

DUNLOP DIARY



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Dear Friends

For over 30 years, in addition to my other ministerial duties, I was chaplain to the Ardeer explosives factory of ICI. Apart from the two world wars, the output of this factory was primarily for use in mining, quarrying, civil engineering and construction. Then someone discovered that readily purchased agricultural fertiliser could do the same job and every Tom, Dick and Harry could make and use explosives.

It is ironic that the word Alfred Nobel gave to his discovery, 'dynamite', is derived from the Greek word 'dunamis' which is used also 120 times in the New Testament especially to describe the work of the Holy Spirit in the world. It reminds us that it is not power in any form which is evil, but rather the misuse of power.

I write to you against the background of the terrorist attacks in Paris and the loss of innocent lives: and heightened tension and security in Belgium with our own Murray brothers about to contest a Davis Cup final. Here power has been misused yet again by the terrorist.

It is a reminder to us of just how far humanity has still to go to learn the true message of Christmas and Jesus birth: that God wants us to love one another.

Christmas is an invitation not just to Christians but to people of all faiths and no faith to align themselves with Christ and his Spirit and love in opposition to violence and in commitment to help the innocent, the needy and people of every nation to have the quality of life that as God's children each human soul deserves

Peace and joy be yours
Iain Roy

On Sunday 20th December at 11:30 in the Kirk, we will be celebrating the birth of Christ with our Nativity Play.

This year everyone will be involved so whether you are 0 or 90 or somewhere in between, come and join us as we think about the real meaning of Christmas.



CHRISTMAS In Village Hall

**Saturday 5th December
10am till 2pm**

In the Café – Tea, Coffee and Lunches

In the Hall –

Home Baking	Wreaths	Gifts
Knitted Goods	Sweets	Bags & Purses
Christmas Trees	Jewellery	Handicrafts
Christmas Cards	Wrapping	Glassware

And much, much more!

Nativity scene and lights

The switch on for lights and nativity scene outside the church hall will be on Monday 7th December at 6pm.

This should last around 1 hour.

Dunlop primary school choir will be singing.

Tea, coffee and mince pies will be served

If weather is bad the choir will sing indoors.

Dunlop Alzheimer's circle of friends

Susan and Jean want to thank all the many people who have helped and encouraged us in our first year. A special thanks to everyone who came to our first anniversary afternoon. It was a great success and a really happy time.

We will not meet in December – so our next meeting will be Thursday 14th January 2016. We look forward to seeing all our friends again.

CHURCH ROTAS

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Date	Flowers	Readers
Dec 6th	Betty Robertson	Roy Wyllie
13th	Jess Duncan	Alison Howie
20th	Aileen Howie	Nativity
27th	Ann Howatson	David Clement
Jan 3rd	Jennifer Wallace	Anne Sinclair
10th	Anne Young	Simon Gill
17th	Sheena Kerr	Sheila Wyllie
24th	Sadie Reid	Netta Howie
31st	Jeanette Picken	Douglas Bell

29th Nov & 6th Dec Elaine Davison & Amy Donnellan
13th Dec Amy Donnellan & Linda Gillon
20th & 27th Dec Linda Gillon & Jennifer Smith
3rd Jan Jennifer Smith & Christine Wallace
8th & 15th Jan Christine Wallace & ano
24th Jan Netta Howie & ano
31st Jan & 7th Feb Netta Howie & Aileen Dunlop

Welcome Teams

December

Mike Blyth
Carolyn Blyth
Carol Fraser
Netta Howie
Margaret Hunter
Calum Macdonald
Bill McLatchie
Mitchell Wilson

January

Jimmy Howie
Douglas Bell
Marilyn Bell
John Campbell
Alison Howie
Isabel Kerr
Andrew Pinkerton
Linda Pinkerton

GUILD

DECEMBER

1st Guide Dogs for the Blind
15th 6.30pm Party with Sadie Reid
Buffet & Secret Santa

2016

JANUARY

19th Washday Reminiscences
Susan Shorrock at 2.00pm
All very welcome

SPECIAL EDITION CHRISTMAS CARDS

featuring two of Dunlop Kirk's Stained Glass Windows :
THE BELL TOWER WINDOW
(shining like a beacon as you travel down Main Street on a
winter evening)

THE RESURRECTION WINDOW
(depicting the elements of Nature coming to life after winter)
Both windows were designed by the famous stained glass artist,
Gordon Webster.

