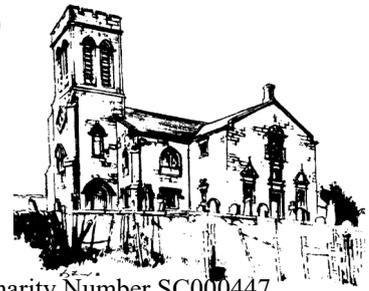


DUNLOP DIARY



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From the Church of Scotland, Dunlop

December 2017

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Dear friends and neighbours,

Christmas is fast approaching, and just behind it, the turn of the year. Now, in the depths of winter, with long dark nights, and short days which don't seem much brighter than the nights, our thoughts often turn back to the year almost done and ahead to the year in front of us. Many of you attended our Remembrance Service in the church when, through scripture and poetry, themes of light and dark, day and night, set the mood for recollection and reflection.

Church members, along with friends from Caldwell Parish Church, have been participating in a less sombre way of remembering as part of Future Focus, with the first challenge being to establish a 50 year time line for each community - setting out both struggles and celebrations. I was pleased to see that celebrations outweighed struggles! Light overcoming darkness! Throughout Advent, as we wait and prepare for Christmas, our weekly lighting of the Advent candles in church will symbolise the coming of Christ's light into the world. At the centre of our community here in Dunlop, Christmas light will come on Monday, 27th November, with the Switch On of the Christmas lights and nativity scene outside the Church Hall.

Everyone is invited to a Christingle Service at 6pm before the Switch On at 6.45pm. The Christingle Service will involve oranges, red tape, sweets and glow sticks as we'll make the Christingles which will light our way as we process up Main Street! There will be mince pies and other goodies in the Church Hall afterwards.

I'm looking forward to this and to all our Christmas Services. All are welcome! Wishing you all a Christmas and New Year filled with light and good memories,

Dunlop Kirk – Christmas Services and Events ***All warmly welcomed***



Monday – 27 Nov 6pm – Christingle Service in the Church with Dunlop Primary School Choir then a glow light procession to the Nativity Scene 'switch on' 6.45pm at the church hall
Tea, coffee, juice, mince pies and candy sticks will be served.

Sunday – 3 Dec 11.30 am - First Sunday in Advent
Sunday - 10 Dec 11.30am - Second Sunday in Advent
Sunday - 17 Dec 11.30am - Third Sunday in Advent

Thursday - 14 Dec 1.30pm - Dunlop Primary School Christmas Nativity Service
Sunday - 24 Dec 11.30am - Fourth Sunday in advent Nativity Play.

Christmas Eve: 24 Dec 11.15pm - Watchnight Service in the church.
Carols from 11.15pm; service at 11.30pm

Christmas Day 25 Dec 10.45am – short Family Service in the church.
(Please note this service is earlier than usual)

Sunday – 31 December at 11.30am - worship in the church

CHURCH ROTAS

Welcome Teams

Date	Flowers	Readers
Dec 3rd	Betty Robertson	Alistair Martin
10th	Jess Duncan	Roy Wyllie
17th	Aileen Howie	Netta Howie
24th	Ann Howatson	Nativity
31st	Dorothy Brown	Simon Gill
Jan 7th	Jennifer Wallace	Brian McGaw
14th	Anne Young	Alison Howie
21st	Sheena Kerr	Michael Moss
28th	Sadie Reid	Elizabeth Garrity

December	January
Alan Young	Mike Blyth
Fred Dinning	Carolyn Blyth
Liz Dinning	David Clement
Kristeen Hare	Carol Fraser
Jim Mundell	Netta Howie
Fiona Thomson	Calum Macdonald
Anne Young	Mitchell Wilson

Creche Rota

3rd December Linda Pinkerton & Isabel Kerr
10th, 17th & 24th December
Graham Kilgour & Isabel Kerr
31st December Linda Pinkerton & Isabel Kerr
7th January Anne Sinclair & Isabel Kerr
14th, 21st & 28th January
Christine Wallace & Ann Miller

Deaths

Mr John Taylor	September 2017
Miss Effie Eckersley	September 2017
Mrs Doreen Taylor	November 2017
Mr Len Stickland	November 2017

DUNLOP W.R.I.

WEDNESDAY 6th DECEMBER

99th ANNIVERSARY DINNER
At Struther at 6.30pm

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

On Sunday 24th December at 11:30 in the Kirk,
we will be celebrating the birth of Christ with our Nativity Play.



Come and join us as we think about the real meaning of Christmas.

Poppy Scotland Appeal 2017

Thank you to all who helped with this years collections, and to the many who donated so generously towards this very worthwhile cause.

A total sum of £1258.01 was raised within Dunlop and Lugton this year and has been submitted to Poppy Scotland

Guild

DECEMBER

5th John Knox interguild
12th Learning Disabilities (Project Night)
Ivy Blair
19th Christmas Party buffet
£12 for 2 courses

JANUARY

16th Hearing Dog (Freddie)
23rd St Columba's interguild
30th Dumpling Tea
Jean & Sadie with John Campbell

DUNLOP and LUGTON SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

The annual Christmas Lunch will be held on Thursday 7th December in the Village Hall. Guests are asked to arrive from 12 noon for a 12.30 start. Tickets are £5 per person. Dunlop Primary School choir will once again provide the entertainment with a selection of Christmas Carols.

Dunlop and Lugton Senior Citizens Association will hold their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 13th December 2017 at 6.30pm in Meritos. All welcome.

