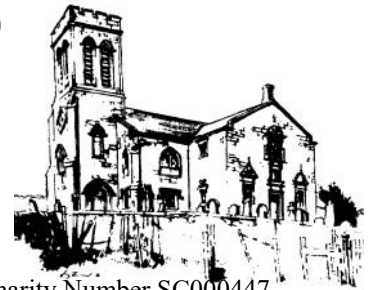


DUNLOP DIARY



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December 2021

Minister Rev Alison McBrier

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Dear friends and neighbours,

On the first Sunday of Advent we woke up to a festively snowy landscape reminiscent of Christmas card scenes, and on such a chilly day time spent in a warm house writing Christmas cards would have been time well spent! It's been great to see some normality returning after such a long time of restrictions. The Guild have started meeting again, now in the church on Tuesday afternoons and both they and the Dunlop Alzheimers Circle of Friends have Christmas events planned for December.

What a change from last year when everything was closed and it was so hard to meet up with friends or family!

As Christmas approaches, we remain cautious and in church we are still maintaining 1m distancing between households. Unfortunately, it isn't possible to have our usual service and celebrations as we switch on the Christmas lights, but we have plans for an outdoors Christingle Trail! Watch out for more information about that on Facebook and on posters which will be going up around Dunlop and Lugton. Check out our Messy Church Facebook Page from the 1st of December for an e-Advent Calendar, with the full Nativity Story to view on Christmas Day!

I'm delighted to be able to let you know that we are having a Watch Night Service this year, when we'll join in singing our favourite carols and hymns on Christmas Eve. Then a short, fun, family service on Christmas morning. On Boxing Day, we'll be back in church again for All Age Sunday worship at our usual time of 11.30am.

Whatever your plans are for Advent and Christmas this year, I hope that you know yourselves and your loved ones to be blessed, and held in the love of Christ.

Peace be with you and yours,

Alison

Rev Alison McBrier

Dunlop Kirk – Christmas Services and Events

No need to book – please come and join us.

All warmly welcomed.

Sunday – 28 Nov 11.30 am - First Sunday in Advent
Sunday - 5 Dec 11.30am - Second Sunday in Advent
Sunday - 12 Dec 11.30am - Third Sunday in Advent
Sunday - 19 Dec 11.30am - Fourth Sunday in Advent.



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 – 26 December at 11.30am - worship in the church

We hope all the above will take place in the church and online but may be subject to change suddenly.

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-q8aU7cNkJVlhA/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.
Thursday afternoons 4pm in the church informal mid-week service of readings, prayer and discussion. All welcome

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 Joint Kirk Session of Caldwell and Dunlop will meet in Caldwell church on Wednesday 1st December at 7pm and via Zoom.

Deaths

Mrs Elfriede Klinge
Mr Anthony Stewart
Mr Graham Webster

October 2021
November 2021
November 2021

“Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted”

Christmas Appeal East Ayrshire Churches Homelessness Action: Closing date – Sunday 12th December

This year there will again be a collection for children affected by homelessness at Christmas. As many in the community are still not out shopping, there will be a cash collection to help with gifts for children and the purchase of tinned goods for the residents in temporary accommodation, that is in the hostels and temporary flats throughout East Ayrshire so that they can have a festive meal on Christmas day. Norman has kindly agreed to have a collection can for the Christmas Appeal on behalf of East Ayrshire Churches Homelessness Action (EACHa).

If you already have gifts prepared, please contact: Margo McMurdo 01560 484824 or Lesley Beaton 01560 484989 and we will arrange collection.

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



Christmas Messy Church online will happen again during December with Christmas activities and stories and a Muddy Church Christingle Trail! Look out for more information on our Facebook page

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/DunlopMessyChurch/>

DUNLOP LUGTON

community council

THURSDAY 2nd DECEMBER

7:00pm Village Hall

This month's main topic

WALKING ROUTES AROUND DUNLOP COMMONCRAIG PATHS PROPOSALS

The Outdoor Recreation Plan for East Ayrshire has just been published by the Council. What walking routes should be included? What are your views on Rights of Way? Do we need signs to identify walking routes? Also give your comments on the proposals to upgrade the Commoncraig paths and bridge.

The Community Council
represents the whole of Dunlop Parish and
exists to express the views of the community to
East Ayrshire Council and other public authorities.

ALL RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND



CARDS FOR CHRISTMAS

Beautiful cards, available with or without a Christmas insert, feature 2 of the stunning stained glass windows in the Church.


Special price £1 each

STAINED GLASS BOOKLET

The booklet makes a delightful present, easily wrapped and easily posted.

£5 per copy

For sale in the Church or contact
Carolyn 01560 484846 or Sheila 01560 480919



Merry Christmas

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If I could tell Santa what to give you,
 It would be happiness and peace
 Not just this Christmas,
 but for the entire year.

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hand painted coasters
 skin care and body care products
 various art stalls
 dog toys and treats
 knitted goods
 greetings cards
 woolen gifts and felts
 Xmas bows
 Xmas baubles and tea lights
 stained glass
 baby and toddler knitwear
 sweets and treats
 dried flowers
 story sacks
 candles, soaps and bath bombs
 Sheepskin slippers
 a huge raffle
 bottle stall
 home baking stall

Christmas Tree Barn will be selling fresh Xmas trees

Dunlop Village Hall
 4th December
 10am - 4pm

The Ayrshire Hospice

The Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice thank everyone who supported the Craft Fair and the sale of Christmas Cards in the Village Hall. £3005 was raised at the Fair and £3117 from card sales. A great result! Thank you again

DUNLOP GALLERY

If you haven't seen our Christmas show yet, it will be up on display until the 17th of December. Any paintings that have been bought can be collected then, in time for you to wrap them for Christmas!

Our first exhibition in the new year will be a show of work by the children in Michelle Winslow's art class. There will be an open evening on the 14th of January, and the children's work will be on display until the 4th of February. We have some very talented young artists in Dunlop, do come along and give them your support.

Any enquiries please to Ellenor at 07811045600, or Shiona at 07506951620.

Dunlop Diary Deadline for February is 21st January Tel: 01560 482966 Email: douglasbell@talktalk.net