

From the Church of Scotland, Dunlop

June 2022

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Dear friends and neighbours,

In early May I had the pleasure of celebrating a marriage vow renewal ceremony in Dunlop Kirk. The

couple themselves and many of their guests were visiting from Canada, with other guests having travelled from England for the occasion. You may have seen some of the wedding party, in Regency dress, being driven round the village in a horse and carriage! They were all very taken with the village as a whole, our beautiful rural setting, and the historic ambience of the church with the beautiful stained glass windows.

I'm always very aware of the long history of Christianity in Dunlop, marked not only by the present building which has been changed and extended over the years, but the site itself which was almost certainly occupied by earlier church buildings of which we now have no record. Whenever we gather to worship in the church, or indeed spend time there for any purpose, I'm very conscious of all those who have gone before us and whose presence lingers there, and in the roads and buildings all around. God is present in our church, our homes, our workplaces - all around us and within us.

If you would like to come and spend some time quietly in the building, maybe to learn more of its history or to admire the stained glass, you can do so on Sunday afternoons from 3rd of July. The building will be open from 2-4pm every Sunday from then till the 11th of September. Our volunteers will be happy to chat with you, or leave you to your thoughts, whichever you prefer.

And, of course, all are welcome to join us in the building for worship, every Sunday, from 11.30am.

Peace be with you,

Alison

Rev Alison McBrier

Sunday Open Afternoons

With restrictions easing at last, we will be opening the Church on Sunday Afternoons during July, August and until after Ayrshire Doors Open day on 11th September. Come and visit our peaceful building and take a closer look at the beautiful stained glass windows. The Clandeboye's Hall, alongside the church, is an 'A' listed building, which was built in 1641 and was one of the first free schools in Scotland. Behind the Clandeboyes is the Hans Hamilton Tomb where the marble figures of the former minister and his wife have been reinstated.

The Sunday morning service is at 11.30 and the Church will then be open again from 2-4pm. You are very welcome to come along at either time and as always tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

Church Flowers and Readers

| Date | Readers | Flowers |
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| June 5th | Anne Sinclair | Linda Pinkerton |
| 12th | Roy Wyllie | Annette Brown |
| 19th | Beverly Kirk | Christine Wallace |
| 26th | Mike Blyth | Beverly Kirk |
| July 3rd | Alison Howie | Briam McGaw |
| 10th | Christine Wallace | Marilyn Bell |
| 17yh | Marilyn Bell | Margo McMurdo |
| 24th | David Sinclair | Margaret Robb |
| 31st | Sheila Wyllie | Jennifer Hunter |

If you are unable to carry out your duties and swap with someone, could you let me know please so that I can advise Alison of the name change? Thanks. Beverly. 0737 551 4384 or kirk1948@icloud.com

Dunlop Kirk – Services

Sunday Morning Worship – 11.30 am in the church. All welcome! Please come and join us.

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.

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 Conservatory Café will open for Tuesday Coffee 10am until 11.30am.



Dunlop Messy Church Saturday 28th May 2022 106th Stewarton and Dunlop Annual Show at Lainshaw Holm, Stewarton.

We will think of the stewardship of God's creation, and how our food is produced. There will be arts and crafts, and activities bags. All ages welcome – see you there. We will be at Dunlop Gala also.

Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice

The bunting festooned Village Hall was buzzing for the Cream Tea in aid of the Ayrshire Hospice. After a 3-year gap, it was terrific to see so many people happy to enjoy what has previously been an annual event held at Struther. A fantastic £2981 was raised. Sincere thanks to everyone who came along in support, donated baking and raffle prizes and to the committee and the army of volunteers who worked so hard to make the afternoon a success.

At our recent AGM, it was unanimously agreed to invite Aileen Howie, Annette Brown, Jennifer Hunter and Hazel Mulberry to become Honorary Members of the Dunlop Friends Group, in recognition of a remarkable 38 years' service as volunteers to the Hospice. They were amongst the original Dunlop committee set up in 1984 and their support and commitment has been truly exceptional.

Dunlop Alzheimer's Circle of Friends (DACOF), May 2022 review.