The cards cost £2 each or £5 for a set of three

STAINED GLASS BOOKLET

The recently published booklet would make a delightful
present, easily wrapped and easily posted.
£5 per copy

To purchase please phone: 01560 484846 or 483231
Also available at the Village Hall Christmas Fair on Saturday
5th December

Sunday School

The Christmas Party will be held in the Church Hall on Saturday 12th December from 2--4pm. Santa will arrive about 3:30 if any parents would like to come and see him with his bags of toys and games.

The Sunday School Nativity will be performed in the church on December 20th.

All Age classes will be held on 27th Dec and 3rd Jan while the schools are on holiday.



Dunlop Kirk – Christmas Services and Events

All warmly welcomed

Sunday - 29 Nov 11.30 am - First Sunday in Advent

Sunday - 6 Dec 11.30am - Second Sunday in Advent

Monday - 7 Dec 6pm - Nativity Scene 'switch on' at the church hall

Saturday - 12 Dec 2pm-4pm - Sunday School Christmas Party

Sunday - 13 Dec 11.30am - Third Sunday in Advent

Sunday - 20 Dec 11.30am - Fourth Sunday in advent Nativity Play and Baptism.

Tuesday - 22 Dec 1.30pm - Dunlop Primary School Christmas Nativity Service

Christmas Eve: 24 Dec 11.15pm - Watchnight Service in the church.

Carols from 11.15pm; service at 11.30pm

Christmas Day 25 Dec 11.30am – short Family Service in the church.

Sunday - 27 December at 11.30am - Carols and worship in the church

Dunlop Village Hall - Dates for your Diary in December and January

- Saturday 5th December - Christmas Fair
- Café Open 11th December – no café on 10th December
- Sunday 13th December – Cinema ‘It’s a Wonderful Life’
- Friday 8th January – Artist’s Open Evening
- Saturday 9th January – Film Club
- Friday 15th January - Cinema
- Wednesday 20th January – Dunlop & District Community Company AGM & Public Meeting
- Friday 19th February – Cinema
- Saturday 27th February – Vinyl Night

Scouts

This year is the 40th anniversary of the re-started Dunlop Scout Group.

As part of the celebration of this event the group intended to abseil from the church tower.

Due to weather conditions in November this is postponed till the spring.

Wednesday Coffee

The Wednesday coffee mornings will have a break in December and January. They will start back on Wednesday 3rd February.

Many thanks go to all who help and also those who support us.

We are short of people to help serve and bake. We need ~8 extra people to keep everything going. If you can help speak to Irene (484213) or Marilyn (482966)

Dunlop & District Community Company

ART EXHIBITIONS – DECEMBER AND JANUARY

Christmas Art Exhibition by local artists – until Friday, 18 December

Marsha Burke, Charlie Jamieson, Susan MacColl, Gillian Park, Frank Paterson,
Shiona Paterson & Claire Paterson

First Exhibition of 2016 – Kilmaurs Photographic Club

from Fri 8th January to Thurs 11th February

(Open Evening on 8th January from 7pm – 9.30pm)

Dunlop Friends of Ayrshire Hospice

The committee would like to thank all those who helped to contribute to the success of the recent Craft fair which raised a marvellous £3,266.99.

The sale of Hospice Christmas cards before and during the event raised a further £3,285.00. A fantastic amount!

Poppy Scotland Appeal 2015

A total of £1629.43 was raised this year within the Dunlop and Lugton area. Area Organiser Fiona Thomson extends sincere thanks to all who donated so generously towards this worthy cause. Thanks are also extended to those who so willingly gave of their time when participating in door to door collections this year

Dunlop Community Cinema

13th Dec @ 3pm ‘It’s a wonderful life’ (U), with mulled wine and mince pies!

