

DUNLOP DIARY

September
2023



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Dear friends & neighbours,

I hope you all had a good summer, even though the sunshine ended when the school holidays started.

The Diary took a break over the summer, and I'd like to thank everyone who gives of their time, talents and resources to prepare, print and deliver the Dunlop Diary every month. It's a great way for us all to stay in touch, share local information and find out what's happening in church and community.

When you read on, you'll find out about something which is happening very soon - a fundraising abseil from the dizzying heights of the Church Bell Tower, organised by the Scout Group in partnership with the Church.

I've never abseiled before, but soon I'll be taking the plunge - slowly and carefully! I'll be taking this leap of faith to help raise money for the upkeep of the Church Hall so it may continue to be a home to a number of local activities, especially the Scout Group.

I'm also doing this in memory of the late Douglas Bell who was so involved in our community, church, Scouts and of course, was the Editor of the Dunlop Diary.

When I first came to Dunlop as Minister, one of the first things Douglas told me was that one of my predecessors, Rev Maureen Duncan, had abseiled from the Tower.

A challenge, which I accepted, and am now going to throw myself into!

Your prayers, and sponsorship, will be gratefully received!

Peace and hope,

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!

Union Between Caldwell and Dunlop Kirk

On the first of September 2023, the Churches of Caldwell and Dunlop will join into one and will then be known as Caldwell and Dunlop Parish Church – one church, one minister, worshipping as before in each of our church buildings and with shared mission and outreach.

A service of Union and a social evening will be held in celebration.

Details to follow.

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

September

Jimmy Howie

Marilyn Bell

John Campbell

Alison Howie

Andrew Pinkerton

Linda Pinkerton

October

Sandy Hutchison

Lynn Davidson

Jess Duncan

Margaret Robb

Roy Wyllie

Sheila Wyllie

Readers

Flowers

September

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3rd Alison Howie

3rd Margaret Robb

10th Mike Blyth

10th Anne Sinclair

17th Christine Wallace

17th Alison Howie

24th Brian McGaw

24th Margo McMurdo

October

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1st Beverly Kirk

1st Greer Thomson

8th Greer Thomson

8th Netta Howie

15th Sheila Wyllie

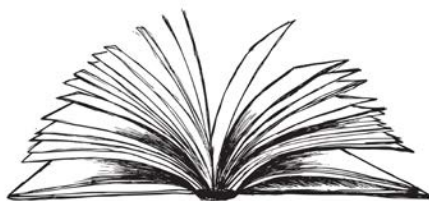
15th Catherine Glen

22nd Lynn Moss

22nd Fiona Walker

29th Anne Sinclair

29th Jess Duncan



Deaths

July 2023

Mrs Mary Mitchell

Mrs Barbara Scott

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

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.



St John Scotland Ayrshire & Arran

Date for your diary: St John Scotland Ayrshire and Arran are holding a coffee morning in St Columba's Church Hall, Stewarton, on Saturday 18th November 2023 to raise money for lifesaving defibrillators for communities across Ayrshire.

Tickets are £4.00 and include tea or coffee and a selection of delicious home baking.

There will be a wide variety of stalls including home baking, plants, Christmas goodies, defib demonstrations and much more!

Please look out for our adverts nearer the time, which will give details of where to buy your tickets.

We look forward to seeing you there!

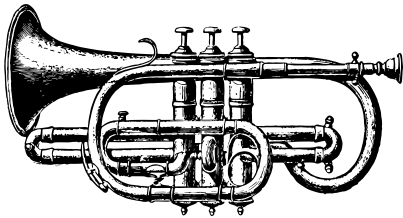


**St John
Scotland**

Dunlop Musical Memories

Our next meeting of the Dunlop Musical Memories is Wednesday 13th September.

All are welcome, so come and join us for an afternoon of music, song, tea and cake.



DUNLOP S.W.I.

August & September meetings will be held in Dunlop Church Hall

Wednesday 30th August, 2pm

Speaker: Lynn McGill
Topic: Needle felting

Competitions:
For **Joan Howie Trophy** -
Single flower in Vase

Jug of Flowers -
5 Marigolds Arrangement in
Sugar Bowl
Fresh Fruit Salad

Wednesday 27th September, 2pm

Speaker: Rona Gilmartin
Topic: Talk on Nourishing Life

Competitions:
For **Nancy Miller Trophy** -
Fruit Loaf 1lb

Open sandwich
Baby Knitted hat

All Welcome.

