DUNLOP DIARY

June 2025

CALDWELL & DUNLOP PARISH CHURCH

Scottish Charity No.SC000447

Dear friends & neighbours,

From March, through April and well into May (as I write this) we've enjoyed a great, and extended, spell of lovely weather - blue skies to lift our spirits, put a smile on our faces and a spring in our steps! But I've been struck by how cautiously we've approached this sunny good fortune. A phrase on many lips is, "I hope this isn't our summer"! And even those gardeners and farmers who've been starting to think that a wee bit of rain wouldn't go amiss, are wary of saying that out loud in case that "wee bit of rain" starts and doesn't stop!

Are we frightened that this gift of good weather will be taken from us if we start to take it for granted? I wonder how often we miss out on enjoyment of the present gain because we fear the future loss. Maybe a song for this season should be:

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above, then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love!

May we all know and enjoy God's blessing, through sun or rain!

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Morning Holy Communion Service

Sunday, 1st June

Caldwell Chruch - 10am
Dunlop Kirk - 11:30am

All who love the Lord are welcome

SAMday Sunday

Sunday, 22nd June, Mure Hall, Uplawmoor

Worship - 10.30am
Meeting - 11.30am
Lunch - 12 noon
Please look at the flyer enclosed
All invited

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

June	***July***
Lynn Davidson	Annette Brown
Jess Duncan	Elizabeth Garrity
Margaret Robb	Julie Smith
Roy Wyllie	Brian McGaw
Sheila Wyllie	Anne Sinclair

August
Alan Young
Kristeen Hare
Jim Mundell
Alistair Martin
Christine Reid

Readers	***Flowers***
June	***June***
1st Anne Sinclair	1st Christine Wallace
8th Lynne Moss	8th Sadie Reid
15th Marilyn Bell	15th Lesley Beaton
22nd Julie Smith	22nd Maxine Buck
29th Sheila Wyllie	29th Elizabeth Garrity
July	***July***
6th Charlotte McGuiness	6th Sybil Stirling
13th Beverly Kirk	13th Marilyn Bell
20th Mike Blyth	20th Charlotte McGuiness
27th Alison Howie	27th Dorothy Brown
August	***August***
3rd David Sinclair	3rd Sadie Reid
10th Christine Wallace	10th Anne Young
17th David Clement	17th Greer Thomson
24th Elizabeth Garrity	24th Julie Smith
31st Lynn Davidson	31st Margaret Robb

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.

Ongoing Activities

Soup and Sandwich Lunches on Fridays from 12-1.30pm in the Church Hall. Take a well-earned break until the end of summer.

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 Gala Day

Saturday, 7th June, 11:30-4:30pm,
Dunlop Park & Playing Fields

FREE ENTRY!

Fantastic Fun for all the Family.
Free Shuttle Bus from Av. Square, Stewarton every 30mins from 10.30am.Dunlop Gala Parade starts at 11.30 Newmill Road, Dunlop

Variety of stalls and entertainment:Tea Tent, Pipe Band, Dog Show, Vintage Tractors Face Painting, Bouncy Castle, Bungee Trampolines and more!

Facebook: dunlopgala

Dunlop & Lugton Senior Citizens Committee

The committee would like to thank all who attended our Dumfries House day out on 23rd April and our VE Day Celebration on 8th May. Both were on glorious sunny days. A great time was had by all, and we'd like to thank the Cup and Saucer for providing our afternoon teas and serving on the 8th May. Thank you for all the donations made on the day, these help us to have more days like these in the future.

We are now on our summer break and things will resume in September for our 2nd Coffee morning of the year in October.

Thanks again for all the support and we look forward to seeing you all at the next event!

Arlene

DUNLOP & LUGTON COMMUNITY PROJECT

Local projects are bidding for a share of £10,000 donated to our community following recent filming in the village.

You can decide which projects should be supported.

COME ALONG & VOTE

Dunlop Village Hall, Sunday 22nd June, 1pm–4pm

Anyone age 8 or above and attending school, living, working or a member of a community group in the area is eligible to vote.

A partnership initiative with East Ayrshire Leisure, East Ayrshire Council and Dunlop & Lugton Community Council.

Dunlop Church Sunday Open Afternoons

During July, August & September - everyone is very welcome to join in the morning service at 11.30 or to come along later between 2-4pm to look round our beautiful Church. While many visitors come to see the stunning stained glass windows, unusual to find in a small village Church, others come to enjoy a peaceful space or are curious to see inside the building.

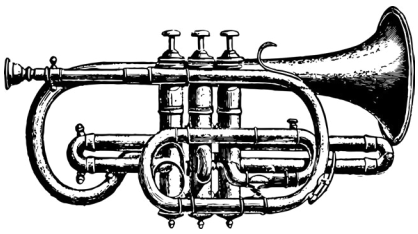
Alongside the Church is the A-listed Clandeyboye Hall (one of the first free schools in Scotland) and behind it the Hans Hamilton Tomb with its marble figures of the former minister and his wife.