Dunlop Community Cinema

Dunlop Community Cinema's next film will be a showing of 'The Crow's Egg' on Wednesday 6th December. Shown as part of the BFI India on Film season, this heartwarming film is about two young brothers from the Chennai slums whose dream is to have a taste of pizza. The film will be the cinema's 100th screening and to mark this special occasion, there will be a pre-film curry provided by Sharma's Street Food at 6pm. Tickets are £8 (£5 for Dunlimited/Film Club members) and should be bought in advance from the Post Office.

The next family film on Sunday 17th December will bring Christmas early to Dunlop. 'It's a Wonderful Life' should provide a welcome diversion from the shopping! Our final film of 2017 will be the latest live-action version of 'Beauty and the Beast' at 10am on Wednesday 27th December. Billed as a 'pyjama film' this will be the perfect excuse to show off your Christmas pyjamas (especially if you can't be bothered getting dressed that day!)

The programme for the New Year will continue to bring a variety of films for all ages to enjoy, ranging from 'The Big Sick' to 'Captain Underpants' and will see the Film Club nights move from a Wednesday to a Friday...please note everyone is welcome to the Film Club films whether they are a member or not.

As ever, there will be yummy ice-cream, crisp popcorn and cockle-warming wine and beer available at screenings. The DUNLIMITED card is still available which allows access to all screenings over the 2017/2018 season. If you have this card, or are a member of the Film Club, you can also book your favourite seat online in advance, at no extra cost, through TicketSource (<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/dunlop-community-cinema>) so why not pop in and see us at the next screening if interested in either the DUNLIMITED Card or Film Club membership.

Finally, as this is the last Diary of the year, Dunlop Community Cinema would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you soon.

The Crow's Egg (Kaakkaa Muttai)	06 December 2017	Film Club. BFI India On Film event.
It's a Wonderful Life	17 December 2017	Christmas Film
Beauty and the Beast (2017)	27 December 2017	Pyjama Film
The Big Sick	19 January 2018	Friday night film
Baby Driver	02 February 2018	Film Club
Captain Underpants	18 February 2018	Family Film
TBA	23 February 2018	Friday night film

DUNLOP GALLERY

The first show for 2018 will be the Kilmaurs Photographic Club. There will be an open evening on Thursday the 4th of January in the Village Hall from 7 till 9. Come along and see their latest work and enjoy a glass of wine and a chat with the club members. The show will then run for five weeks, until February the 8th. If you can't manage to the open evening, you will be able to see it when the Conservatory Cafe is open, or when other events are running. If you have any queries, please contact Ellenor Ferguson at 07811045600, or Shiona Paterson at 07506951620.

DUNLOP CHRISTMAS FAIR

Dunlop Village Hall

Saturday

2nd December

10am till 2pm

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 £3,499.95

The sale of Hospice Christmas cards before and during the event raised a further £3,311.

A fantastic amount!

Dunlop and Lugton Park Association is delighted to announce that Dean Pennington has joined its Board of Directors. Dean who lives in our community has a young family and as many of you will know is already active in village life. His appointment is a welcome addition to our Board and the considerable senior management experience and project organisational skills he brings will be really valuable as we enhance our ability to safeguard and maintain our popular well used facilities.

The park has just celebrated its 13th year under community management and with solid finances and ever increasing numbers of volunteers we are confident of its continuing success for the remainder of its lease.

The Association takes this opportunity to sincerely thank the many existing volunteers, whether signed up members of the monitoring teams, or those who just want to help and quietly do their bit, for regularly supporting us to keep this very successful community facility clean, tidy and safe for all.

Dunlop Community Café

Saturday 2nd December—open 10 to 2pm during Craft Fair

Thursday 7th December - **CLOSED**

(for the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch)

Friday 8th December)

Thursday 14th December) – **OPEN** as usual

Friday 15th December)

Café is then closed over the Christmas period and **reopens on THURSDAY 11th JANUARY 2018.**

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The 'solar powered' Christmas decorations that are brightening up the centre of the village this year have been organised by the Community Council. Thanks are due to individuals, local businesses and community groups who have made generous donations to help cover the cost, and East Ayrshire Council for grant support.

DUNLOP & LUGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

News update

We were pleased to welcome a representative from the Community Policing Team to our November meeting. There have been a number of complaints of anti social behaviour around the village and these are being progressed. Any further incidents should be reported.

We are in regular communication with the local authority regarding issues that affect our community. such as road and rail conditions, safety and parking concerns and local planning applications. East Ayrshire Councillors attend our meetings and answer questions, relay concerns and support our community.

If you would like to raise an issue or just find out more about what is going on in our community we would love to welcome you to one of our monthly meetings which are held on the first Thursday of every month (except January and July) in the Village Hall, Dunlop.

Currently, we have two vacancies. If this is of interest to you, please get in touch for more information.

You can read all of the above and other news in the Minutes from our meetings which are displayed on the notice board outside Normans shop and in the Village Hall foyer. (Please bear with us as work is in progress to update the community council website and Facebook page).

The last meeting of 2017 is Thursday 7th December at 7.00pm.

The first meeting in the new year is Thursday 1st February 2018 at 7.00pm.

All welcome to attend.

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

Eleanor Lochhead (Secretary)

ellylochhead@gmail.com

mobile 07719 232366

DUNLOP & DISTRICT COMMUNITY
COMPANY

Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Community Company
will be held on

Wednesday 17th January 2018

at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Dunlop & District Community Company manage the Village Hall and Playing Field, run the Community Café and Community Cinema and arrange the art exhibitions.

The company needs your support to ensure that these activities continue to benefit our village.

After the formal part of the meeting there will be an opportunity to learn more about the company's activities and projects and to enjoy a glass of wine.

All members and non-members welcome.

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 10th 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 484824 or Lesley Beaton 01560 484989 .

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 booklet would make a delightful present,
easily wrapped and easily posted.

£5 per copy

To purchase please phone: 01560 480919 or 484824