

# DUNLOP DIARY

June  
2023



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## Dear friends & neighbours,

It can be easy to look back with rose-tinted glasses, or even to look back and imagine that people of years past would have little understanding of how we live today. But recently in church, in our scripture readings, we came across a word which is very familiar in today's world, and which many think of as a modern phenomenon.

That word is "anxiety," and it appears in a Letter written almost 2,000 years ago to the very first Christians—people who were struggling to work through what their new faith meant for their relationships and way of life. Many of them felt isolated, worried about the present and uncertain about the future.

Anxiety is certainly not a modern phenomenon, it is something that people have been experiencing for a very long time—millennia!

Recently, I've had a few quite deep conversations with different people about their experiences of the pandemic, and how it continues to upset and affect them. Some have shared their worries about the lasting impact on children and young people, and others are concerned about those who remain isolated due to health reasons or through fear.

The advice of the Letter we read in church was "to cast all your anxiety on God, because he cares for you." Valuable and loving advice, which we can follow in our prayers and in the various different ways we can manage our anxiety—breathing exercises, meditation etc.

If your anxiety is overwhelming and you feel you need additional support, then you should have a chat with your GP about that. Casting our anxiety on

God who cares for us should also give us the confidence to share our worries and fears with others who can offer us support and care.

The people who spoke to me about their lingering pandemic anxieties said they felt a bit better for talking about it. If you think it would be a good idea to get a wee group together who can simply talk and listen to each other, in mutual confidence and care, then please get in touch.

In the meantime, I offer you the blessing of God who knows our joys and our sorrows, who willingly takes on our burdens, and who cares deeply for us all.

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### **Dunlop Kirk Services**

*Sunday Morning Worship,  
11.30am in the church*

Our Sunday worship is also available online through the Dunlop Church Facebook page and the 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](mailto:contact@dunlopkirk.org.uk)**



# Church Flowers & Readers

## Welcome Team

### June

Annette Brown

Elizabeth Garrity

Brian McGaw

Anne Sinclair

### July

Alan Young

Fred Dinning

Liz Dinning

Kirsteen Hare

Jim Mundell

Alistair Martin

### August

Mike Blyth

Caroline Blyth

David Clement

Netta Howie

Isabel Kerr

Mitch Wilson

## Readers

## Flowers

### June

### June

4th Mike Blyth

4th Linda Pinkerton

11th Alison Howie

11th Annette Brown

18th Christine Wallace

18th Christine Wallace

25th Beverly Kirk

25th Beverly Kirk

### July

### July

2nd David Sinclair

2nd Brian McGaw

9th Lynne Moss

9th Sybil Stirling

16th Charlotte McGuinness

16th Marilyn Bell

23rd Brian McGaw

23rd Margaret Robb

30th Marilyn Bell

30th Dorothy Brown

### August

### August

6th David Clement

6th Sadie Reid

13th Anne Sinclair

13th Anne Young

20th Roy Wyllie

20th Greer Thomson

27th Bob Brown

27th Charlotte McGuinness

## Deaths

May 2023

Mrs Mary McLinn

Mrs Marion Kerr

***Blessed are they that mourn  
for they shall be comforted***

## ***Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice Cream Tea***

Sincere thanks to everyone who came along in support, and donated baking and raffle prizes.

**A fantastic sum of £3,391.48 was raised!** 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 Douglas Boatman from Scotplants for coming along and for his generous donation.

## ***Dunlop Messy Church***

*Saturday 3rd June,*

*Dunlop Gala Day*

Join us at Dunlop Park & Playing Fields,  
11.00 AM – 4.30PM.

There will be arts and crafts, and activity bags. All ages welcome—we look forward to seeing you there!

## ***St John Scotland Ayrshire & Arran***

For information on Defibrillators/CPR training, or becoming a volunteer, please visit our stand at the following events:

Saturday 3rd June - Newmilns Show, Loudoun Castle, Galston

Sunday 11th June – The 42nd Ardrossan Highland Games, Memorial Playing Fields, Ardrossan

Saturday 17th June – The Holy Fair with Armed Forces and Pipes in the Park Event, Low Green, Ayr

Saturday 17th June – Bonnet Guild Gala Day, Stewarton

## **Dunlop Musical Memories**

Following our successful bus trip on 10th May, the next meeting of Dunlop Musical Memories is Wednesday 14th June when Centrestage's very own *Unlikely Lads* will provide the afternoon's entertainment.