Hold the Date... and the Rope!

Fundraising Abseil Saturday 2nd September

The Church Hall is an integral part of the community as well as home to our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts who make up the Dunlop Scout Group.

To try and help secure its long-term future in the community, the young people in the Scout Group will be abseiling down the bell tower of Dunlop Church on the evening of Friday 1st September and throughout the day on Saturday 2nd September*.

Our very own Minister, Alison McBrier, will also have a go and test the ropes on the Friday evening.

We will have approx. 36 spaces available between 12:30pm and 3pm on Saturday for anyone in the village who would like to have a go too. Places cost £20 (or more!) and are first come first served (please bring cash on the day).

The event is run by Scout Association qualified instructors.

For those who would like to donate to the fundraising effort, you can do so by going to our Just Giving page (www.justgiving.com) and look up Dunlop

Scout Group). We will also accept cash donations on the day.

This event is also special to the Scout Group as it was originally the brainchild of Douglas Bell, a huge supporter and advocate not only of scouting and our Scout Group but also the whole village. We dedicate this event to his memory.

If you would like more details, please contact Emma Harcus on 07775 691816 or David Harcus 079414 93144.

**Please note, in the event of bad weather, we have a fall-back date of 22nd & 23rd September.*

Dunlop Kirk Open Sundays

Afternoons between 2-4pm

Church Open afternoons continue until the end of September and recent visitors have included local folk out walking, who have taken the opportunity to look round the Church. You are welcome to do the same, whether for the first time or as a regular.

You can admire the stunning stained-glass windows, take some quiet time in a beautiful building or enjoy a chat and a cup of tea or coffee with our volunteers.

Outside, you can view the A listed Clandeyboyes Hall, which was the first free school in Scotland, built in 1642. And behind the Hall is the Hans Hamilton Tomb where the marble figures of the former minister and his wife kneel in prayer.

Sunday Morning service is at 11.30 and is open to everyone. Please join us.

Dunlop Gallery

Our next exhibition opens on Thursday 7th September, featuring the work of Tina Sloan.

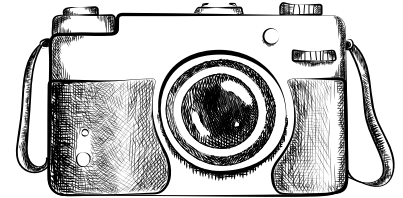
The Open Evening will be 7–9 pm on Thursday 7th September, please do come along to support the hall and the artist – enjoy a glass of wine while you view amazing artworks, meet the artist and chat with friends and neighbours. Can't manage along on the open night? Don't worry, the exhibition will be on until 4th

October, catch it while the café is open or when the hall is open for the cinema or other events. Please do drop in and have a look! And, if you are interested in a painting, please speak to the café volunteers who will let us know or call Ellenor on 07811 045600 or Shiona on 07506 951620.

And congratulations to the 2023 photo competition winners, announced last month. Our 2024 Calendar, with photos by

local photographers, will be on sale soon!

Remember to keep taking photos around Dunlop and Lugton for next year's photo competition – the theme for which is "Gates and Doors".



Dunlop Player's Panto

Dunlop Players Proudly Presents 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!

Thursday 23rd November 2023 @ 7pm
Friday 24th November 2023 @ 7pm
Saturday 25th November 2023 @ 1:30pm
Saturday 25th November 2023 @ 6:30pm

Tickets can be purchased from:

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!

Performance dates:

<https://www.ticketebo.co.uk/dunlop-players>

DUNLOP & LUGTON community council

A plea to some frontagers

This is the time of year when all is activity in our gardens and growth in the gardens themselves. How easy is it on our narrow pavements because of hedge growth and car parking to walk with a pram or even side by side, a child by the hand? There are now also several disabled scooter users and concern re problems of

parking and wide hedges have been expressed.

Hedges we CAN deal with ourselves. Can you look under your hedge and see a wall? That wall is the back edge of the pavement. Does your hedge overlap, narrowing the pedestrian area? The Community Council is politely asking you to please give all the pavement back and

trim your hedge to the line of the wall. Don't worry, it will grow back to restore privacy but on its new width, and with pedestrians' comfort and safety much better.

There is legislation in the Roads Scotland Act to cover this situation but that is a great big hammer.

Dunlop Diary Submissions

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

The deadline for submissions to the October Diary is Monday 25th September. Send them to dunlopdialry@gmail.com