

# DUNLOP DIARY



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**From the Church of Scotland, Dunlop**

**June 2020**

Dear friends and neighbours,

The last Dunlop Diary was issued at the beginning of April, shortly after the beginning of lockdown. Now, as May ends and June begins, we are moving into the first phase of a gradual “unlocking”. So much has changed for us over the past couple of months, and the future remains very much uncertain. What we are realising is that what we have taken for granted as “normal” is going to be very different for a long time. This realisation can bring with it a range of responses - from excitement at the opportunity to do things differently to despondency at the loss of the familiar. All our responses are valid - we are all experiencing this situation in our own way and what will be an opportunity for one, will be a challenge for another.

We are going through a huge change in all aspects of how we live our lives, and this change is regularly described as “unprecedented” and for us, it certainly is. But we can look back to the days of the very early church and learn from how the first Christians managed to cope with a huge change in all aspects of their lives. We have St Paul’s letters as a guide and we can read how people then had both the excitement and the challenge of working out what their “new normal” would look like. What comes across most powerfully in those letters is that the people are being urged to support and care for each other, to work together and to value each other’s contribution, whatever that might be.

I think we are already seeing St Paul’s advice being put into action in our own community in this “new normal” of our time. Local businesses and groups are working hard to keep us supplied with essentials (and treats!) and to keep our spirits up. We’re doing what we can with technology, and with pictures in windows, and now a community caterpillar! The Gala Day will be very different from usual, and you’ll get more information about that.

As in the previous issue of the Diary, we’re providing contact details for the various local businesses and groups who’re serving our community at this time. We’ve also provided local authority contacts and details of organisations which can help if you are struggling in any way.

May we all know the blessings of courage and hope as we get through this,

Alison

## Church Contacts

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Douglas Bell Tel: 01560 482966 [douglasbell@talktalk.net](mailto:douglasbell@talktalk.net)

## Dunlop Alzheimers Circle of Friends

There will be no meetings till further notice. If you'd like a chat, phone Susan on 01560 482109.

Cat Tree Church The Minister is recording short services in the Manse which are posted on the Church Facebook page and website every Sunday. You can also listen to the service by phoning 01505 805500. Calls are charged at local rates and usually last about 13 minutes. This new virtual church was given this name because the minister sits her phone on top of the cat tree to record herself!

## Local Facebook Pages

Dunlop Kirk - this is where you will find messages from the Minister and others, as well as **Cat Tree Church** services which are posted at 10am on Sundays.

Dunlop Messy Church - look out for on-line Messy fun and crafts.

Dunlop and Lugton Covid Help - up-to-date information from national and local sources.

The church usually shares information on Dunlop Dwellers and Lugton Community groups.

## Local Supplies and Provisions

Norman's 01560 484990

Dunlop Post Office and Village Store 01560 484885 (easier using Facebook)

Idle Hands Shop and Bakery 07479 490172 (also on Facebook)

Struther Farmhouse Ruth on 07891 048258

Dunlop Dairy 01560 482494

A&B Bird Fish Merchants 07786 564219 (and on Facebook). Brian visits the village with his fish van on a Friday.

## IT Support

Steven Elliot Tel: 01294 665000 (between 6pm and 9pm). Outwith those times, you can leave a voicemail with a contact number and a brief description of the issue. No charge under the current circumstances. Steven also posts on the local Covid FB group.

## Other Support

**Domestic abuse** has increased during lockdown. Help is available if you are experiencing this. You can call the 24-hour Domestic Abuse Helpline in confidence on 0800 027 1234 or visit [safer.scot](http://safer.scot). If you are not confident about taking that step, you can call our Minister, Alison McBrier, for a chat. You could also contact East Ayrshire Women's Aid on 01563 536001. If you are in danger at any time, call 999.

**East Ayrshire Council** are in contact with local volunteers across the Council area. If you need support with shopping, collection of prescriptions, food, etc, then you should call the Council on 01563 554400, and your details will be passed to a member of the local resilience group who'll be in touch with you to see how they can help.

## Deaths

**Mr Eric Hamilton**  
**Mr Bill Wallace**

**May 2020**  
**May 2020**

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

Love never fails.  
Coronavirus impacts all of us.  
But love unites us all.



**Christian Aid** <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved-locally/scotland>  
**would be pleased to receive donations online for their 2020 appeal.**  
**"Our global neighbours are also battling the spread of coronavirus.**  
**By supporting Christian Aid week we can reach out and protect more**  
**of our global neighbours with soap, clean water and medical supplies."**  
Thank you, Alison Howie, Christian Aid Convener, Dunlop Kirk.

## **DUNLOP LUGTON** **community council**

Worried about food? Have you lost your job and need help? Are you struggling to cope?  
We want to make sure everyone in our community has all the help they need at this difficult time and help is available in many different ways. In Dunlop & Lugton, the Community Council is identified as the local Resilience Group. We are connected to East Ayrshire and Scottish Government networks so we can organise support where necessary and have access to emergency funds.


Even if you do have your own support network to rely on, you can still call the

**East Ayrshire Council helpline number**  
**01563 554400**

Their staff will be able to give you information about help that is available and point you in the right direction. If you need help, they will pass your request down through the network of EAC staff and volunteers to ensure that assistance is provided where needed and if it is something where help can be provided locally the Community Council will be notified.

If you don't want to go through the helpline number, speak to Rev Alison McBrier.  
Keep up to date on all the latest information at the facebook page

**[Dunlop & Lugton Covid Help](#)**



Join in to celebrate  
**Virtual Gala Day**  
Saturday 6 June

With this year's Gala cancelled due to Covid-19, the committee are delighted to announce "Virtual Gala Day". We hope the Pet Show & Beat the Goalie events give people a chance to join in from the safety of their own homes.

We also hope to organise the popular "Scarecrow Trail" at a later date in the year, providing it is safe to do so.

We hope everyone is well and staying safe.

We'd love it if you can join in with the events and look forward to seeing your entries!



**DUNLOP  
GALA DAY**  
**VIRTUAL PET SHOW**  
*Share pictures of your pets on our  
Facebook Page or email to  
dunlopgala@hotmail.com for a chance  
to win a coveted rosette!*  
*Enter by noon on Friday 5 June  
Winners announced Saturday 6 June*

VIRTUAL GALA DAY 2020

**BEAT THE  
GOALIE  
AT  
KEEPIE UPIES**



SEND US YOUR KEEPIE UP VIDEO FOR A CHANCE TO CLAIM A PLACE IN THE LIVE FINAL ON 6TH JUNE

- USE YOUR FEET ON A BALL OF ANY KIND, SOLO OR TEAM
- USE A RAQUET, TENNIS BALL OR SHUTTLECOCK - TWO OR MORE PEOPLE



SHARE YOUR VIDEOS TO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE OR EMAIL TO DUNLOPGALA@HOTMAIL.COM BY NOON ON FRIDAY 5 JUNE.