Our trip to Dumfries House this month was a huge success. The bus driver was great; really likeable, cheerful and knowledgable and we were also well looked after at Dobbies where the high tea was delicious. To top it all, the weather was glorious after so much rain. A good time was had by all. On the 2nd June there will be a celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee held by Dunlop and Lugton Senior Citizen Association in conjunction with Alzheimer Circle of Friends. We decided to help by giving a donation and by helping on the day. All of us from

DACOF look forward to joining in the celebrations, all guests from our group are welcome to attend. It's sure to be a good day.

Our next meeting for DACOF will be on the 8th June 2022, 2pm-4pm at Dunlop Village Hall. There will be music from Eddie, dancing, a singalong, poems and fun. Come along and meet friends old and new, have a cuppa and some home baking.

We are looking for some more volunteers to help at our meetings. If you would like to help, please come along.

Contact Susan on 07805426041.

DUNLOP COMMUNITY CINEMA

After our sell out screening of Belfast in May, you'll need to be ready to book online to secure your tickets for The Duke and Sing 2. We'll let you know when the booking site is open, but in the meantime, here are the dates to put in your diary.

Both films are being shown during Dunlop's Gala Day weekend.

The Duke, (12), "A wonderfully uplifting film", is the true tale of an art stealing pensioner. It stars Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren, and it's a must see film..."an unashamedly old fashioned underdog tale - an absurdist struggle of the little man against monolithic bureaucracy". Don't miss it! Showing on Friday the 24th of June at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

Sing 2 (U), "a film with big dreams and spectacular hit songs", is a family friendly, sing along movie, with some big names providing the songs. A great way to round off the Gala weekend, it is screening on Sunday afternoon at 3.

Come along and join us! We'll have the usual bar and ice cream, with extra goodies for the children at the Sunday film, and the tables will be set out for you to sit with family and friends. Then you could join us at Meritos afterwards, for a catch up and a chat about the film.

Can you help out? We are needing more volunteers and would love to welcome you into our team. You can message us on our Facebook page, Dunlop Community Cinema, if you are interested.

Keep your eyes open for our ticket booking line going live. Look forward to seeing you in June!

DUNLOP GALLERY

If you haven't had the chance to see the lovely exhibition by the Stewarton Colourists, it will be running up until the 1st of June.

After that, we will be showing the work of the Wednesday Dunlop Art Group. This will be a chance to see what our local artists have been working on. There will be no opening night, but you will be able to view their work during cafe hours, Thursdays and Fridays from 11 till 2.

Don't forget about your photos for the photography competition. The theme is Local Colour, and the deadline for handing them in is Friday the 24th of June, when there will be someone in the cafe to collect them between 12 and 2. There is a maximum of 3 entries per person. Copies of the entry forms can be picked up at the Village Hall, or you can email dunlophallgallery@gmail.com. All entries will be put forward for judging, and some will be chosen for the 2023 calendar. Landscape rather than portrait would be the best for

inclusion in the calendar.

If you have any questions about the exhibitions, or if you would like to be involved in an exhibition yourself, please contact Ellenor at 07811 045600, or Shiona at 07506951620.



THE LADY & THE POET

by Jill Korn

based on an Original Script by James Miller

Dunlop Village Hall Tuesday, June 28th 2022 at 7.30pm

Entry is free: for tickets email jillkornwriter@gmail.com



A new Radio Play about Mrs Frances Dunlop of Dunlop & Mr Robert Burns, Bard of Ayrshire



Be among the First to hear this New Play, based on the revealing Letters between the Bard and his Patroness

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Discover more about the Making of this Radio Play in Discussion with the Author and Friends

The Lady and The Poet is part of An Ayrshire Trilogy by Jill Korn, supported by funding from Creative Scotland



Dunlop Gala top of the crops Scarecrow Trail

Sun 19th June - Sun 26th June 2022

Enter your themed scarecrow and window displays
TOP OF THE CROPS - 7 DECADES OF MUSIC

Prizes for best entries.

We're recycling, you can too! We're encouraging scarecrows made from recycled materials & waste.

Application forms and further information available from local businesses around the village & Dunlop Gala Facebook page from 21st May 2022



Deadline for entries Sunday 12th June 2022

Contact Laura-Jane on 01560-480420 or dunlopscarecrows@outlook.com

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