

From the Church of Scotland, Dunlop

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Dear friends and neighbours,

Springtime brings new beginnings and promise for the future. Under the clear blue of the sunlit March sky came the yellow of daffodils, and new lambs playing in the fields around us. Easter is on its way, and we're planning to have Messy Church craft activities for all ages as part of the Struther Farmhouse Easter event.

We're now past the 2nd anniversary of the beginning of the pandemic, and even after all this time, Covid is still with us, as are masks - although the latter will soon no longer be required. Over the pandemic we have lost much - and now with the war in Ukraine, we might again feel despondent about the future. I have found it helpful to take some time away from watching the news because it can feel overwhelming. But there has also been much that is positive in this terrible situation - especially the ways in which people around the world have responded in generosity, compassion and kindness.

Easter is a time when we are reminded that despondency can turn to joy, imprisonment to liberation, and death to life.

This Easter, we pray for our world - for healing and for peace.

May every blessing be yours, Alison

Rev Alison McBrier

HOLY WEEK SERVICES — 2022 (LINKED CONGREGATIONS OF CALDWELL AND DUNLOP)

Sunday 10th April – Palm Sunday

11.30am

Thurs 14th April - Maundy Thursday Joint Service in Dunlop Kirk including a short Communion 7.00pm



Friday 15th April - Good Friday Joint Service in Dunlop Kirk 7.00pm

Sunday 17th April - Easter Sunday Morning Service followed by a short Communion Service

11.30am

Church Flowers and Readers

Date	Readers	Flowers
April 3rd	Mike Blyth	Norman Neilson
10th	Alison Howie	Charlotte McGuiness
17th	Christine Wallace	Jess Duncan
24th	Marilyn Bell	Margo McMurdo
May 1st	David Sinclair	Susan Shorrock
8th	Sheila Wyllie	Alison Howie
15th	Greer Thomson	Dorothy Brown
22nd	Bob Brown	Archie Reid
29th	Charlotte McGuinness	Annette Brown

If you are unable to carry out your duties and swap with someone, could you let me know please so that I can advise Alison of the name change? Thanks. Beverly. 0737 551 4384. or kirk1948@icloud.com

Dunlop Kirk – Services

Sunday Morning Worship – 11.30 am in the church. All welcome! Please come and join us.

Our Sunday worship is available online through the Dunlop Church Facebook page and the Church website https://dunlopkirk.org.uk
Or the Church's YouTube channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiRuNieKc-g8aU7cNkJVlhA/videos

We also run a Zoom Session on Sunday mornings which lets us have a chat with each other and watch the service together.

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

The Conservatory Café will open for Tuesday Coffee 10am until 11.30am.

Deaths

Mr Gordon Boatman March 2022 Mrs Lily Hogarth March 2022

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

Invitation

The Kirk Session has pleasure in inviting the congregation and the community to attend worship in Dunlop Kirk on Sunday, 1st May, at 11.30am for the presentation of Long Service Certificates and to join us in the Village Hall for a celebratory lunch after the service



Dunlop Messy Church Easter Sunday 17 April 2022

Thanks to Bertha and Ruth, we will have a stall at Struther's Easter Event.

There will be arts and crafts, and activities bags.

All ages welcome – see you there.

DUNLOP COMMUNITY CINEMA

We are so excited to be back with a musical extravaganza weekend of movies for you to enjoy!

Our first film will be the new, critically acclaimed Steven Spielberg version of West Side Story (12A). If you enjoyed the original, you'll love this. one too. Same fabulous songs, just updated for todays audiences. For those who haven't seen the original 1957 version, it explores forbidden love, and the rivalry between the Jets and Sharks, two teenage street gangs of different ethnic backgrounds. We will be showing this on Friday the 22nd of April at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

Our next movie, on <u>Saturday the 23rd</u> at 7.30, will be Respect (12A), the true story of Aretha Franklin's career, from a child singing in her father's church choir, to international superstardom. This is the remarkable true story of the music icon's journey to find her voice. A must see for all music fans!

Finally, on <u>Sunday the 24th</u> at 3pm, we have our children's film, Encanto, (PG). The film, a computer animated musical, follows the multigenerational Columbian family, the Madrigals, who each have a magical gift, except for Mirabel. When she learns that her family is losing their magical powers, it is up to her to save them. With a fabulous musical score, you'll be sure to be singing along!

Tickets will be sold online, details will be on the posters. If you want to be added to our email list so you can get all the latest information, just email dunlopcinema@outlook.com. Also, we are always looking for new volunteers, so if you're interested, just let us know. We are also on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Looking forward so much to seeing you at one, or all, of our films!

CREAM TEA on Sunday 8th May

Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice would like to invite you to their Annual Cream Tea on Sunday 8th May 2022 between 2.00p.m and 4.00pm to be held this year in Dunlop Village Hall.

We will have our delicious scones and there will be a raffle and home baking stall. Donations of home baking would be much appreciated.

Plants to brighten up your garden will be available for sale from Scotplants.

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.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE

DUNLOP GALLERY

Linette Penny Gainham's tree sculptures will be on display until Wednesday the 20th of April. If you haven't had the chance to see them, you can visit the Conservatory Cafe on Thursdays and Fridays, have something to eat, and enjoy the exhibition. It is so well worth a visit, the trees are amazing!

After that, there will be a mixed exhibition, featuring local artists from Dunlop. If you are interested in showing some of your work, let us know and we can include you. The open evening for this show will be on Thursday the 21st, in the cafe. You can enjoy a (free!) glass of wine, and be among the first to see the paintings.

For any enquiries, please contact Ellenor at 07811045600, or Shiona at 07506951620. Look forward to seeing you there!

DUNLOP AND LUGTON SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

We are delighted to announce that, in conjunction with Circle of Friends, we are holding a special event for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The event will take place on the afternoon of Thursday 2nd of June 2022 in the Village Community Hall.

We would ask guests to start arriving at 1.30 pm with the event being officially opened at 2pm. There will be music by Eddie and Norman and afternoon tea will be served at approximately 2.45pm. We hope to have slides, photos and videos showing footage of the Coronation Day and street party events. If space allows there will also be the opportunity for dancing. We hope that you will be able to join us to celebrate what is a very unique and special occasion.

Committee members will be in touch nearer the date as we will require numbers to be confirmed no later than 19th May.

Alzheimer Circle of Friends – April Meeting

Our next social afternoon for the Dunlop Alzheimer's Circle of Friends will be on Wednesday 13th April 2022 from 2:00pm until 4:00pm in the Village Hall.

It will be our **EASTER BONNET PARADE** with music and songs from Eddie. Easter eggs and prizes for the best bonnets.

We hope all our regular visitors will come along and we send out a warm invitation to anyone to come and join us.

Friendship always at Dunlop Alzheimer Circle of Friends.