

DUNLOP DIARY

March
2024



Dear friends & neighbours,

This year, it wasn't just loving couples who shared a date... Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day did as well! So we can think of February's focus on love continuing this month as Lent is found within St VaLENTine's Day!

For some of us, Lent might be a time for reviving New Year's resolutions which had fallen by the wayside before we even got to the end of January, for others a time for a new challenge. Traditionally a time of fasting - of **giving something up** - increasingly Lent is also a time when we might **take something up**.

Whatever your new Lenten habit is, whether you're stopping or starting, my guess is that you're hoping to be

a healthier, fitter, better version of yourself by Easter!

Traditionally, Lent is a time for self-reflection, prayer and preparation for Easter when we remember the crucifixion and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. A time to reflect upon and be grateful for the self-giving love of God which is for the benefit of us all.

May Lent and Easter be a time of blessing for you.

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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 Messy Church

Saturday, 23rd March, 4-6pm
Dunlop Church Hall

Come and join us for Easter stories, games, lego, crafts, fun and food!

All children must bring an adult with them.

Messy Church will also be at the Easter Event at **Struther Farmhouse** on Saturday, 30th March.

Look out for more publicity about that event!

Holy Week Services 2024

Caldwell and Dunlop Church of Scotland

Palm Sunday

Sunday, 24th March, 11:30am

Maundy Thursday Joint Service

Dunlop Kirk, Thursday, 28th March, 7pm -
includes a short Communion

Good Friday Joint Service

Dunlop Kirk, Friday, 29th March, 7pm

Easter Sunday Morning Service

Sunday, 31st March, 11:30am -
followed by short Communion Service

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

New Communications Group

The Church is keen to make better and increased use of both social media and more traditional low-tech methods to promote our services and activities.

If you are arty, techy or simply enthusiastic and you would like to get involved, then please contact **Alison**, our Minister, or **Margo**, our Session Clerk.

Church Flowers & Readers

Welcome Team

March	April
Sandy Hutchison	Annette Brown
Lynn Davidson	Elizabeth Garrity
Jess Duncan	Julie Smith
Margaret Robb	Brian McGaw
Roy Wyllie	Anne Sinclair
Sheila Wyllie	

Readers

Flowers

March	March
3rd Bob Brown	3rd Anne Sinclair
10th Charlotte McGuinness	10th Carolyn Blyth
17th Beverly Kirk	17th Beverly Kirk
24th Mike Blyth	24th Julie Smith
31st Alison Howie	31st Norman Neilson
April	April
7th Christine Wallace	7th Christine Wallace
14th Maxine Buck	14th Charlotte McGuinness
21st Elizabeth Garrity	21st Margo McMurdo
28th Roy Wyllie	28th Annette Brown

Dunlop Bowling Club

Our new season is fast approaching, starting on Saturday 13th April. The Club would be delighted to welcome new members who receive half price membership in their first year and are fully supported to get to grips with the game and their new surroundings. If you are not quite ready to take the leap then why not get in touch and come up for a taster session.

In Scotland there are around 821 Bowling Clubs, with over 50,000 members, who are affiliated to Bowls Scotland. Like Bowls Scotland, our vision in Dunlop is to establish Bowls at the heart of our community and ensure that it is active, modern and accessible for all. Over the season we play many friendly and competitive matches against clubs across Ayrshire, particularly with our close neighbours, Stewarton, Fenwick and Kilmaurs. Years of long lasting friendships have been established.

If you would like to become a member, give bowls a try, or hire the Club for functions, please contact Club Secretary, Scott Gibson, at SecretaryDBC@hotmail.com

Caldwell Column

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

Our Sunday Service is still being held in the warmth of the church hall. Time of service is as usual from 10am, but we regret that no recording facilities are available for online posting.

We are continuing with Café Church, where on entry, all receive a cup of warming tea or coffee. This is proving to be a successful alternative for worship, bringing the congregation together in a sociable way.