9th Jan @ 7.30pm ‘Mary and Max’ (4th film club film) (12) ‘spanning 20 years and 2 continents, this is a hilarious and poignant pen-pal relationship’ BBFC; ‘lovingly crafted and startlingly inventive’ Rotten Tomatoes; ‘a minor miracle of wit, humanity and compassion’ The List.

15th Jan @ 7.30pm ‘Selma’ (12) ‘David Oyelowo in a commanding performance as Martin Luther King’ The Guardian; ‘a scorching civil rights masterpiece’ The Telegraph.

Christmas Appeal East Ayrshire Churches Homelessness Action: *This year there will again be a collection of gifts for children affected by homelessness at Christmas. Could you please mark the gifts for a boy or a girl and with the relevant age range.*

There will also be a collection of tinned goods for the homeless hostels in Kilmarnock and Cumnock so that the residents can have a festive meal on Christmas day. Donations of cash to help with the purchase of these goods will also be welcome if you are unable to arrange a children’s gift.

Could the gifts please be brought to church by Sunday 13th December so that they can be delivered to Kilmarnock for distribution before Christmas. If you are unable to bring them to church, or would prefer to donate money, please contact Margo McMurdo 01560 4884824 or Margaret Hunter 01560 483231. .

*We appreciate the support this appeal always receives from the congregation and the wider community.
Margo McMurdo, Session Clerk*

DUNLOP LUGTON

community council

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DUNLOP PLAYING FIELD – East Ayrshire Council have recently taken a decision to demolish the pavilion at the playing field and reduce the maintenance of the grounds. The Community Council are working to reverse this decision and along with other interested groups within the community are exploring how the playing field area could be improved to allow better utilisation. Look out for more information in the near future on the CC notice boards, website and facebook page.

DEFIBRILLATOR – This is now fully installed and available should an emergency occur in the village. In the New Year it is hoped to run further Heartstart training courses and more focussed defibrillator training. (NB the light is meant to flash and the cabinet does have easily broken seals so that any evidence of the equipment being tampered with can be identified.)

NEXT MEETING – Please note there is no meeting of the Community Council in January, but do come along instead to the Dunlop & District Community Company AGM on Wednesday 20th January to hear more about the ideas for the playing field in the centre of the village.

‘LOOKING TO THE FUTURE’ DUNLOP & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COMPANY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held in the Village Hall on
Wednesday 20th January 2016 at 7:30pm.

It is now nearly ten years since the community took over the running of the Village Hall and over this time much has been achieved in developing this vital facility as a focal point for community life.

Our village and all that it has to offer can only be enhanced if the community supports the efforts of the volunteers who put so much time and effort into making things happen, and at the start of a new year it is a good time to be looking to the future and to consider the opportunities for further development.

So please come along to the AGM and give your opinions on the initiatives being developed jointly by the Community Company and the Community Council to enhance the Village Hall and improve the leisure and recreation facilities in and around the village for the benefit of all.

More information on these initiatives will be publicised nearer the time.

THE CONSERVATORY CAFE

will be open as usual on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th December.

The café will not be open Thursday 10th December but will be open Friday 11th December. The cafe will then close for the Christmas /New Year holidays and will re-open on Thursday, 7th January.

The cafe staff would like to thank all their customers for their support throughout the year and send their Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy 2016.

THE BOARD of Dunlop & District Community Company would also like to thank the many volunteers who work so hard in the cafe and those who help to keep the village hall running for the benefit of the whole community.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish the volunteers a Happy Christmas and a Guid New Year.

Out of the mouths of children!!!!!!!

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away.
"Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer." said his mother.

"I don't need to," the boy replied.
"Of course, you do." his mother insisted. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house."
"That's at our house." Johnny explained. "But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook!"

The preacher's 5 year-old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day, she asked him why.

"Well, Honey," he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages. "I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon."

"How come He doesn't answer it?" she asked.