

# DUNLOP DIARY



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**From the Church of Scotland, Dunlop**

**March 2020**

Dear friends and neighbours,

I have a confession to make. This year I managed to be unusually organised and had my son's Easter egg bought and hidden away long before Lent had even started. Unfortunately, I accidentally ate that Easter egg.

Now I have a dilemma. Should I replace that Easter egg now and risk another accidental eating? Or should I wait until just before Easter to buy it, and prevent any accidental eating by presenting it to my son at the check-out?

A third, very seasonal, option would be to enter into the spirit of Lent and focus on resisting temptation. After all, in a way, Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day is designed as the last opportunity for any accidental eating before the 40 days of Lent when people traditionally fasted as a spiritual exercise modelled upon the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness, hungry, alone and tempted by the devil. And the thing about temptation is that it's a calling to our weaknesses, our vulnerabilities. I would have no problem giving up cheese-cake for Lent as I don't like it and never eat it anyway. But chocolate ...

So, the challenge of resisting temptation is about being honest with ourselves about our weaknesses, and instead of turning away, facing them head on. Lent is about much more than self-denial. It is about self-knowledge. Being able to admit to temptation and resist it, is to know ourselves more fully - to know ourselves as God intends us to be, and to fulfil our God-given potential.

So, I have decided. This year, for Lent, I will buy another Easter egg for my son. I will put it somewhere I can see it every day, and I will not eat it! (But if I do accidentally eat it, which I'm sure I won't, I will not be discouraged. I will get another Easter egg and start again.)

Wishing you a challenging and fulfilling Lent,

Alison

Rev Alison McBrier

## ***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***

## CHURCH ROTAS

| Date      | Flowers           | Readers          |
|-----------|-------------------|------------------|
| March 1st | Anne Sinclair     | Lynn Moss        |
| 8th       | Carolyn Blyth     | Roy Wyllie       |
| 15th      | Margaret Hunter   | Netta Howie      |
| 22nd      | Bertha Horne      | Brian McGaw      |
| 29th      | Kristeen Hare     | Anne Sinclair    |
| April 5th | Irene Neilson     | Simon Gill       |
| 12th      | Margo McMurdo     | Alison Howie     |
| 19th      | Jess Duncan       | Elizabeth Graham |
| 26th      | Doris Livingstone | Bob Brown        |

If anyone would like to put flowers in Church please get in touch with Janette Picken as I have a few free Sundays in 2020 . I can be contacted on (01560 484806) or of course at Church.

## Dunlop Alzheimer's Circle of Friends

Our next meeting for 2020 will be Thursday 12th March. We have a new start time this year of **1.30pm**.

Music by Eddie and Bill.

Come along and meet old friends and make new friends.

We will have singing, dancing and some new ideas.

Tea, coffee and home baking.

Contact Susan 01560 482109

## GUILD

### MARCH

|      |   |
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| 3rd  | Seema's Project—Free to Live Trust<br>Pam Cairns                  |
| 6th  | World Day of Prayer (Friday)<br>St Columba church hall at 10.30am |
| 10th | Interguild in church<br>Ayrshire Ukuleles                         |
| 24th | AGM & Troon Lifeboats<br>Ben Johnson                              |

### APRIL

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| 7th | Dinner at Struther 6.30 for 7 |
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## Welcome Teams

### March

Jimmy Howie  
Douglas Bell  
Marilyn Bell  
John Campbell  
Alison Howie  
Andrew Pinkerton  
Linda Pinkerton

### April

Sandy Hutchison  
Lynn Davidson  
Jess Duncan  
Irene Kerr  
Margaret Robb  
Roy Wyllie  
Sheila Wyllie

## Creche Rota

Mar 1st Ruth Wilson & Anne Sinclair  
8th Maureen Jackson & Graham Kilgour  
15th Anne Miller & Netta Howie  
22nd Alison Howie & Netta Howie  
29th Anne Sinclair & Netta Howie  
Apr 5th Alison Howie & Jen Smith  
12th & 19th Greer Thomson & Pamela Young  
26th Anne Sinclair & Marilyn Bell  
May 3rd Ruth Wilson & Anne Sinclair

## S.W.I.

Wednesday 25th March  
Living with a disability  
Miss Eileen Nelson

Competitions: A knitted beret  
Apple crumble

## DUNLOP AND LUGTON SENIOR CITIZENS

**The March Coffee Morning** will be held in the Church Hall on **Saturday 28th** of March between 10am and noon.

Baking stall and raffle. We look forward to seeing you on the day as the money raised helps towards the cost of the Annual Summer Trip and Christmas Lunch.

Margaret True  
President



**Dunlop Messy Church Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> March from 4 - 6pm in Dunlop Church Hall.**

**Stories, games, arts and crafts, followed by a meal together.**

**Children must bring an adult with them! Come and join in the fun!**

## DUNLOP GALLERY

**Our local Art Group will have their exhibition on display until the 4th of March. If you haven't had the chance to see it yet, do come in and view our local artist's work when the cafe is on, enjoy lunch, or coffee and cake while you browse.**

### Dunlop Community Choir

Love singing? Then we'd love to have you at Dunlop Community Choir! Open to everyone who loves to sing, even if that's only in the shower! No auditions or experience necessary: our focus is on inclusion and enjoyment. Join us every Monday 7-8pm in Dunlop Community Hub @Merito, bar open from 6.45-9 for choir only. Look forward to seeing you there!

### Dunlop Community Cinema

Dunlop Community Cinema is celebrating International Women's Day with 'Woman at War' (12) on Friday 6th March. A quirky Icelandic film about a seemingly quiet woman who is actually a notorious eco terrorist. This is followed by 'Long Shot'(15), on Friday 27th March. A smart and funny romcom that sees Seth Rogen's journalist become a speechwriter for presidential hopeful, and former babysitter, Charlize Theron. Friday 3rd April brings another whodunnit to Dunlop, albeit one that's a lot more fun than Deadwater Fell. 'Knives Out' (12A) has a stellar cast led by Daniel Craig, and is a murder mystery full of twists and turns that should keep you guessing til the end.

Come along and join us from 7pm. We have popcorn, ice cream and refreshments and films start at 7.30. Remember to bring your Dunlop Cinema Loyalty card, see five films and get your sixth visit free. We hope to see you soon!

Adult £6, Child £4, Family tickets £16.

### Fun Section

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| 8 | 7 |   |   |   |   |   | 3 | 2 |
|   |   |   |   | 5 |   | 1 | 7 |   |
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**On Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March** there will be an **InterGuild** meeting in the church at **7.30pm**. Entertainment is by a group of ukulele players, **The Ayrshire Ukes**. Please come and join us. There is no charge but any donations will go towards the six projects supported by the Guild – all in great need of our help. All welcome



**St Columba's Church Hall**  
Lainshaw Street, Stewarton, KA3 5BU

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March**  
**10 am - 12.30 pm**



**Raising funds for life-saving  
defibrillators in Ayrshire**

Tickets £3.50  
available  
on the door  
or by contacting  
01560 484050

Home baking

Raffle

Crafts

Plants



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