Caldwell Messy Church...

will re-start in April, date to be announced later.

Soup and Sandwich Lunches...

are served every Friday in Caldwell Church Hall from 12 - 1.30pm.

The lunch includes a choice of soups, sandwiches or rolls, plus a chocolate biscuit with tea, coffee or juice.

The cost of the lunch is £2 for children and £4 for adults. Everyone is welcome to enjoy good home fayre in a warm and friendly place – just ask the many school children who make this a weekly must!

Ongoing Activities...

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 restarted on 17th January, meeting online between 10.30 and 11.30am on Tuesdays for analysis and discussion of selected bible passages and themes.

Mobile Theological Library is free, details from **Paul Burgess** at paulandcathie@gmail.com

A long-established **motor bike club** meets on the first Monday of the month from 7-9pm to dissect and discuss everything 'bike', be it vintage or new.

Contact John: 0141 881 6553

An exciting new **community choir** practices each Tuesday evening from 7-9pm.

Contact Lynne: 07710 633416

St John Scotland Charity Event

Friday, 10th May, 6:30pm, Wellwood Burns
Centre and Museum, Irvine, KA12 8AS

Host: Archie Chalmers

Speakers: Dr Joseph J. Morrow on 'A
Right Royal Year'; **John Shirkie** on 'Robert
Burns, his early years'

Music: Accordion Champion,

Liam Stewart; well-known singing duo
Alan and Polly Beck

For tickets (£10), please contact:

Archie Chalmers or **Janice Granger**
archibald.chalmers@stjohnscotland.org.uk
janice.granger@stjohnscotland.org.uk

Dunlop Primary School Science Fair

Friday, 15th March, Dunlop Village Hall

Primary 4-7 have been learning about
the scientific method and have been
working at home on a huge variety of
scientific investigations.

The children will be displaying their
investigations and would love to invite
the local community to come along and
see. Time slots: 11:15am-12:15pm &
1:30-2:30pm.

We would love to see you all there.

Ayrshire Hospice Cream Tea

Sunday, 19th May, 2-4pm, Village Hall

Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice
would like to invite you to their Annual
Cream Tea. 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 from
Scotplants.

All proceeds to the Ayrshire Hospice.

Dunlop and Lugton Senior Citizens Association

We are holding our Spring Coffee
Morning on Saturday 13th April in the
Church Hall between 10 and 11.30am.

Usual baking stall and raffle. We would
be grateful for any donations of baking
both for the stall and tables.

This can be dropped off on the day or
alternatively given to any member of
our committee. We look forward to
welcoming you all.

**Please note the change of date due to the
Easter holiday**

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The Committee recently took the
wheelchairs to Mobility Matters in order

to have them checked out and serviced.
Unfortunately, one failed to meet the
criteria for health and safety. However,
the owner of the business, Robert,
kindly donated a nearly new wheelchair
to our group.

There are 3 chairs in the vestibule/
cloakroom area of the village hall that
are available to any resident in the
District who requires to borrow
them temporarily. The only thing we
would ask is that you contact any of the
Seniors Committee so that we can keep
track of where the chairs are at any one
time. There is no charge for this service,
but any donation would be greatly
appreciated as this would help alleviate
the cost of servicing and repairs.

Dunlop Players Proudly Presents...

A series of one-act plays performed by
our fabulous cast on April 26th and 27th
at Dunlop Village Hall.

More details to follow on our Facebook
page and in the next edition of the
Dunlop Diary!

Dunlop Musical Memories

We meet in the Church Hall on the 2nd
Wednesday of the month from 2-4pm.
A happy, friendly afternoon of song and
chat with delicious home baking!

Wednesday, 13th March
'Sing-a-Long' with Eddie

Wednesday, 10th April
Easter Bonnet Extravaganza...
with prizes!

DUNLOP S.W.I.

