DUNLOP DIARY

April 2025

CALDWELL & DUNLOP PARISH CHURCH

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Dear friends & neighbours,

I'm sure we're all familiar with the concept of giving up something for the season of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at Easter. Shrove Tuesday, or Pancake Day, is traditionally a day of feasting before the fasting begins! This year, in church, instead of thinking solely about what we might give up for Lent, we've been thinking and talking about Fasting and Feasting. You could think of it as giving up, or fasting from those things that harm us, and focussing or feasting on those things that heal us. Lent is a time for reflection - on ourselves, our relationships with those around us, and most of all our relationship with God.

The Lent, my Feasting has been walking! Walking prayerfully and thoughtfully. Paying attention to my surroundings. Observing and giving thanks for this wonderful world of God's creation. Saying "hello!" to the sheep and lambs in the fields! And as my walking Feast makes me fitter, I'm also getting Faster!

As we continue to journey towards Easter, may you find yourself blessed by God in all aspects of your life. May your difficulties diminish, and your joys increase.

Peace to you and yours,

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Holy Week Services 2025 Caldwell and Dunlop Church of Scotland

Sunday 13th April, 10am & 11:30am
Palm Sunday - both churches

Thursday 17th April, 7pm
Maundy Thursday joint service - Dunlop Kirk (including a short communion)

Friday 18th April, 7pm
Good Friday joint service - Dunlop Kirk

Sunday 20th April, 10am & 11:30am
Easter Service - both churches
(followed by a short communion service in Dunlop Kirk)

Tuesday Coffee, Tea and a Chat

On Tuesdays from 10 – 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 Kirk Services

Sunday Morning Worship, 11.30am in the church

Our Sunday worship is also available online through the Dunlop Church website ***(https://dunlopkirk.org.uk)*** or our YouTube channel ***(https://www.youtube.com/@dunlopchurchofscotland4062/streams).***

We also run a Zoom session on Sunday mornings — letting us have a chat and watch the service together.

All welcome!

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***

Church Flowers & Readers

Welcome Team
April
Mike Blyth
Carolyn Blyth
David Clement
Isabel Kerr
Mitchell Wilson
Charlotte McGuiness
May
Jimmy Howie
Marilyn Bell
Debbie Gill
Alison Howie
Andrew Pinkerton
Simon Gill

Readers	***Flowers***
April	***April***
6th Christine Wallace	6th Charlotte McGuinness
13th David Sinclair	13th Jess Duncan
20th Maxine Buck	20th Margo McMurdo
27th Elizabeth Garrity	27th Annette Brown
May	***May***
4th Lynn Davidson	4th Alison Howie
11th Roy Wyllie	11th Dorothy Brown
18th Greer Thomson	18th Archie Reid
25th Bob Brown	25th Margaret Hunter

Caldwell Column

Caldwell Church, Neilston Road, Uplawmoor, G78 4AF
Churches in Union - Caldwell and Dunlop Parish Church

Sunday Service

Church service time is as usual from 10am. All are welcome for Tea, Coffee, and Fellowship in the church hall after the service.

Donations for Barrhead Food Bank welcome.

Caldwell Messy Church Spring Event

Sunday, 27th April, 2pm, Caldwell Church Hall and grounds. Join us for crafts, games and food as we rejoice and give thanks to the God of hope.

Ongoing Activities

Soup and Sandwich Lunches on Fridays from 12-1.30pm in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome to enjoy a warming bowl of soup, tasty sandwiches, chat and catch-up.

Seniors Group meets every Tuesday morning in the Church Hall from 10.30-12noon for fellowship, lively debate, catch-up, coffee and biscuits.

Bible Exploration Group meet online between 10.30 and 11.30am on Tuesdays for analysis and discussion of selected bible passages and themes.

Mobile Library of Christian Faith and Practice is free to use, details from **Paul Burgess** at **paulandcathie@gmail.com**

The ***Motor Bike Club*** meets on the first Monday of the month from 7-9pm.
Contact John: 0141 881 6553

The ***Community Choir*** meets on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm. New members are welcome – no previous experience necessary.
Contact Lynne: 07710 633416

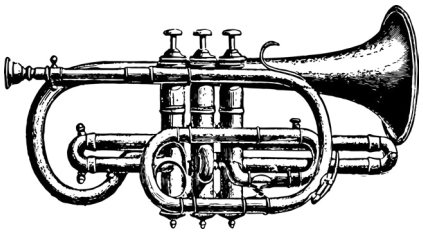
Dunlop Musical Memories

We meet in Dunlop Church Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 2-4pm. All are welcome to come and enjoy an afternoon of song and chat with delicious home baking at the interval.

Our next meeting is on 9th April and it will have an Easter theme. Bring along a decorated egg (of any species... but hard boiled please!) and perhaps win a prize. Come in your Easter bonnet and we'll judge whose is best.

There will also be games to join in or watch and a refreshing cuppa for all at the interval.

We hope to see you all on the 9th!



Dunlop S.W.I.

