

# DUNLOP DIARY



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**From the Church of Scotland, Dunlop**

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Spring has sprung! As I write this, the sun is shining, birds are singing, daffodils are flowering, lambs are gambolling, there's a definite warmth in the air, and snow is forecast for Good Friday! I did say at the start of the year that I was enthusiastic about the snow, having been deprived of it as a child near the coast, but even I am growing a little weary of it now. On the upside, the snow has been very effective at filling the pot holes in our roads, although it's no doubt partially responsible for their formation.

We entered the final stage of our journey towards Easter on Palm Sunday, when the road in front of Jesus was resurfaced in a mood of celebration and jubilation by the cheering crowds as they threw down cloaks and palm branches. But just as the new warmth of our spring weather threatens to return to the cold of winter, so too was the mood of the crowds ready to turn from welcome to accusation.

Holy Week is a time of deep and deeply felt emotions - hope, fear, joy, sorrow, love, hate ... A time when we are encouraged to reflect on our own thoughts, feelings and relationships - with each other, with God, with our own selves.

All are welcome to join in our services during Holy Week as we explore these themes of emotions and relationships. At our Maundy Thursday Service we shall gather to share Holy Communion, serving each other with the bread and wine, then sharing more food and tea/coffee together after the service. Our Good Friday service will be a quiet and thoughtful Tenebrae service as we recall and retell the story of Jesus' final steps on the journey to the cross. These evening services will start at 7pm.

And an early start on Easter Sunday morning - with a service in the garden of the Manse, at Dam Park, at 6.30am. Bacon rolls will be served after this service. There will be a short service of Holy Communion after morning worship at the usual time of 11.30am in the church.

Before then, I shall have the pleasure of welcoming the Primary School to the Church for their Easter Service. I'm sure all the teaching and other staff, and the children will be looking forward to their holidays - snow or sunshine! Maybe we'll have both this year!

Easter blessings,

Alison

## ***Dunlop Kirk –Services and Events***

**All warmly welcomed**

**Sunday Morning Worship – 11.30 am**

***Sunday Crèche – 11.30 am***

**Sunday School – 11.30 am**

***Exploring the Bible, Tuesdays in Caldwell Vestry 10.30am***

**Evening Service Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm in rear Church Hall**

**Morning Communion Service Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018 11.30 am**

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***'All who love the Lord are welcome'***

## CHURCH ROTAS

Date	Flowers	Readers
April 1st	Kristeen Hare	Roy Wyllie
8th	Irene Neilson	Mike Blyth
15th	Margo McMurdo	Alison Howie
22nd	Susan McColl	Simon Gill
29th	Doris Livingstone	Communion
May 6th	Jean Eckersley	Brian McGaw
13th	Avril Mackie	Elizabeth Graham
20th	Archie Reid	Michael Moss
27th	Annette Brown	Elizabeth Garrity

## Welcome Teams

April	May
Annette Brown	Alan Young
Elizabeth Garrity	Fred Dinning
Jennifer Hunter	Liz Dinning
Alastair Martin	Kristeen Hare
Brian McGaw	Jim Mundell
David Mitchell	Fiona Thomson
Anne Sinclair	Anne Young

## Creche Rota

April	1st, 8th	Annette Brown	and	Graham Kilgour
	15th	Linda Pinkerton	and	Maureen Jackson
	22nd	Amy Donellan	and	Anne Sinclair
	29th	Aileen Dunlop	and	Netta Howie
May	6th	Aileen Dunlop	and	Netta Howie

## Baptisms

**Angus Mathieson 11th March 2018.**

*“Let the little children come to me”*

### Presbytery of Irvine and Kilmarnock Prayer Meeting

28th April at Stewarton John Knox

All are welcome. Tea and Coffee is served from 9.30am.  
Prayer time begins at 10.00am and closes at 10.45am.  
Every event is different.

### GUILD

Tuesday 3rd April  
Dinner at Struther  
6.30pm for 7.00pm

Tuesday 1st May  
Committee meeting  
In church hall at 7pm

The next meeting of the **Dunlop Alzheimer's Circle of Friends Musical Minds** will be on Thursday, 12th April, in the church hall from 2pm-4pm. The group is meant for anyone affected by Alzheimer's or dementia, but all who are interested will be made very welcome.

