

DUNLOP DIARY

September
2024



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Dear friends & neighbours,

I hope you all had a lovely summer, whether you stayed at home or ventured further afield. We had a constructively chatty summer in church as we spent time thinking and talking about mission - specifically the 5 Marks of Mission: Tell, Teach, Tend, Transform and Treasure, which were illustrated as flowers to help in our pondering. On the petals of the Mission Flowers were written the various things we already do as a church as well as some things we'd like to start doing, such as a Pie, a Pint and a Parable, and Cafe Church. I hope to be able to tell you more about those ideas in a future Diary, so watch this space!

There were various great ideas. One has already been put into action - instead of appealing for Food Bank donations only

a few times a year, we're encouraging donations all year round. Donations can be brought to church on Sunday mornings or dropped off in the Church Halls when they are open for various activities. As part of the Mission to transform unjust structures of society, we're exploring the ways we can support and join in with campaigning action to prevent the need for Food Banks in the first place. Look out for more information on the Church's social media.

Our Messy Church families had a wonderful time at the start of the summer when we visited a local farm for lots of outdoor fun, and got to meet lots of horses and foals as well as enjoy fabulous food and company! A very happy time was had by all. Our

next Messy event is on Sunday, 15th September, and this time we're joining the Caldwell Messy Church families for a Harvest Family Lunch - featuring food, fun and friendship. You'll find more information in the Caldwell Column, and please let us know if you plan to come along so we know that we have enough food for everyone.

As we move into Autumn, I wish you every blessing.

Peace be with you,

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

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

Kirk Session

Meeting in Dunlop Kirk on
Thursday, 14th September at 7pm.

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

September	October
Annette Brown	Alan Young
Elizabeth Garrity	Kristeen Hare
Julie Smith	Christine Reid
Brian McGaw	Alastair Martin
Anne Sinclair	Jim Mundell

Readers	Flowers
September	September
1st Brian McGaw	1st Margaret Robb
8th Greer Thomson	8th Anne Sinclair
15th Lynn Moss	15th Margaret Hunter
22nd Anne Sinclair	22nd Margo McMurdo
29th Roy Wyllie	29th Maxine Buck
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

35th Doors Open Day Ayrshire 2024

Organised by Kyle and Carrick Civic Society

On Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th September, access is available free of charge to many buildings which reflect Ayrshire's cultural and architectural heritage.

Further information can be found here:
www.doorsopendays.org.uk.

Posters will be displayed locally and leaflets will also be available.

Dunlop Kirk will be participating on Sunday 15th September from 12:30-4pm, and you would be most welcome to join the morning service beforehand which starts at 11.30am. There will be a laptop display of local pictures, short videos of church history and the stained glass windows, drone footage from the church bell tower, and volunteers will be on hand to provide information.

And as always in Dunlop, tea and coffee will be available!

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. We are continuing to record and upload, and this can be viewed on line by visiting the church website or the **Caldwell Church in Uplawmoor YouTube channel**.

Caldwell Messy Church...

We are having a Messy Harvest Family Lunch on Sunday, 15th September from 12:30pm until 2:30pm in the Church Hall and Grounds.

There will be a soup and pudding lunch, followed by gardening and related games plus crafts, Prayer and fun.

Our theme is *giving thanks and sharing*, so you are invited to bring an item for donation to the local Barrhead Food Bank.

Wet weather gear may be necessary!

RSVP to **Loraine on 07776 061541**, or
Lesley on 07748 361660

If you would like to share this notice, please do.

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 evenings in October from 7-9pm. Date will be announced in next issue.

Contact Lynne: 07710 633416

DUNLOP S.W.I.

Meetings held in Dunlop Church Hall

**Wednesday, 28th
August, 2pm**

Speaker:

Sheila Angus

Topic:

My Life in Books

Competitions:

Joan Howie Trophy

Single flower from the
garden

Jug of flowers – 5 Marigolds

A small bowl of Floating
Flowers

Something beginning with 'D'

**Wednesday, 25th
September, 2pm**

Speaker:

Mr Gerry Gilmurray

Topic:

Social Obligations SP
Energy Network

Competitions:

Nancy Miller Trophy

Madeira Loaf (1lb)

A Knitted Mouse

3 Empire Biscuits

Dunlop Church Open Afternoons

Sunday Open Afternoons continue throughout September, so whether it is your first visit or a return one, please come and stop by our beautiful Church.

