knitted Trauma Teddy (pattern given)
Something Beginning with "E"

All welcome

Dunlop Musical Memories

A big thank you to all who supported our latest Coffee Morning. We raised £837.70 which will be used throughout the year to make our group even better!

Last meeting included our regular sing-a-long with Eddie, Beverly with her monthly poem, Morgan encouraging us to exercise in our chairs and a singing lesson from new member Brian.

Next meeting: Wednesday 9th October from 2-4pm in the Church Hall. Eddie will be there to lead the singing and there will be the usual tea and home baking to enjoy during the interval. All will be made very welcome.

Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice

We are delighted to announce that our annual Craft Fair in aid of the Ayrshire Hospice will take place on Friday 1st 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.
Entry costs £3.50.

Other opportunities to buy our wonderful Christmas cards:

At Dunlop Church Hall from 10-11.30am on Tuesdays 8th, 15th and 22nd October.

Also at Dunlop Village Hall from 12-2pm on Thursday 10th October and Fridays 18th and 25th October.

Also by contacting Andrena Reid on 07376 327477.

Dunlop and Lugton Senior Citizens Association

We will be holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 26th October from 10-11:30am in the Church Hall. We will have our usual baking stall and a raffle. Come along for some cake, a cuppa and a wee chat with friends both old and new.

We would appreciate any donations of baking both for the baking stall and for use on the tables. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Margaret True, President

Dunlop Bowling Club

After what has been a very mixed (and that is putting it politely) Summer, our 2024 season has come to an end with closing day on Saturday 28th September. A big thank you to all who have supported another successful year for the Club, bringing to an end Brian McGaw's second year as President. Our AGM will be held on Tuesday 26th November at 7pm.

Also a big well done to Sheila Wyllie and

Douglas Reid, our 2024 ladies and gents Club Champions and all our other prize winners.

We have a number of Events in the Club during the Winter which can be attended by anyone, you do not need to have a membership or social membership to attend. Our Family Bingo commences at 2pm on Saturday 12th October and will

also be held on 26th October, 2nd November, 16th November, 30th November and Christmas Bingo on 14th December. We also have a Race Night on Saturday 9th November and our annual Hogmanay Party.

Our Club is a great venue for private functions and we would be delighted to hear from you if you would like to use the Club for your important occasion.

Dunlop Gallery

Excellent upcoming exhibitions;

Friday 20th September - 16th October, showcasing the work of talented local artist, Bob Rae.

Friday 18th October - 13th November, featuring the work of Jenny Brown, who specialises in Scottish seascapes and beaches – open evening on Fri 18 Oct, 7pm – 9pm.

Friday 15th November - 18th December, a joint exhibition including work by several of our local artists – open evening on Friday 15th November, 7–9pm.

Opening nights are a great opportunity to meet friends and neighbours, enjoy a glass of wine, and view (or even buy!) something special from a local artist. However, if you can't it but wish to buy a painting, please call Shiona on 07506 951620 or Aileen on 07748 626712.

Our 2025 Dunlop and Lugton Calendar, featuring photos by local photographers, will be on sale at the Post Office soon. And remember to keep taking photos around Dunlop and Lugton for next year's photo competition. The theme is "windows", so get snapping! - views of or from a window, Halloween or Christmas windows, window flower boxes – so many options! We can't wait to see your fantastic images.

Dunlop Community Cinema

Billy Connolly: Big Banana Feet (12A)
Friday, 11th October, 7:30pm

Opening the new season with a blast of feel-good comedy – we felt that we all needed some! This is a long-lost, but now newly restored, documentary capturing Billy Connolly on and off stage during his 1975 tour of Ireland, when he was on the cusp of international stardom. Featuring iconic stand-up material alongside fascinating behind the scenes glimpses.

TBC Halloween film
Saturday, 26th October, 7:30pm

We have this date pencilled in, but we need you to contact us if you would like a Halloween screening, and if so, what

you would like to see? It is the 30th anniversary of *Shallow Grave* (15), so that was one suggestion, but please email or message us via social media to give us your thoughts. We will only screen something if there is enough interest.

Inside Out 2 (U)
Sunday, 27th October, 3pm

Very funny sequel to *Inside Out*, with Riley now navigating the turbulent waters of adolescence. The core emotions are back, but with new emotions such as anxiety and regret making an appearance. A very entertaining watch, but also poignant and profound – top notch Pixar fare.

Tickets: ticketebo.co.uk/dunlopcc.

Any difficulty buying online please do contact us at dunlopcinema@outlook.com for assistance. We would prefer you to buy your tickets online purely so that you are guaranteed entry if we sell out, and also so that we 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, we do sell tickets on the door, but it costs a little more (£7).

Please also email us at the above address if you would like to be added to our mailing list.

Doors open 30 minutes before screenings commence. There will be a bar, popcorn, and ice cream.

Dunlop Primary School & ECC Parent Council & Parents Association

Hello! Are you someone who has some spare time and would be keen to support the pupils in our local school and ECC? If yes, we'd love to hear from you.

We've had a few enquiries recently from residents keen to find out how they can contribute to the school community.

Here are a few examples of how you could:

Support paired reading; talk to a class about your job or area of interest; skill sharing e.g. sewing, gardening, cooking; helping set up at events.

Throughout October and November, the whole school topic will be focused on Farming. Could you contribute to their learning in this area?

If you are interested, the school would love to hear from you. Please email the school office:
eadunlop.ps@eastayrshire.org.uk

NB – Regular support in school would require a PVG check. A one off event such as a talk to a class would not require a PVG check.

Dunlop Diary Submissions

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

The deadline for submissions to the November Diary is Monday 21st October. Send them to dunlopdialry@gmail.com