Our volunteers will be very happy to share their church with you and as always in Dunlop tea, coffee and biscuits are on offer. Please do come and visit.

Musical Memories

A busy and exciting time lies ahead for us during the summer months. We have our usual afternoon of songs to accompany Eddie; our armchair exercises with our resident instructor Morgan Allison; and a guest appearance of James Blackwood and his son Steven who will be providing us with a Scottish medley of songs and tunes with their guitar and violin.

A good variety of musical activities with something to suit everyone. We look forward to seeing you in Dunlop Church Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 2 – 4pm.



Dunlop Friends of Ayrshire Hospice

Sincere thanks to everyone who came along in support, donated baking and raffle prizes. Also thanks to the committee and the army of volunteers who worked so hard to make the afternoon such a success. A big thanks to Stuart and Diane Reid for bringing some wonderful shrubs and bedding plants to sell and for their generous donation.

The Dunlop Friends group raised £3,925.72! A fantastic sum raised by our small committee and lots of volunteers. A wonderful amount going to the Ayrshire Hospice.

Gillian Muir
Secretary

Dunlop Hall Gallery

The Dunlop Girls are currently exhibiting in the Gallery from Friday 16th May - Wed 11th June, so do drop in to see a variety of fabulous artworks by local artists.

This exhibition will then be followed by our Dunlop and Lugton photo competition. Details of how to enter are included in the entry forms which are now available in the Conservatory Café or by emailing dunlopgallery24@yahoo.com

The deadline for entries is 6th June. Entries should be handed in to the café on that date between 11am-2pm, or if this doesn't suit, please email to make alternative arrangements.

Winning entries will be on display in the café and the prizegiving will be held on Friday 13th June, 7–9 pm. Good luck everyone!

We will then be taking the summer off and our next exhibitions will feature works by Kenny Brown. Open evening will be 7–9pm on Friday 5th September, followed by an exhibition by Charlie Jamieson: open evening on Friday 3rd October. All not to be missed events, put the dates in your diaries and we look forward to seeing you then.

Dunlop Bowling Club

Our 2025 season is well and truly underway with lots of friendly matches and annual fixtures with neighbouring clubs in the calendar. Our 2024 winners have also been representing the club in Scottish and Ayrshire competitions. Our new solar panels and sprinkling system have both benefitted from the tropical temperatures we enjoyed in May.

We are delighted to welcome a number of new members to the club for 2025 and we would encourage anyone who would like to try bowls to get in touch. We will be holding Try Bowls sessions on 11th, 18th and 25th June at 7pm where anyone is welcome to come up for a throw. Children should be accompanied by an adult.

To support us to welcome new members and children to the club, we have submitted a funding bid to the Dunlop and Lugton Participatory Budgeting fund for *Bowls Buddies* which are training bowls. We have previously had to borrow these from neighbouring clubs. Please vote for us to receive this funding if you get the opportunity!

Look out for details of our first pop up kitchen event on the 9th August which we will be advertising very soon.

Our club is an excellent venue with improved facilities for private functions - please get in touch if we can host your important event. SecretaryDBC@hotmail.com.

News from the Dunlop and District Community Company

Dunlop Village Hall: The Conservatory Café will continue to be open on a Thursday and Friday. If we are able to secure volunteers who could provide a few hours of support on a Thursday and Friday in July and August we would be able to open the café during those months for coffee and light refreshments. If you are able to help please contact Lee-Ann Dalziel on sandy.las@hotmail.co.uk or Simon Gill on **srgill27@gmail.com**

Dunlop Park and Pavilion: A team from Scottish Gas aided by paint supplied by Crown paints have been refurbishing the pavilion in the park. This together with the new pavilion doors should mean that the Pavilion is all ready to play its part in Gala day. Further work is planned to improve the drainage and playing surface of the park to ensure the pitch can be used throughout the year. Please contact Keith Barclay if you could assist with the work in the park. Contact Keith Barclay at **kgbarclay@hotmail.com**

Commoncraig Woodland Path and Bridge: The final grant needed to secure the funding for this project should have been decided by the time the Diary is distributed. In the meantime, we are trying to secure a contractor who can take the work forward. We will let everyone know when we have a start date and a timeline for the completion of the works as this might involve some restrictions on access to Common Craig while the work takes place. There is still a need to cover the Community funding of this project as we had to cancel the fundraising concert on the 24th of May. We will keep you informed both of future developments and opportunities to contribute to the project. Please contact Simon Gill on **srgill27@gmail.com** for further information.

Dunlop Diary Submissions

Do you have something to feature in the next edition of the Dunlop Diary?
The deadline for submissions to the September Diary is Monday 18th August. Send them to ***dunlopdiary@gmail.com***