

# DUNLOP DIARY



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**From the Church of Scotland, Dunlop**

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Out for a walk recently on a crisp, sunny but cold day, I took advantage of open gates and fields empty of livestock to wander across those fields. It was just as well there had been a hard frost as in many places I discovered that the ground was very soft and wet under a thin covering of ice. Sometimes, having taken a step, I would hear an ominous creak of ice threatening to break underfoot. At other times, I took a careful detour to avoid what looked like deep puddles lurking under a deceptive covering of ice. In sheltered corners, where the sun had melted the ice, I had to tread very carefully indeed, pausing to look for stepping stones across the wet ground. I must have looked strange to any distant onlooker as I zigzagged about in my efforts to stay out of the mud!

There are times in all our lives when we might have to do a bit of zigzagging - not just to avoid getting our feet wet, but to ensure that our life choices are the best for us and those close to us. Circumstances can change - we ourselves can change - and that can mean we need to pause, look around and make careful choices about our next steps. Sometimes that might mean doubling back for a time, or moving sideways before we can move forwards. And to those at a distance, who can't see our reasoning, that zigzagging may seem strange!

The early Christians did a lot of zigzagging as their new faith meant a new path through life! And they were certainly considered strange, and more, by those who observed but didn't understand what they were doing or why. God accompanies us through life, with us whether the path is straight ahead and secure under our feet, or whether it is winding and sometimes a bit wobbly!

Whatever your path, may you know it to be blessed!

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 6<sup>th</sup> February 6.30pm in rear Church Hall**

***Celebration Service to mark 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Caldwell & Dunlop linkage.***

***Thursday 14 February 2019 in Dunlop Church 7pm.***

***Short Service followed by tea, coffee and cake – Please come along.***

## CHURCH ROTAS

## Welcome Teams

Date	Flowers	Readers	February	March
Feb 3rd	Doris Livingstone	Sheila Wyllie	Annette Brown	Alan Young
10th	Janette Miller	Alastair Martin	Elizabeth Garrity	Fred Dinning
17th	Nellie Nisbet	Marilyn Bell	Jennifer Hunter	Liz Dinning
24th	Susan Shorrock	Lynn Moss	Alastair Martin	Kristeen Hare
Mar 3rd	Anne Sinclair	Netta Howie	Brian McGaw	Jim Mundell
10th	Carolyn Blyth	Mike Blyth	David Mitchell	Fiona Thomson
17th	Margaret Hunter	Lynn Davidson	Anne Sinclair	
24th	Bertha Horne	Roy Wyllie		
31st	Kristeen Hare	Alison Howie		

## Creche Rota

	27th	Maureen Jackson and Alistair Martin
February	3rd	Graham Kilgour and Linda Pinkerton
	10th	Marilyn Bell and Maureen Jackson
	17th	Annette Brown and Jen Smith
	24th	Alison Howie and Isabel Kerr
March	3rd	Jen Smith and Isabel Kerr
	10th	Maureen Jackson and Alistair Martin
	17,24th, 31st	Aileen Dunlop and Netta Howie

**DUNLOP S.W. I.**  
**WEDNESDAY 27th FEBRUARY**  
**BULB SHOW** (Schedules given out)

Judge—Donald Wilson  
 Gardner at Aiket Castle

The retiring offering for Erskine Hospital after the 11th November Remembrance Sunday service raised £433.54.

The retiring collection after the Watch Night Service raised £494.78.  
 £247.39 has been sent to both Christian Aid and Shelter Scotland. Thank you.

## Baptisms

Samuel Alasdair Harris Tannock 25<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
 Aiden Alistair Sinclair Howden 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018.  
 Isabel Frances Thomas Miller 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018.

*“Let the little children come to me”*

The next meeting of the **Dunlop Alzheimer’s Circle of Friends Musical Minds** will be on Thursday, 14th February, in the church hall from 2pm-4pm.  
 Come along, have a blether and meet new friends and old friends  
 Everyone welcome  
 Anyone wishing to bake for us will be most appreciated.  
 Eddie, Andy and Bill will provide the music.  
 Contact Susan Shorrock 482109

## Oaks & Acorns

Community Crafts and Cake for those under 6 years old and over 60 years young!  
 Thursday 7th February  
 Merito Community Hub, from 11.15am.  
 No need to book, just come along  
 Enquiries to Alison Spiers 07446 053089

## GUILD

### FEBRUARY

12th Empowering Teenage Mothers in Zambia (Project)  
 26th The Village That Disappeared  
 Tom Marchant

All welcome



**Dunlop Messy Church Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February and 30th March, 4 - 6pm in Dunlop Church Hall.**  
**Stories, games, arts and crafts, followed by a meal together.**  
**Children must bring an adult with them!**

## Community Hub News

Merito and the Dunlop Community Hub would like to say a great big thank you to all our customers, old and new, for your custom since the community takeover. Your support has been greatly appreciated. We have a number of fun nights and delicious food deals planned for the months ahead and hope you will continue to support your community pub.