The stained-glass windows are outstanding, and alongside the Church is the Clandeyboye Hall (one of the first free schools in Scotland) and behind it the Hans Hamilton Tomb with its marble figures of the former minister and his wife.

All are welcome to join our morning service at 11.30am. The Church then re-opens from 2-4pm. Our volunteers are very happy to share their Church with you and, as always in Dunlop, tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

Dunlop Musical Memories

Our meeting on July 10th was a great success as we were entertained by our resident musician Eddie, and by Morgan Allison who teaches dance and exercise at Magbiehill and Dunlop Village Hall. Morgan and some volunteers donated their time to demonstrate and encourage our guests (and committee members) to take part. They were able to do so while remaining seated. The music was fantastic and there were smiling faces all around. We plan to have Morgan back again very soon.

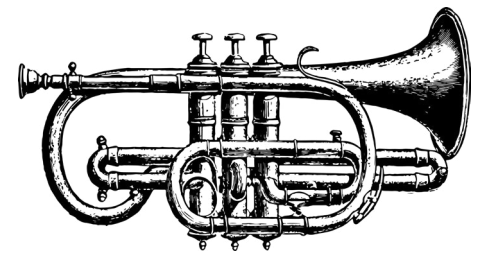
Musical Memories Coffee Morning...

will be held on Saturday 7th September in Dunlop Church Hall from 10am-12pm. Tickets will be £3, payable at the door or purchased from committee members. There will be a baking stall as well as a raffle, and donations for these would be most welcome.

Alzheimer's and Dementia are now affecting so many of our families and friends, and your support for this worthy cause would be wonderful.

Our next meeting...

will be on Wednesday 11th September from 2-4pm in Dunlop Church Hall. It would be lovely to see you there.



Dunlop Bowling Club

It has been a busy Summer at Dunlop Bowling Club and our club competitions are now reaching their climax with a number of finals to be played over the coming weeks. We have also restarted our Try Bowls Sessions on Wednesday evenings at 7pm: anyone who would like to give bowls a try should come along with flat shoes and all equipment provided. Children are also welcome if accompanied by an adult.

A couple of Bowling highlights amongst many this season include Sheila Wyllie and Jennifer Wallace becoming the Ayrshire Women's Pairs Champions, and the reenactment of that famous biblical story of David and Goliath when the Dunlop men defeated local rivals Stewarton to win both the Robertson Trophy and Baillie Allen Shield.

Some other fantastic news for the club:

we have been successful in a grant submission to the East Ayrshire Council Renewable Energy fund, which will allow us to progress a number of improvements inside and outside. This includes upgrading the kitchen and ladies' toilet facilities, as well as outdoor lighting, green irrigation and equipment. We look forward to seeing these improvements over the coming months.

Dunlop Gallery

We hope you have all had a lovely summer (despite all the rain) and are looking forward to the return of the gallery exhibitions and open nights after the summer break.

The August exhibition will feature the work of local artist Mary Clark – please come along to the open night on Friday 23rd August from 7-9 pm. Mary will also have a selection of her craft products for

sale on the night. If you miss the open night, the exhibition will continue until Wednesday 18th September, so there will be plenty of opportunities to see the paintings when the hall is open for the café or other events.

Our September exhibition will feature the work of another local artist, Bob Rae, and again, please do come along to the open evening on Friday 20th September

from 7-9pm.

Please put the dates in your diaries and join us for a chat, a glass of wine and the chance to buy something special from local artists.

We look forward to seeing you at the open nights but if you can't join us then and wish to buy a painting, please call **Aileen on 07748 626712.**

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.

Dunlop Conservatory Café

Daniela and Rona have been busy giving the Café a makeover with new décor and exciting new Specials! We are always looking for new volunteers, so if you fancy a laugh and good food pop in for a chat, no experience necessary.

Open Thursdays and Fridays from 10:30-2:30pm for sit in and takeaway.

Follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with Specials and Events:

<https://www.facebook.com/p/Dunlop-Conservatory-Cafe-100064191750232/>

Call Daniela on 07833462612

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

A Special Thanks

We are delighted to have a new logo which has been professionally created by Dee McNaught's company, We Are Brass Tacks, who have also assisted in the production of the Dunlop Diary in the past.

Thanks to them we now have a corporate identity.



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& DUNLOP**
PARISH CHURCH

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 23rd September. Send them to dunlopdialry@gmail.com