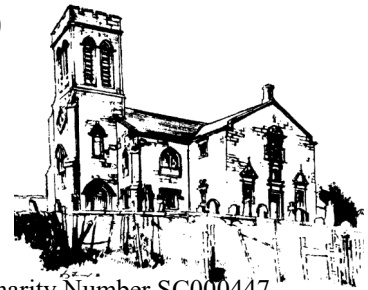


# DUNLOP DIARY



Dunlop Church of Scotland is a Registered Scottish Charity. Charity Number SC000447

**From the Church of Scotland, Dunlop**

**October 2022**

**Minister Rev Alison McBrier**

**phone 01560 673686 email [AMcBrier@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:AMcBrier@churchofscotland.org.uk)**

Dear friends and neighbours,

I'm sure you've heard the phrase, "Use it or lose it!"

Dunlop Church Hall has been at the centre of our community for about 170 years - initially as a church and for the past 60 odd years as the Church Hall we have all come to know and love. It has provided a space for the whole community, of all ages, to use for a wide range of activities. However, the Church Hall is expensive to maintain and that financial burden falls entirely on the local people who support Dunlop Kirk. Before the pandemic, the running costs were around £7,000 per year. During the second lockdown, it was discovered that the electrics were unsafe and the church was obliged to have the building rewired at a cost of £10,500. The heating system then failed and that meant even more problems, and costs.

The local congregation very much want to keep the Church Hall open to be used and enjoyed by as many people as possible. However, we simply cannot afford to do this without your support. Recently, the Church's Congregational Board, which is responsible for managing our buildings and finances, had to decide whether or not to spend a further £10,000 to replace the heating system, repair damaged flooring and fix the mould problems caused by the lack of heating.

And this is when I return to that phrase, "Use it or lose it!". After a lengthy discussion it was decided to invest the additional £10,000 to carry out necessary repairs so the Church Hall could be re-opened. However, it was also agreed that the Church cannot afford to keep spending money on the Church Hall with very little financial return. So, you ... we... have three years to make the Church Hall financially viable. Or as was said at the meeting, "three years to wash its face!" We are introducing fees and charges, which are broadly in line with those charged by the Village Hall as we feel it's important that we work as part of the wider community for the benefit of us all.

You are invited along to an Open Day at the Church Hall on Saturday, 8th of October between 11am and 1pm. Come along and see the lovely new decor, enjoy a tea or coffee and a biscuit, meet up with others, find out about the groups who currently use the Church Hall and think about how you might use the Church Hall yourself. All ideas and suggestions are most welcome.

Use it or lose it. And we really hope and pray that we can continue to use it!

With every blessing,  
Alison

## ***Dunlop Kirk –Services***

**Sunday Morning Worship – 11.30 am in the church. All welcome!**

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-q8aU7cNkJVihA/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](mailto:contact@dunlopkirk.org.uk)

## Welcome Teams

## Church Flowers and Readers

October	November	Date	Readers	Flowers
Mike Blyth	Jimmy Howie	Oct 2nd	Christine Wallace	Greer Thomson
Carolyn Blyth	Douglas Bell	9th		Netta Howie
David Clement	Marilyn Bell	16th	David Sinclair	Catherine Glen
Carol Fraser	Alison Howie	23rd	Sheila Wyllie	Susan Shorrock
Netta Howie	Andrew Pinkerton	30th	Greer Thomson	Jess Duncan
Isabel Kerr	Linda Pinkerton	Nov 6th	Bob Brown	Remembrance
Mitchell Wilson		13th	Charlotte McGuinness	Kirsten Hare
		20th		Carolyn Blyth
		27th	Roy Wyllie	Margaret Gibson

## Deaths

**Mr Andrew Law Howie**  
**Mrs Mary Duncan**  
**Mrs Jean Curry**

**August 2022**  
**September 2022**  
**September 2022**

## *Dunlop Harvest Thanksgiving Service*

Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> October, will be our Harvest Thanksgiving Service.  
In the Church at 11.30am - all welcome.

That afternoon we will distribute a Harvest gift to those on our Harvest list.

The Church Hall will be open on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October  
between 11am and 1pm to receive donations.

Donations are also welcome at the Church on Sunday morning.  
Plants, flowers and other gifts that would be useful to the Stewarton Foodbank.  
If you are available to help deliver one or more plants please phone:  
Margo (01560 484824).

A collection will also be taken for Christian Aid.  
Christian Aid envelopes will be available at the church  
and at the Church Hall on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>.

