

DUNLOP DIARY



From the Church of Scotland, Dunlop

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Dear Friends,

As I write this letter, we in the Church are looking forward to Easter, the great Christian celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God the Son, come to save the world. Everyone is always welcome to join us in worship. I hope also that you will be able to relax and to have some time for yourself this Easter.

We hope to be back in the church by October. The final phase of work is costing about £210,000. We have already spent £15,000 of that in fees, and we have a further £75,000 in the bank, ready to go to this work. We have grants of £33,000 promised, and a further gift promised of £1,000. And so we still need £86,000. If you feel that you would like to help to have the church restored, we will be grateful for any donation you might wish to make. You can send a donation to me or to our treasurer, David Mitchell.

Best wishes,

David Donaldson.

Christian Aid Week

13th -19th May, 2012.

“Let’s Give the Tools... to help People in Poverty out of Poverty”

Poverty is an outrage against humanity. It robs people of their dignity, freedom and hope, of power over their own lives. Christian Aid has a vision - an end to poverty - and we can make this vision become a reality. Currently Christian Aid is working in 47 countries, giving communities the tools and the skills to find their own solutions to poverty.

This year Christian Aid week is from Sunday 13th till Saturday, 20th May. There will be a coffee morning on Wednesday 16th May and, as in previous years, there will be a house-to-house collection in the Dunlop district. If you would be willing to help, please contact Elizabeth Garrity – elizabethgarrity@live.com or telephone 01560 486879

You will find further information on the work of Christian Aid at www.christianaid.org.uk

DUNLOP FRIENDS OF THE AYRSHIRE HOSPICE

Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice would like to invite everyone to their annual **Cream Tea on Sunday 13th May 2012** between 2.00 and 4.00pm at Struther Farmhouse, courtesy of Bertha Wilson.

A wide selection of home baking and plants will be available to purchase.

Donations for the baking stall would be very welcome. We do hope that you will be able to attend this popular event and look forward to seeing you again this year.

Welcome Teams

| April | May |
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| Jimmy Howie | Sandy Hutchison |
| Douglas Bell | Lynn Davidson |
| Marilyn Bell | Colin Hunter |
| John Campbell | Irene Kerr |
| Jess Duncan | Andy Kyle |
| Isabel Kerr | Janette Miller |
| Andrew Pinkerton | Roy Wyllie |
| Linda Pinkerton | Sheila Wyllie |
| Archie Reid | |

Creche Rota
April 8th, 15th & 22nd Pamela Young & Irene Kerr
April 29th, May 6th & 13th Amy Donnellan & Andy Kyle

GUILD

18th Wednesday 7pm
In the Henderson Church
Open Forum with Rev David Lacy

23rd Monday INTERGUILD
Our Lady & St John's 7.30pm
See Helen Lamb for transport

25th Wednesday 7.30pm £3
Newlaigh Halls Fundraiser
(St Meddan's Entertainment Group)

Baptisms: 26th. February: Charlie William Mac McFarlane.

4th. March: Gayle Anne Dunlop.

Death: 11th. March: Mr. Sanny Wardrop.

W.R.I.

WEDNESDAY 25th APRIL

TEA TIME FAVOURITES

Cookery Demonstration

By Mrs Janette Cousar, Craigie

Competitions: A Banana Loaf
A Knitted Cup Cake (given pattern)

Services of Worship:

Sunday, 15th. April: 11.30 a.m.: Morning Service.

Preacher: Les Kirk. Reader: Netta Howie Flowers: Irene Neilson

Sunday, 22nd. April: 11.30 a.m.: Morning Service.

Preacher: Rev. Geoff Redmayne, Moderator of the Presbytery of Irvine and Kilmarnock.

Reader: John Kitson Flowers: Elizabeth Kitson

Sunday, 29th. April: 11.30 a.m.: Morning Communion Service.

Preacher: The minister. Flowers: Marilyn Young

Sunday, 29th. April: 6.30 p.m.: Evening Communion Service, in the church hall.

Preacher: The minister.

Sunday, 6th. May: 11.30 a.m.: Morning Service.

Preacher: The minister. Reader: Elizabeth Garrity Flowers: Jean Miller (flowers to Crosshouse)

Sunday, 13th. May: 11.30 a.m.: Morning Service.

Preacher: The minister. Reader: Roy Wyllie Flowers: Jean Currie

Sunday, 20th. May: 11.30 a.m.: Morning Service.

Preacher: The minister. Reader: Alison Howie Flowers: Avril Mackie

Sunday, 27th. May: 11.30 a.m.: Morning Service.

Preacher: The minister. Reader: Douglas Bell Flowers: Archie Reid

Caldwell and Dunlop Churches Youth Together.

The next meeting is on Sunday, 22nd. April. All young people of Primary 7 age and above are welcome to come along to Caldwell Church, Uplawmoor at 6.30 p.m., for a visit to a local organic farm. Please wear your wellies.

Teen Ranch Weekend.

The young people in the VIK Group and the Youth Together for Dunlop and Caldwell Churches wish to express their thanks for the great effort expended by both congregations which made the fund-raising Coffee Morning a tremendous success.

Teen Ranch is an Outdoor Christian Activity Centre, with an American Western theme, in Inchtute, Perthshire. We leave on Friday, 4th. May, and return on Sunday, 6th. May. We plan to take part in activities such as canoeing, horse riding, and numerous other outdoor pursuits, as well as taking new and exciting time out for worship. Five adult leaders will be taking sixteen young people from Dunlop and Caldwell to this weekend, and we hope to be with other youth groups at the ranch.