We will have an Easter Bonnet parade. Our musicians will be Eddie & Bill.  
Contact Susan Shorrocks 482109 or Jean Spence 428593

### DUNLOP W.R.I.

Wednesday 25th April  
On the Trail of Amber Nectar  
Lost and Found Distilleries  
Professor Michael Moss

Competitions : 1lb plain gingerbread  
Celebration Bunting

## EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES – 2018 (LINKED CONGREGATIONS OF CALDWELL AND DUNLOP) ALL WELCOME

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Early Morning Joint Service**  
at the Manse, Dampark, Dunlop

- 6.30am

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

- 11.30am



## **Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice**

An amazing £1,765.66 was collected at the bag-pack organised by the Dunlop Friends of The Ayrshire Hospice on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

We are delighted to have raised more than last year for The Hospice and want to thank both the staff at Asda for their help and all the Asda customers who so generously dipped in to their pockets.

However, in particular, a special thanks must go to the bag-packers who gave of their time and helped to raise this magnificent total.

### **30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CREAM TEA ON SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice would like to invite everyone to their Annual Cream Tea on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018 between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. The Committee are very grateful to Bertha Wilson and family for once again hosting this popular event at **Struther Farm House**.

We will have our delicious scones as well as a raffle and home baking stall. Donations for the home baking stall would be much appreciated.

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

**All proceeds to the Ayrshire Hospice**

## **The Conservatory Café at the Village Hall**

Much to the enjoyment of customers old and new, our Café Manager, Maureen Fletcher continues to introduce new dishes to the menu. Easter weekend specials include Cottage Pie and country vegetables, Chicken Skewers with chilli jam and salad. A vegetarian option of potato and pepper curry served with rice is also available. Finally to tempt you even further, Easter cakes will be on sale.

The following week the café will be open as usual on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April.

New to the first Saturday of the month opening on 7<sup>th</sup> April, the café will open from 10am till 2pm. As well as **Big Breakfasts** or freshly baked **Croissants** being introduced the usual selection of sandwiches, panini and cakes will continue to be offered.

Why not come along, relax with a newspaper and enjoy some tasty food?

### **St John Scotland**

#### **Ayrshire and Arran Branch**

Coffee Morning Saturday 7 April 2018

10.00am-1.00pm

St Columba's Church Hall, Stewarton

Raising funds for defibrillators

Tickets £3.50.

Available from Jess Duncan tel. 484050

### **Christian Aid - a new approach**

As there will be no door to door collection this year, envelopes will be available in Norman's for those wishing to donate. Please take time to do this.

There will also be a coffee morning in the Village Hall on Saturday 28th April from 10am - 12noon. See you there!!

The usual Wednesday Coffee for Christian Aid will be Wednesday 25th April in the rear church hall. Donations welcome.

All welcome

## DUNLOP & LUGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Agenda and minutes of meetings are posted on the Community Council website and also displayed on the notice board outside Norman's and in the Village Hall.

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 5th April 2018 at 7.00pm** in the Village Hall.

**Everyone most welcome to attend.**

Enquiries can be made to any member of the community council or addressed to:

Eleanor Lochhead (Secretary)

[ellylochhead@gmail.com](mailto:ellylochhead@gmail.com)

mobile [07719 232366](tel:07719232366)

## Dunlop Community Cinema

Following Paddington 2 on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March, the Dunlop Community Cinema will be taking a short break for Easter. The first film on the April schedule is a Film Club film on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April. 'The Death of Stalin' is a pitch black comedy full of great insults and crackling dialogue and depicts the chaos following the death of the Soviet Dictator as his cronies jostle for survival.

The following week Friday (27<sup>th</sup>) we have a more genteel take on a past Head of State. 'Victoria and Abdul' tells the story of the friendship between the Queen and a young Indian servant, Abdul Karim, which blossomed in the twilight of her years much to the dismay of the Royal household.

As ever there is popcorn, delicious locally-produced ice-cream and booze should you wish to indulge. Teas, coffees and soft drinks are also available. We hope to see you soon.

### Film Dates

FILM TITLE	CLUB/FAMILY FILM DATE
The Death of Stalin	Friday 20th April 7.30pm
Victoria & Abdul	Friday 27th April 7.30pm

## DUNLOP GALLERY

Our next show is by two of our local artists, Ellen Ostler and Marsha Burke. The opening night is on Thursday the 12th of April, and everyone is welcome to come along between 7 and 9 to see Ellen and Marsha's latest work. The show will then run until the 17th of May, so if you can't make it along to the opening, you can view their work when the cafe is open on Thursdays, Fridays and the first Saturday of the month. Look out for the posters in the village, and also in the Dunlop Village Hall facebook page.

For any other enquiries, please phone Ellenor at 07811 045600, or Shiona at 07506951620.

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