

# DUNLOP DIARY



**From the Church of Scotland, Dunlop**

**April 2015**

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## **Hello**

A vacancy in a church can be a difficult, even dangerous time: difficult because of the sense of loss it brings, losing a minister (and his wife!), dangerous because it can lead us as a congregation to think that all we can do is mark time.

If you think that, you will be wrong. The really important people in a vacancy are you, the congregation. It is only by your presence that you can make our worship lively, even enjoyable, and declare to the world that Dunlop Church is not on standby but in service. A vacancy is not a time for resting on our laurels. The best congregations in a vacancy are those who see it as a time both of challenge and opportunity, who become more committed, not less, are innovative, see work to do and do it.

Even our setting up of a ministerial team can have its down-side—complacency. 'Right—we can leave it all to them!' No—you can't! You may need us, but we need far more, your active support, your encouragement and indeed the community's support and encouragement too.

The only thing we can be sure of is that Christ will be with us, seeking to help us in all we try to do TOGETHER.

Blessings on you all  
Iain Roy

### **CREAM TEA on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice would like to invite you to their annual **Cream Tea on Sunday 10th May 2015** between 2.00p.m and 4.00pm.

The committee is grateful to Bertha Wilson and family for once again hosting this popular event at **Struther Farm House**.

Plants to brighten up your garden will be available for sale and donations for the home baking stall would be much appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you again this year. Tickets can either be purchased in advance from any of the committee or at the door.

All proceeds to the Ayrshire Hospice.

**Dunlop and Lugton Senior Citizens Association** are holding an afternoon tea in the church hall serving scones, pancakes & traybakes from 2.00pm—3.30pm on Thursday 23rd April with musical entertainment.

Limited to 50 Tickets £5 from Norman's and committee members

Look out for posters.

## Welcome Teams

### April

Sandy Hutchison  
Lynn Davidson  
Jess Duncan  
Irene Kerr  
Margaret Robb  
Roy Wyllie  
Sheila Wyllie

### May

Annette Brown  
David Clement  
Elizabeth Garrity  
Jennifer Hunter  
Alistair Martin  
David Mitchell  
Anne Sinclair

## Creche Rota

5th April Amy Donellan & Emma Stewart  
12th April Greer Thompson & Netta Howie  
19th April Alison Spiers & Linda Gillon  
26th April Linda Gillon & Christine Wallace  
3rd, 10th May Christine Wallace & Elma Mitchell

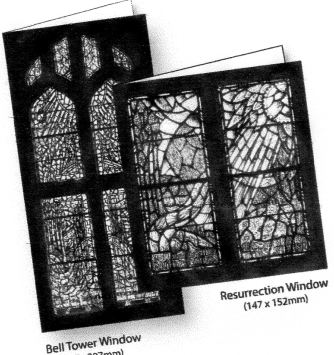
The next meeting of the **Dunlop Alzheimer's Circle of Friends** will be on Thursday, 9th April, in the church hall from 2pm-4pm. A warm welcome will be given to anyone who comes along to the meeting.

### Sunday Morning Services, in the church, at 11.30 a.m.:

Sunday 5th April :	Reader: Sheila Wyllie	Flowers: Kristeen Hare
Sunday 12th April:	Reader: David Clement	Flowers: Irene Neilson
Sunday, 19th April:	Reader: Netta Howie	Flowers: Margo McMurdo
Sunday, 26th April:	Reader: Alison Howie	Flowers: Susan McColl

for sale

## Dunlop Kirk Windows CARDS



Cards are glorious full colour, plain inside and suitable for: Easter, sympathy, notes, birthdays etc  
**All proceeds go to Dunlop Kirk church funds**  
Choose from "Bell Tower" or "Resurrection"  
**£2.00 each / £5.00 for three**  
To purchase please phone: 01560 484846 or 483231

## Holy Week Services - 2015

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(LINKED CONGREGATIONS OF CALDWELL AND DUNLOP)

**Mon 30th March** – Arkleston singers (Caldwell Church) – music and meditation on the last 7 words Jesus spoke from the cross - 7.00pm

**Thurs 2nd April** - Maundy Thursday Service (Caldwell Church) including a short Communion and music by the joint choirs of Caldwell and Dunlop - 7.00pm

**Friday 3rd April** - Good Friday Joint Service (Caldwell Church) - 7.00pm

**Sunday 5th April** – Early Morning Service at the Gibson's in Uplawmoor (Phone 01560 484824 for travel directions) - 8.30am

**Easter Sunday Morning Service** (Dunlop Church) followed by a short Communion Service - 11.30am



**Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, at 9.30 a.m.:** Dunlop Primary School Easter Service, in church.

**W.R.I.**  
**WEDNESDAY 29th APRIL**

**The History of Bags**  
**Mrs Margaret Dundas**

Competitions: 1 Egg Sponge (plain)  
1 Decorated Hen's Egg

A date to note in your diary

**DUNLOP GALA DAY**

Saturday 6th June

See you all there.

LODGE DUNLOP CALEDONIA No. 1408  
*A Way of Life and a Moral Education*

The regular meetings of the Lodge during April 2015  
will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Annual visitation by The Provincial Grand Lodge of Ayrshire.**

Second Meeting in April before Summer Recess.

**Anniversary Dinner.**

Date to be confirmed.