Margo McMurdo, Session Clerk

**Morning Communion Service, Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2021 11.30 am**  
**'All who love the Lord are welcome'**

**Remembrance Sunday 13th November 2022**  
**Remembrance Service - 11:30am in Dunlop Kirk**  
**and 12:30pm at the War Memorial in Dunlop Cemetery.**  
Margo McMurdo, Session Clerk



**Dunlop Messy Church**  
**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2022**  
**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 & District Community Company  
Annual General Meeting**

The AGM of the Community Company  
will be held on

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022  
at 7:30pm in the Village Hall**

**Dunlop & District Community Company  
manage the Village Hall and Playing Field,**

**THE COMPANY NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT TO ENSURE THAT THESE  
ACTIVITIES CONTINUE TO BENEFIT OUR VILLAGE..**

**Tuesday Coffee, Tea and a Chat**

**On Tuesdays 10am – 11.30am  
we invite you to join us for our  
weekly morning coffee, tea,  
biscuits and chat in the  
Church Hall.  
All very welcome.**



---

**Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice:**

The annual Craft Fair in aid of the hospice will take place on Friday 4th November in the village hall.

Please come and enjoy over 25 different crafters, home baking,  
a raffle and the last chance to buy your  
Ayrshire Hospice Christmas Cards.

Open from 7.30 till 9:30 pm

Entrance £3 which includes cakeaway

---

**The Ayrshire Hospice**

This year's delightful range of **Hospice Christmas Cards** will be on sale in Dunlop from  
**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October.**

Please contact Carolyn on 07950 049504 to arrange a viewing.

As always, they will also be available at the  
**Dunlop Craft Fair on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November in the Village Hall**  
**7.30 to 9.30pm**

---

**DUNLOP AND LUGTON SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**

We will be holding our Autumn Coffee Morning on Saturday 29th October 2022 from 10am to 11.30am. We are delighted to  
be returning to the Church Hall and look forward to welcoming you all back to our usual venue.

There will be a baking stall and our usual raffle. I would like to appeal to any bakers who might wish to donate something for the stall or tables to contact either myself or Rita Hall, Vice Chair. Hope to see you all on the day.

Margaret True, Chair

## **Open Day at the Church Hall**

You are invited along to an Open Day at the Church Hall on Saturday, 8th of October between 11am and 1pm. Come along and see the lovely new decor, enjoy a tea or coffee and a biscuit, meet up with others, find out about the groups who currently use the Church Hall and think about how you might use the Church Hall yourself. All ideas and suggestions are most welcome.

## **Culture Comes to Dunlop** **Scottish Opera present Opera Highlights** **Tuesday 18th October in Village Hall**

The world's greatest love songs are coming to your doorstep this Autumn, as we tour to 17 venues across Scotland. Join our troupe of talented performers as they bring good vibes to a stage near you! This extra special show of operatic highlights directed by **Emma Jenkins** combines repertoire favourites with rare gems, in your local hall or theatre. Touring to: **Dundee, Markinch, Fraserburgh, Forres, Banchory, Cullivoe, Lerwick, Linlithgow, Town Yetholm, Stranraer, Castle Douglas, Dunlop, Gartmore, Biggar, Glenuig, Gairloch and Durness.**

**Tickets on sale from Scottish Opera ([www.scottishopera.org.uk](http://www.scottishopera.org.uk) and follow link to opera highlights in Dunlop)**



## **Dunlop Community Cinema**

Greetings fellow film goers! We are delighted to be up and running again and we have a great programme lined up for you, including 2 'film club' films. For those unfamiliar with the film club, this is the strand where we show slightly less well known films, in particular focussing on British or foreign films (but with the occasional American film – Moonlight being a beautiful and memorable example). Following feedback from you, we are still keeping the seat numbers more restricted than pre-Covid levels, and will continue to provide tables, but we have increased the numbers a little from the last season. There will of course continue to be a bar, and ice cream.

This month, we are pleased to be screening:

**Elvis (12A) on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm**

Commencing our Autumn season with a bang! Baz Luhrman's (Strictly Ballroom, Romeo + Juliet) latest tour de force, giving us a riveting view of Elvis's life, including his early musical influences, his genius performance, and of course the darker story of his manager Colonel Tom Parker (Tom Hanks). Austin Butler is spectacular as Elvis, giving an incredible energetic and thoughtful performance.

**My old school (15) on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7.30 pm**

This film is the Glasgow Film Theatre's third biggest selling new release ever (behind T2 Trainspotting and Parasite). It is a stranger than fiction documentary about a story that may be familiar to some of you – a 31 year old (Brandon Lee) returns to his old school (Bearsden Academy) pretending to be a 16 year old! It is directed by one of his old class mates and has been deftly put together to be remarkably entertaining and intriguing throughout. We are hoping that two of his classmates will be able to participate in a Q&A following the screening.

Tickets will be available from [ticketebo.co.uk/dunlopcc](http://ticketebo.co.uk/dunlopcc) but any difficulty buying online please do contact us at [dunlopcinema@outlook.com](mailto:dunlopcinema@outlook.com) for assistance.

**Dunlop Diary Deadline for November is 21st October Tel: 01560 482966 Email: [douglasbell@talktalk.net](mailto:douglasbell@talktalk.net)**