Meetings held in Dunlop Church Hall

Wednesday, 28th February, 2pm,

Speaker:

Roger Griffith, Glorious Tombs
of Ayrshire

Competitions:

Flora Young Trophy

10 Crocus bulbs any colour

Amarillas – 5 miniature daffodils –
foliage plants

Joan Young Salver

Best bowl of miniature daffodils
Baby Jacket

Wednesday, 27th March, 2pm

Speaker:

Frank Beattie, Kilmarnock over the
past 60 years

Competitions:

Something beginning with 'C'
1lb Gingerbread

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 Gallery

Our next exhibition will feature the photographs entered in the local Primary School's photography competition, run by Kilmaurs Photography Club.

The exhibition will run from Friday 15th March until Wednesday 10th April, with prizes awarded on the opening night.

Do come along to the café to see the work of these talented young photographers.

We hope some of these young photographers will also enter our Dunlop and Lugton Calendar competition which is judged in June each year - this year's competition theme is "Dunlop and Lugton Gates and Doors".

And remember, if you missed the opening night for our February exhibition, featuring the work of local art classes, the paintings will still be available to view until Wednesday 13th March.

If you wish to purchase a painting, please call **Ellenor** on 07811 045600 or **Shiona** on 07506 951620.

Dunlop Community Cinema

Filmclub Screening: THE FAREWELL (PG)
Friday, 8th March, 7:30pm

For International Women's Day we revisited our 'Covid-cancelled' list for inspiration, and hope that you agree that we have chosen a treat. This Golden Globe winning, and Bafta nominated, film is written and directed by Lulu Wang, and stars Awkwafina (The Bad Guys, Crazy Rich Asians).

It is based on a true event, about an entire extended family returning to China ostensibly for a wedding, but actually to say goodbye to the matriarch of the family. Their grandmother has cancer, but, in keeping with Chinese tradition, is not being told of her diagnosis - it is for

the family to shoulder the burden of this knowledge. It is both funny and moving, and reminds us that home is more than a fixed place - it is also the people who surround us.

Language: Mandarin, and English.

ONE LIFE (12A)

Friday, 22nd March, 7:30pm

An extraordinary, humbling, and emotional true story about Sir Nicholas Winton (Anthony Hopkins and Johnny Flynn), co-written by his daughter. He rescued over 600 children from Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia, by organising his own Kindertransport, assisted by his mother (Helena Bonham-Carter). His achievements were unknown for nearly

50 years, until his wife came across documents relating to the rescue in the attic. The story eventually became known through the programme 'That's Life'.

Our Films for April & May

12th April: Next goal Wins (12A)

28th April: Wonka (PG) - 3pm

17th May: The Holdovers (15)

31st May: Calamity Jane (U) - Gala film

Tickets can be booked online at
ticketebo.co.uk/dunlopcc

Any difficulty buying online, please do contact us for assistance:
dunlopcinema@outlook.com

Deadwater Fell (and Dunlop!) Comes to Netflix

The hit TV series **Deadwater Fell**, shot primarily in Dunlop and starring **David Tennant** and **Cush Jumbo**, has jumped up the charts on streaming giant Netflix.

As well as providing a location for filming, many of our locals helped out behind the scenes, and even on camera!

The director, **Lynsey Miller**, speaking to **Ayrshire Live**, was full of praise for both the village and those who got involved:

On filming in the village: "Everyone was just so supportive, which you don't always get in London. It was really great."

"The cast and crew just really loved the place"

On community support: "...our location manager, worked really closely with the locals and the church elder committee and they were really instrumental in connecting us with a lot of people."

"The local scouts even delivered our filming letters to the local people. They couldn't have been more helpful."

On casting local children: "When we went to visit the school we just loved the attitude of a lot of the kids. They were just funny." And Dunlop's **Evie Sheil**, given a major role, was "just a little natural."

Now would be a great time to revisit the series, or to tune in for the first time!

Dunlop Diary Submissions

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

The deadline for submissions to the April Diary is Monday 18th March. Send them to dunlopdialry@gmail.com