Visitors most welcome on both occasions

Hugh B. Gilbert PM Secretary



## **Dunlop Community Cinema**

### **The Imitation Game - Friday 17 April**

During the winter of 1952, British authorities entered the home of mathematician, cryptanalyst and war hero Alan Turing (Benedict Cumberbatch - Sherlock, The Hobbit) to investigate a reported burglary. They instead ended up arresting Turing himself on charges of 'gross indecency', an accusation that would lead to his devastating conviction for the criminal offence of homosexuality - little did officials know, they were actually incriminating the pioneer of modern-day computing. Famously leading a motley group of scholars, linguists, chess champions and intelligence officers, he was credited with cracking the so-called unbreakable codes of Germany's World War II Enigma machine. An intense and haunting portrayal of a brilliant, complicated man, THE IMITATION GAME follows a genius who under nail-biting pressure helped to shorten the war and, in turn, save thousands of lives.

### **Cloudburst - Saturday 11 April**

**Final film club film – please note this is a special screening as this film has only been shown once in Scotland before, at the Glasgow Film Festival in 2012!**

This hilarious foul-mouthed lesbian road movie co-stars Oscar-winning actresses Brenda Fricker and Olympia Dukakis as Dot and Stella, a crackerjack couple on the run from a nursing home. You'll laugh so hard you'll cry. Stella and Dot have been together for 31 years and have faithfully accompanied one another through life's ups and downs. Now in their seventies, Stella is hard of hearing and Dot is legally blind. In a last-gasp bid to stay together, they will leave their hometown and make their way to Canada, where same-sex marriage is legal.



## **WEE GARDENS PROJECT**

### **EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA**

**The Wee Gardens Sunday April 5th 1pm—4pm**

**With entertainment including**

**“Crafts tables”  
decorating eggs and  
making bunny-ear hats**

**“Fabulous Fraser”  
an award winning  
childrens magician**

**“Shaun the Sheep and Minion Mascots”  
Providing entertainment throughout the day**

**Facepainting and more**

**All children must be accompanied by an adult**

**£2.50 per child (for entry, egg hunt and goody bag)**

**Collect tickets from Struther Farmhouse And Dunlop Post Office or contact Ruth Wilson on 07891 048 258**

**With thanks to The Big Lottery Community and Families Fund**

**All proceeds go towards Wee Gardens Project to help make this an area all adults and children can enjoy**

## THE VILLAGE HALL GALLERY – DUNLOP

**The next exhibition** – from Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May – is by **the Stewarton Colourists Art Group**. The Open Evening is on Friday, 10 April and the exhibition will showcase a wide variety of artwork in oils, water colours, pastels or acrylics.

### Café

4<sup>th</sup> April happens to be Easter Saturday. The ladies have decided to serve “brunch” instead of the usual menu. It will be open (as usual for a Saturday) from 12 noon till 3pm.

## Christian Aid Week

### Afraid, alone, in pain

Be the answer to Loko’s prayer this Christian Aid Week.

Loko’s choice in life is simple:

‘If I can’t collect firewood,  
my children will die.’

Four times a week, in a remote corner of Ethiopia, Loko makes a back-breaking eight-hour trip to gather wood. It’s a task she dreads, but she steels herself to do it because if she doesn’t her children will starve. She prays to God as she walks. ‘I ask him to change my life and lead us out of this,’ she says.

Just £5 could give Loko a loan to start her own business buying and selling tea and coffee, freeing her from her desperate task and allowing her to spend more time caring for her family.

This Christian Aid Week, you can help transform the lives of women like Loko.

From 10-16 May, churches the length and breadth of Britain and Ireland will come together to pray, campaign and raise money to improve the lives of people like Loko.

Every year, 100,000 volunteers demonstrate God’s love for the poor by taking part in house-to-house collections for Christian Aid. This fantastic witness is a chance to take the mission of the church into your community.

If you would like to help with house to house collections in the Dunlop area or help at the coffee morning on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May, please contact Elizabeth Garrity, tel 01560 486879 or email, [elizabethgarrity@live.com](mailto:elizabethgarrity@live.com)

Thank you.

### Use of Bins Outside Village Hall

Some clarification of the use of the bins outside the village hall seems to be required.

The black bins for plastic, cans and glass are provided by East Ayrshire for the use of the community.

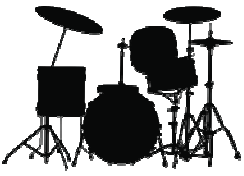
The green bin for food waste and blue bins for general waste and paper/cardboard are for the use of the village hall only. The Community Company is charged for getting these emptied. They are not for general community use.

There have been occasions when the bins have been filled by members of the public leaving no room for users of the Hall to dispose of waste.

Getting these bins emptied more regularly than would be required by Hall use only is an added expense that the Community Company can do without.

Your cooperation in using the bins properly would be much appreciated. There is a facility for recycling paper and cardboard in Sainsbury’s car park in Stewarton should you need it.

Dunlop and District Community Company



What? *An Evening Concert*

Who? **STRATHCLYDE UNIVERSITY BIG  
BAND**



When? *Saturday 16th May at 7.15pm*



Where? *Dunlop Church*

*The award winning Strathclyde University Big Band plays a wide range of jazz orientated music, including arrangements performed by Court Bassie, Buddy Rich and Maynard Ferguson, Marty Paich and many others. The band also features a vocalist with music in the style of Ella Fitzgerald, Natalie Cole and Julie London*

*Eclectic, accessible and engaging, the band regularly performs in Glasgow and beyond*

*Tickets £5 can be obtained from*

*Fiona Thomson*

*or*

*Marge Cuthbertson*



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