DUNLOP DIARY

May 2025

CALDWELL & DUNLOP PARISH CHURCH

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Dear friends & neighbours,

I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter - whether you were away on holiday, or at home.

Our Holy Week services in church from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, via Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, were a bit different from usual; pared back in a way that hopefully helped us experience more fully the transformational power of the scriptures and the original telling of the amazing events of the first Easter. A story which brings together humanity and divinity, challenge and compassion, betrayal and denial, life, love and hope!

All are welcome to our church services, at 11.30am in Dunlop Kirk and 10am in Caldwell Church, to join us through this Easter season as we explore the eternal truths of the Bible stories - rooted in the past and full of meaning and value for our present day lives.

On Sunday, 22nd June, we'll gather for shared worship in the Mure Hall, Uplawmoor before our Stated Annual Meeting and then lunch together. All are welcome to join us - look out for more information in the next issue of the Diary and on Facebook.

Messy Church Spring event is this Sunday, 27th April at 2pm at Caldwell Church Hall and grounds. Please join us for crafts, games and food as we rejoice and give thanks to the God of hope.

And if you're coming along to Stewarton and Dunlop Show on Saturday, 24th May, please do drop in our Messy Church stand, we'd love to see you there!

Easter blessings to you and yours,

Rev Alison McBrier, Minister
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E: amcbrier@churchofscotland.co.uk

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 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***

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!

*** COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED! ****

Dunlop Kirk would like help with our audio-visual for Sunday Services.

Help is required on a Sunday, every now and then, between 11.15 and 12.30.

If you can use a computer keyboard that is all that is required! Training will be provided and for the more advanced there is simple camera work for our streaming on YouTube.

For more information please contact Margo 07989 222397 or email **margo.mcmurdo@gmail.com**

Thank you, Margo, Session Clerk.

Dunlop and Lugton Senior Citizens VE Day celebration 8th May

in the bowling club from 2-4pm with music and afternoon tea selection. Afternoon teas ordered and will be served by the cup and saucer in Stewarton. A big thank you to them for joining us in hosting this special event. We look forward to seeing you there!

Arlene Mounce

Church Flowers & Readers

Welcome Team

May
Jimmy Howie
Marilyn Bell
Debbie Gill
Alison Howie
Andrew Pinkerton
Simon Gill

June
Lynn Davidson
Jess Duncan
Margaret Robb
Roy Wyllie
Sheila Wyllie

Readers	***Flowers***
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
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

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

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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. A huge thanks to everyone who supports the lunches.

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

Cream Tea - Dunlop Friends of Ayrshire Hospice

We would like to invite you to our Annual Cream Tea, on Sunday 18th May, from 2-4pm 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

News from the Dunlop and District Community Company

Dunlop Village Hall: All the groups are up and running for the new term and the coffee machine is now available for coffee and hot Chocolate when open. We are looking for volunteers to open the hall up on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning to provide access to the library and all the other activities within the village hall. If you can volunteer for a few hours every month, this will help us open the hall on a more regular basis.

Dunlop Park and Pavilion: Work is underway to refurbish the Pavilion which will be the next stage in making the park more usable. If we can obtain funding we want to improve drainage to ensure the pitch can be used by all on a regular basis.

Commoncraig Woodland Path and Bridge: £90,000 has been secured towards the replacement of the bridge over the Glazert Burn and the development of an accessible, weather proof path network around Commoncraig. We are hoping to secure the balance of funding in May, enabling us to proceed this year. There is a requirement for a community fundraising event to cover the community contribution and this will centre around the Jubilee concert on the 24th May. We will be having a special raffle at the event with two prizes: A Garmin Forerunner watch and a GoPro action camera. Do come along for a great night and support the Commoncraig development.

Also, come along to the Company AGM on April 28th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall to hear more about what is going on, what is planned and to see how you could support these initiatives.

Funding for Dunlop and Lugton Community Projects

Following recent filming in the area, Dunlop and Lugton Community Council has received a donation from Sister Coldwater to be allocated to community use. This has been match funded by East Ayrshire Council resulting in a total of £10,000 being available to community groups, individuals and organisations for projects in the Dunlop and Lugton area.

The funding will be distributed through a Participatory Budgeting process and supported projects must meet one of the following priorities:

• Improving the health and wellbeing of the local community

• Improving the environment of the local community

The maximum a project can apply for is £750 with no lower limit for bids. Groups and individuals may submit applications for up to 2 projects.

For further information on the process and application criteria please see the Guidance Notes and Application form available from dunlugcc@gmail.com

The closing date for applications is Sunday 25 May 2025.