Our community engagement initiative has also been launched which allows you to have your say on the future development of the Hub. We are hosting a number of workshops and drop in sessions in Merito over the next few weeks (details below) and have included a copy of our questionnaire for those of you who can't make it along but would like your ideas heard. If you could complete the form and drop into one of our collection boxes in Norman's, the Post Office or Merito, it will allow the Hub team to better represent the community's needs. If you have time to share your ideas or even if you're just curious about what could be done with the building, please come and join us at one of our afternoon or evening sessions.

SESSION	DATE	TIME
<b>Drop-in ideas workshop</b> - Discuss what we can do, share ideas, mark-up drawings	Thursday 31st January	8pm-10pm
<b>Build a Hub workshop</b> - Draw & build a model of your ideal community Hub – perfect for younger members of the community	Sunday 10th February	11am-2pm
<b>Street-art workshop</b> - Share your ideas about the Hub through street art – draw on the walls of one of the rooms upstairs.	Saturday 16th February	11am-2pm
<b>Oral history workshop</b> - Reminisce on old stories of the pub & Dunlop & share ideas about your new Hub. Feel free to bring along old photos of the village and/or pub.	Saturday 2nd March	2pm-5pm
<b>Old building repairs talk</b> - For anyone interested in old buildings: talk given by one the Hub Directors	Monday 4th March	8pm-10pm
<b>Hands-on workshop</b> - Discuss what we can do, share ideas, mark-up drawings	Monday 11th March Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	5pm-9pm 2pm -6pm

### DUNLOP GALLERY SCHOOL EXHIBITION

First of all, congratulations to our Dunlop Primary 6 class, who entered the Kilmaurs Photographic Club's competition, and won the cup! The standard of all the children's entries was excellent, with Dunlop, Lainshaw, Nether Robertland and Kilmaurs Primaries all taking part. You can see their entries displayed in the Conservatory Cafe until the 5th of February. Well worth a look to see the amazing work of our next young generation of photographers.

After this show, Dunlop Primary will be displaying their own art work in the Hall. The open evening will be on Thursday the 7th of February, from 7 till 9. Do come along and support our talented local school children!

It's also time to start thinking about the summer photography competition. Our theme this year is "COLOUR". You can enter up to 4 photos, and do try to make one of them a Dunlop scene for our 2020 calendar. There is a children's category too, so get everyone in the family involved. There will be more details to come, but it's definitely time to start thinking about snapping some colourful images.

For more information please contact Ellenor at 07811 045600, or Shiona at 07506 951620.

**Dunlop Community Cinema** is starting the new year with a cornucopia of award winning films. First up on Friday 1st February is Glenn Close's bravura turn as a long-suffering spouse of a Nobel prize winning author in the 'The Wife'. This is followed on Friday 15th February by 'A Star is Born'. A new incarnation of an old tale, Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper hit all the right notes in a stylish and powerful love story...bring some hankies. If old-fashioned melodrama isn't your thing, maybe Spike Lee's BlacKkKlansman would be more to your taste. Widely reckoned to be his best movie for years, this biting satire is based on the true story of of an African American cop who infiltrated the Ku Klux Klan in the early 1970s. The performances are all fantastic whilst Lee combines humour, conviction and style to produce a film which is both funny and fast paced and a devastating indictment of present day America. Probably on 1st March.

We hope there is something there to suit all tastes, so please come along and join us. We have popcorn, ice-cream and refreshments and you can even relax with a wine or two. Cinema opens at 7pm and films begin at 7.30, we hope to see you soon.

**Christmas Appeal East Ayrshire Churches Homelessness Action:**

on the middle two Sundays in December we delivered two car loads of beautifully wrapped Christmas gifts, bags of food and cash donations of £255.

Janice Grant, EACHa organiser was delighted as the cash donations from Dunlop paid for 86 temporary accommodation food parcels!

Over 1500 gifts from East Ayrshire Churches were distributed in time for Christmas.

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

**DUNLOP & DISTRICT  
Community Company**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The AGM of the Community Company  
will be held on

**WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**  
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.

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**WEDNESDAY  
COFFEE**



**Re-starts on Wednesday 6th February  
in rear church hall  
10.00am—11-30am**

**Come along for coffee and chat  
All Welcome**

**No charge but donations welcome  
See Irene 484213 or Marilyn 482966**