Wednesday, 30th April, 2pm,
Dunlop Church Hall

Speaker:
Mrs. Anne kerr
On her trip to Malaysia

Competitions:
A Savoury Supper Dish

A Knitted Adult Beanie

All Welcome

Dunlop & Lugton Senior Citizens

Final countdown is on for our spring coffee morning on Saturday 29th March. Tickets are still on sale but you can also pay at the door on the day. We will be having a prize raffle so remember to purchase your raffle tickets on the day at a £1 per strip.

We will be drawing names out of the hat the week after the coffee morning for the afternoon tea dance at Dumfries House on Wednesday 23rd April. We'll be in touch with the first lucky group of seniors soon after! Good luck!

On 8th May, we will be hosting a VE Day celebration in the bowling club from 2-4pm with music and afternoon tea selection. We will be looking for names for this in the coming weeks!

Dunlop Primary & ECC Quiz Night

Thank you to everyone who supported the Dunlop Primary and ECC quiz night fundraiser last weekend in the village hall.

We are delighted to announce that £1590 was raised. This will certainly boost the Parent Council funds and support a great many activities across the school and ECC for the children.

Hospice Cream Tea

Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice would like to invite you to their Annual Cream Tea on Sunday 18th May, 2-4pm, to be held in Dunlop Village Hall.

We will have our delicious scones and there will be a raffle and home baking stall. Donations of home baking would be much appreciated. Plants to brighten up your garden will also be available for sale.

We look forward to seeing you again this year. Tickets can either be purchased in advance from any of the committee, or at the door, costing £4.00. All proceeds to the Ayrshire Hospice.

Gillian Muir
Dunlop Friends of Ayrshire Hospice

Dunlop Bowling Club 2025 Season - Half Price First Year!

Dunlop Bowling Club is excited to welcome new members for the 2025 season!

Whether you're an experienced player or a complete beginner, our friendly and sociable club is the perfect place to enjoy this fantastic sport.

New members can join for just **£60 in their first year – half the usual price!**

It's a great opportunity to learn, improve, and make new friends in a welcoming environment.

Bowls is a fun and accessible sport for all ages and abilities, offering both relaxed social play and competitive opportunities. For more details or to sign up, contact us at **SecretaryDBC@hotmail.com.**

We look forward to seeing you on the green!

Dunlop Hall Gallery

The Kilmaurs Photography Club Schools Photography Competition entries are now on display in the café, until Wednesday 9 April.

Artworks by members of the Stewarton Art and Chat Group will then be on display till Wednesday 23 April with the open evening 7-9 pm on Friday 11 April.

The next exhibition dates to mark in your diaries are:

• **Dunlop Art Groups**
Thursday 24th April - Wednesday 14th May. Open evening 7-9 pm on Thursday 24th April

• **The Dunlop Girls**
Friday 16th May - Wed 11th June.
Open evening 7-9 pm on Friday 16th May

The Dunlop Hall Gallery offers an excellent opportunity for local artists to display their work and generate sales and commissions while also providing a means of raising funds for the hall. The open evenings are always good fun so do come along and join us for a glass of wine and view the paintings while catching up with the artists, friends and neighbours. The artists and the gallery and hall committees really appreciate the support of everyone who comes along to the open nights.

And remember to keep taking photos around Dunlop and Lugton for our photo competition – entries should be submitted in June and details of how to enter will be available soon.

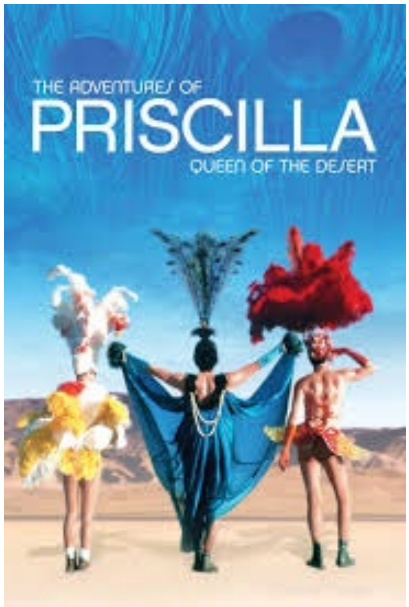
Dunlop Community Cinema

With the clocks going forward at the end of the month, we thought we'd go the opposite way and go back, way back... to 1994. **Priscilla Queen of the Dessert** (15) follows 3 drag queens as they travel across the Australian outback on their dilapidated bus, Priscilla, to a gig in Alice Springs. Funny, smart and tender with fantastic costumes, caustic wit and killer tunes, this film will help you to spring into spring. **Friday 28th March.**

Following a break for Easter, our next film is a film club offering - recent Oscar-winner **A Real Pain** (15). This is the story of two mismatched cousins reconnecting on a trip to Poland to honour their recently deceased grandmother. With a scene-stealing turn from Kieran Culkin, this is another road movie of sorts but more restrained and low key. Balancing humour and generational trauma, this film is a real pleasure to watch. **Friday 25th April**

So please join us from 7pm for a 7.30 start. Grab some popcorn, ice cream and a drink and sit back, relax and be transported to another time or place.

Tickets Available from:
www.ticketebo.co.uk/dunlopcc



Dunlop Diary Submissions

Do you have something to feature in the next edition of the Dunlop Diary?
The deadline for submissions to the May Diary is Monday 21st April. Send them to ***dunlopdiary@gmail.com***