Dunlop S.W.I.

Wednesday, 28th May, 2pm,
Dunlop Church Hall

Speaker:
Mr Stuart Wilson on
Sir Alexander Fleming

Competitions:
3 Gipsy Creams

Something beginning with 'G'

All Welcome

Dunlop Bowling Club Opens 2025 Season and Half Price Membership for New Members

On Saturday 12th April Dunlop Bowling Club officially got the 2025 season under way while welcoming guests from neighbouring clubs.

Our new President, John Craig, was joined on the green by his daughter Stephanie who threw the first bowl of the new season. New Members were presented with badges and a minute's silence was held to remember those no longer with us.

We are still open for new members to join for 2025 with half price membership for the first year at £60. Coaching will be provided to new members throughout May. Social membership for the club is also available for £20.

We will again be hosting **Try Bowls** on the green on gala day with a disco in the club once events at the park wrap up.

For more information contact club secretary Scott Gibson at **secretarydbc@hotmail.com**

Dunlop Hall Gallery

The spring exhibitions continue with our fabulous Dunlop Art Groups holding their annual exhibition, followed by the "Dunlop Girls", which will include works by several of our local artists. The dates to mark in your diaries are:

- Dunlop Art Groups: Thursday 24th April - Wednesday 14th May
- The Dunlop Girls: Friday 16th May - Wed 11th June, open evening 7-9 pm on Friday 16th May

There will be a variety of artworks on, so please do come along to the open evenings – view the paintings and meet local artists, enjoy a glass of wine and catch up with friends and neighbours.

And the village is looking beautiful now, so 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.

Musical Memories

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 14th May – at a DIFFERENT venue and time!

We will see you all in the Village Hall at 1.45pm to enjoy a memorable film complete with AFTERNOON TEA… all free of charge as a "Thank You" for your loyal support throughout the year.

No need to bring your popcorn – we'll pass the sweets along during the film!

Dunlop Community Cinema

A Complete Unknown (15)
Friday 9th May. Doors open 7pm

Throw on your leopard-skin Pill-box hat, shake off those subterranean homesick blues and make your way to the Village Hall! The story of Bob Dylan's early years, the film follows him from his arrival in NYC in 1961, through his years as Greenwich Village folk hero to the infamous night he went electric at the Newport Folk Festival in 1965.

Timothee Chalamet slips effortlessly into Bob's enigmatic shoes and hits all the right notes in his performance. The film manages to evoke the era of political, social and cultural upheaval that lay behind of the evolution of Dylan's sound. So, don't think twice it's alright…

Nosferatu (15)
Friday 23rd May. Doors open 7pm

Our final film before the summer break is the latest take on a classic gothic tale from director Robert Eggers…

A re-telling of the 1922 horror movie, this is the story of a vampire and his infatuation with a troubled young woman. Visually stunning, this dark, atmospheric horror story is haunting and seductive, filled with period detail and dotted with surprisingly comic moments amid the madness. It's a humdinger of a movie that's not out to terrify, but to unsettle the audience… Best dissected in the light of a May evening over a calming glass of wine!

Thank you to everyone who has joined us over the past few months. We hope to see you all again when we return in the Autumn. Have a lovely summer!

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

Stewarton & Dunlop Show: Saturday 24th May, Lainshaw Holm, Irvine Road (B769), StewartonKA3 3EB

Our 109th Show will be held at the above by kind permission of Mrs Aileen Howie & family. There will be cattle, sheep, Clydesdales, donkeys, Light Horse showing and show jumping, also Fancy Dress on horseback. The Industrial Section includes adult and children's baking & handicraft competitions, bring your entries on the day.

Mr B. Loon joins us again to amaze with his balloon modelling, also there will be face painting which is free. Dunlop Messy Church will be there and RHET (Royal Highland Education Trust) trailer.

Owl Magic returns with a variety of birds to see & maybe hold. For the first time, Zoo Madness will be here with exotic animals which you can see up close & maybe hold. The popular craft marquee will have a great selection of stands.

Enter your dog in the Fun Dog Show & take part in dog agility. The digger competition will be running, adults & kids can participate. There will be a fun fair & vintage tractors. In the early afternoon we're having kids races, all kids are welcome to join in.

There will be lots to see & do, hopefully you'll join us at the show!

For more details visit:
https://stewartondunlop.wixsite.com/agricultural or
https://facebook.com/Stewarton-and-Dunlop-Show.

Dunlop Diary Submissions

Do you have something to feature in the next edition of the Dunlop Diary?
The deadline for submissions to the June Diary is Monday 19th May. Send them to ***dunlopdiary@gmail.com***