Our next two meetings are Wednesday 12th July and Wednesday 9th August. As there is no Dunlop Diary for July and August, please put the dates into your calendars as a reminder.

All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

## **Dunlop and Lugton Senior Citizens Association**

REMINDER: The annual trip to Summerlees Heritage Museum in Coatbridge is on Thursday 15th of June. Leaving from Main Street, Dunlop at 10.45am and Lugton at 11am, and returning to the Bowling Club at approximately 4/4.30pm for a Fish Tea.

Tickets have already been distributed and we hope that those of you attending are looking forward to our first trip since 2019.

**Margaret True, President**

## **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.



## **Sunday Open Afternoons**

The church will be open every Sunday afternoon during July, August and September. Come and visit, admire the stunning stained glass windows, have a chat with our volunteers or just enjoy quiet time in the church.

Alongside the Church is the Clandeboyes Hall, an A listed building built in 1642 which 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 then the Church is open again from 2 – 4pm. You are very welcome to come along at either time.

As always in Dunlop, tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

## **Dunlop Congregational Meeting**

*Thursday 1st June, 7:45pm,  
Dunlop Kirk*

Meeting with Presbytery representatives.

The Basis of Union, which both Caldwell and Dunlop Kirk Sessions have approved, will be presented to the congregation for their approval.

If you would like a lift to this evening meeting, please contact Margo.

## **DUNLOP & LUGTON community council**

The Community Council exists to express the views of the community to East Ayrshire Council and other public authorities.

Have an issue you want to discuss? Something you want the community to help with? Or, do you just want to find out more about what is going on in Dunlop and Lugton?

**AGM followed by MONTHLY MEETING**  
**Thursday 1st June, 7pm in Dunlop Village Hall.**



## Dunlop Gallery

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After the popularity of our Joint Artists exhibitions at Christmas, we have decided to hold a second one in June this year. Can't have too much of a good thing!

This means that our local artists will be submitting a few of their works each to display. All pieces will be for sale, and there will be a variety of styles and prices to suit everyone.

The show will run from the 8th of June until the 30th, when the Conservatory

Cafe will close for the summer. Our open evening, where we will be serving wine, is on Friday the 9th. Do come along and support our local artists!

After that, we will have our annual photography competition. The theme is Dunlop and Lugton Wildlife and Nature, and a selection of entries will be chosen to put in our Dunlop and Lugton calendar.

The prize-giving for the winners will be held on the 18th of August, so all entries

will need to be handed in on Thursday the 17th during cafe hours. If you can't manage along then, just give us a call and we can arrange for you to drop off your pictures at another time, although **Thursday the 17th is the deadline**. Entries are £5 for three photos, and free for children.

**Any questions about handing in your pictures, just phone 07811 045600, or 07506 951620.**

## Dunlop Community Cinema

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Our last screening before the summer is the pre-Gala film...

### **Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical (PG)**

Friday 2nd June, 7.30pm

This film brings the classic story back to the screen with a fabulous (and almost unrecognisable) Emma Thompson, dazzling dancing, and a suitably irascible take on the source material. A perfect family film!

**Tickets available from:**  
[ticketebo.co.uk/dunlopcc](http://ticketebo.co.uk/dunlopcc)



### **Additional Information:**

If you have any difficulty buying online please do contact us at [dunlopcinema@outlook.com](mailto:dunlopcinema@outlook.com) for assistance. Please also email us at the same address if you would like to be added to our mailing list.

We would prefer you to buy your tickets online. This guarantees entry if we sell out and helps us know how

many people are coming. There is a service charge, but it is only 75p per transaction (not per ticket) which we feel is very reasonable. If we do not sell out, tickets will be available on the door at a cost of £7.

**Doors open 30 minutes before screenings commence.**

## Dunlop Diary Submissions

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Do you have something to feature in the next edition of the Dunlop Diary?

The deadline for submissions to the September Diary is Monday 21st August. Send them to [dunlopdiary@gmail.com](mailto:dunlopdiary@gmail.com)