The church and Presbytery support of the youth group has been very encouraging to the leaders and young people, and has increased for all of us the sense of our together being the church family. Thank you.

Last year work was completed on the first phase of restoration of the church. These works allowed the long term future of the structure and external fabric of the building to be secured, but those who have had the opportunity to see inside the church during the last six months will be aware that there is still much to do to complete the restoration.

The focus of the next phase is to bring the church back into active use by reinstating the interior and upgrading it to the requirements of modern worship. Plans for this work are now well advanced, and with all necessary approvals obtained, contractors will be invited to tender for the work within the next two months. The main elements included in Phase 2 are: new toilets in the former vestry area; the creation of a small servery area to allow tea and coffee to be served after a service; the reinstatement of all wall linings, doors, etc.; the completion of repairs to the ceiling; and new lighting, and audio visual facilities. Once all that is completed the interior has to be decorated, new carpet has to be laid and new chairs put into place.

The approach taken in remodelling the interior has been to sensitively adapt the ground floor area to create a more flexible space with individual seating rather than the pews, while leaving the three upstairs galleries largely untouched. Care has been taken to respect the historic character of the building and to ensure that the significant features such as the stained glass and the pulpit are complemented by the new interior scheme.

Subject to the necessary funding being obtained it is hoped to have the building re-opened for worship by October.

Art Exhibition in the Village Hall

by

The Stewarton Colourists Art Group

The next Art Exhibition opens in the Conservatory area of the village hall on Friday, 13th April and will run until 17th May.

The Stewarton Colourists meet on Thursday evenings in Stewarton Academy. The class is very well established, having been running for 20 years. New members, experienced or otherwise, are always made most welcome. The exhibition will showcase a wide variety of artwork in oils, water colours, pastels or acrylics.

Dunlop & District Community Company



Photographic Competition and Exhibition Summer 2012

**Start thinking about entering our Summer Photo Competition
Details in next month's Dunlop Diary**

Dunlop & District Community Company

Sunday Afternoon Concert by the Ayrshire Fiddle Orchestra on 22 April at 2.30pm in Dunlop Village Hall

Come along and enjoy an afternoon of fiddle music in the village hall.

Tickets - £5.00 adults, £2 children, including tea/coffee and shortbread.

There is also a licensed bar.

Tickets available from Normans, the Post Office or committee members

Some background information about the Orchestra: it was founded in 1982 and now boasts a membership of 120 violinists, cellists and bass players, accordionists and percussionists from 10 years old and upwards from schools throughout Ayrshire. (There will be 35 musicians coming to Dunlop). The Orchestra presents a refreshing, youthful, creative and very enthusiastic approach to Scottish Fiddle Music. Renowned throughout the UK for its performances, the players have toured internationally on many occasions to Canada, America, New Zealand, Australia, China and throughout Europe.

Dunlop Fun Run Sunday 20th May

In aid of Dunlop Church Restoration Appeal

Both runners and walkers are welcome to take part with 5k and 10k routes suitable for the experienced, the inexperienced or the just-keen-to-get-fitter! There is a special 3k for under 13 year olds who can enter with a parent or guardian's permission.

An information sheet and a sponsor form are included with this newsletter.

Contact: Alison Howie on 01560 484987 or email dunlopfunrun@yahoo.co.uk

Dunlop Gala Day Saturday 2nd June

Fancy Dress, Dog Show, Chainsaw sculptures, Animal Petting Zoo, Caricaturist, Bouncy Castle, Tea Cups, Zumba, Tug of War, Children's Races.

Just a few things to tempt you to our Gala Day on the 2nd June.

We are still looking for help, however big or small but especially to run the Raffle and Scarecrow competition in order make our Gala Day a success. If you think you could spare a few hours on the day or beforehand please contact Diane : 01560 483612

Dates for your Diary

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| Saturday 19 th May | Dunlop's Got Talent |
| Sunday 20 th May | Fun Run |
| Thursday 24 th May | Treasure Hunt (leaving from The Auld Hoose) |
| Saturday 26 th May | Ceilidh |
| Saturday 27 th May | Bowling Club Open Day |
| Saturday 2 nd June | Gala Day and Dog Show |
| Sunday 3 rd June | Gymkhana |

COFFEE WITH STYLE

On Wednesday 7th March some gentlemen took over Wednesday coffee in the church hall. Modesty prevents us from saying how successful this event was. (Did anyone have any doubts?) We will settle for sharing with you a few of the comments from delighted patrons.



Superb! I have never been to such a wonderful Coffee morning except perhaps the London Savoy
Your home baking is a challenge to weightwatchers
Wonderful, elegant men! Such impressive service and music too!

I can't wait till next time. Thank you so much for the privilege of being served by such marvellous men
You should do this more often. You have set a very high standard

One respondent wanted to know why the gentlemen with the good looks and charisma (Bob Brown & Gordon Boatman) were kept in the kitchen.

The Gentlemen: Standing: Davd Donaldson, Alan Garrity, Gordon Boatman, Colin Hunter, John Kitson, Bill McLatchie
Front: Bob Brown, Douglas Bell, Mike Blyth

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: **Reminder: The Conservatory Café** will be closed over Easter (from
: week beginning 2nd April) and will re-open on **Tuesday, 17th April.**
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Dunlop Diary Deadline for May: 21st April

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