

DUNLOP DIARY

November
2025



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Dear friends & neighbours,

One (wo)man's trash is another (wo) man's treasure! I found this to be very true as I embarked upon what I initially thought would be a two day declutter at the start of the summer. It turned out to take a bit longer than expected as I had underestimated just how much "stuff" I had managed to accumulate. Of course, some of that stuff turned out to be trash so off to the coup it went – hopefully it can be recycled into new treasure. As "less is more" became my summer mantra, other potential treasures went to charity shops or the clothing bank outside the Village Hall, and I became a regular at the Post Office with more

parcelled up to send to Vinted buyers (other apps are available!). There was another benefit to the parcelling up as I finally used the "good boxes" I'd been keeping!

Sifting through my accumulated stuff has made space for the treasures and let me use them - or at least see them - more often, now they're not lost among the trash. I've found things I forgot I even had, things that are useful, that spark joy (to borrow someone else's mantra!) and that evoke memories of places and people.

November is a month marked by remembrance as we make space for communal memories and consider what and who we continue to value. This month let's clear space not only for precious memories of the past, but for the treasures of today - and let them enrich our every day.

May the treasure of God's blessings be yours,

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Dunlop Kirk Services

Sunday Morning Worship,
11.30am in the church

Caldwell Church Services

Sunday Morning Worship,
10am in the church

Our Sunday worship is also available online through the Church website (<https://dunlopkirk.org.uk>), Dunlop Church's YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@dunlopchurchofscotland4062/streams>), and Caldwell Church's YouTube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@caldwellparishchurchinupla5405/streams>)

We also run a *Zoom Session on Sunday mornings* which lets us have a chat with each other and watch the service together.

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: caldwelldunlop@gmail.com

Church Dates for Your Diary: Caldwell & Dunlop Churches

- **8th November:**
Messy Church Remembers - Dunlop Kirk, 4-6pm. Join us as we tidy up around the War Memorial, before spending time in the Kirk for activities and food and friendship.
- **9th November:**
Remembrance Service - in Dunlop Kirk (11:30am) & at the War Memorial in Dunlop Cemetery (12:30pm)
- **1st December:**
Christmas Light Service - Dunlop Kirk, 6pm. followed by Procession of Light and Switch-On of Christmas Lights at Dunlop Church Hall
- **13th December:**
Christmas Messy Church Cinema - Mure Hall, Uplawmoor

Church Flowers & Readers

Welcome Team

November	December
Lynn Davidson	Annette Brown
Jess Duncan	Elizabeth Garrity
Margaret Robb	Julie Smith
Roy Wyllie	Brian McGaw
Sheila Wyllie	Anne Sinclair

Readers

Flowers

November	November
2nd Charlotte McGuinness	2nd Elizabeth Garrity
9th Mike Blyth	9th Carolyn Blyth
16th Beverly Kirk	16th Lesley Beaton
23rd Alison Howie	23rd Christine Wallace
30th Sheila Wyllie	30th Margaret Gibson

& Emily

December	December
7th Christine Wallace	7th Anne Young
14th Elizabeth Garrity	14th Beverly Kirk
21st Brian McGaw	21st Dorothy Brown
28th Julie Smith	28th Kirsteen Hare



PINOCCHIO

*Written by Tom Whalley
Directed by Callum Alldridge*

In Dunlop Village Hall
Thursday 27th November at 7pm
Friday 28th November at 7pm
Saturday 29th November at 1:30pm
Saturday 29th November at 6:30pm

Adult £10 Child £8 Family £30

Tickets: www.ticketebo.co.uk/dunlop-players

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.

Our Remembrance Service will be held on Sunday 9th November. Please join us as we come together to remember those who have died, to pray for peace and to find comfort and hope in Jesus Christ.

Brunch for Erskine Hospital

Brunch for Erskine Hospital, Saturday 8th November, 10am–12.30pm in the Church Hall. Enjoy a variety of breakfast rolls, tea/coffee, and cakes. There will be a baking stall and Erskine Christmas cards on sale. All proceeds, including those raised from the 'Help us to Help Erskine' Quiz, going to Erskine Hospital.

£6 per adult/£3 per child.

Quiz for Erskine

Help us to raise funds for Erskine Hospital. Quiz forms are available in both Dunlop and Caldwell Churches. The winning entry will be drawn at the above brunch.

Ongoing Activities

Soup and Sandwich Lunches returned on Friday 24th October between 12-1.30pm. Everyone is welcome to enjoy a warming bowl of soup and 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.

The Mobile Theological 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!

Contact Lynne: 07710 633416

Dunlop Bowling Club

Our 2025 season came to an end in September with our closing day and trophy presentation. Well done to all our winners and to everyone who took part in our completions!

Our ladies were successful in the singles and triples competitions at the Champions of Champions. Unfortunately, the gents succumbed to the weather and is likely to be played next May.

Our winter bingo is underway, open to all in the community, and being held in November (1st, 15th & 29th) and December (13th & 20th), with our fun race night on 8th November to come.

If you would like to give bowls a try in 2026, first year membership is half price!

Our venue is ideal for private events and functions. To enquire, contact the club secretary at SecretaryDBC@hotmail.com or via our Facebook page.

Dunlop Kirk Ipad Appeal

Do you have a spare iPad languishing in a drawer? We need a iPad Generation 7 (released 2019) or newer to control our audio system in Dunlop Kirk.

If you are able to donate one, please contact me by email:
caldwelldunlop@gmail.com

Many thanks,
Margo

Dunlop Friends of Ayrshire Hospice

Our annual Craft Fair in aid of the Ayrshire Hospice will take place on Friday 14th November in the Village Hall.

We will be offering the option this year to have a sit down tea with homebaking or a cakeaway box to enjoy at home.

Please come and enjoy over 25 different crafters, home baking, raffles and the last chance to buy your Ayrshire Hospice Christmas Cards.

Open from 7.30-9:30pm. Entrance £4.

Hospice Christmas cards, diaries, calendars and notebooks on sale at:

Dunlop Village Hall: Friday 24th & 31st October and 7th November (11am-2pm)

Dunlop Church Hall: Tuesday 28th October (10-11.30am)

Weekly Coffee Chat: Tuesday 4th & 11th November

Dunlop and Lugton Senior Citizens

Autumn Coffee Morning in the Church Hall from 10-11.30am on Saturday 25th October. Tickets are on sale. Join us for some home baking, tea, coffee and a blether! Take some goodies home from our famous baking stall. Raffle tickets available on the day.

December events: Christmas Lunch on Thursday 4th December. Outing to Dumfries House for a tea dance on Wednesday 17th December.

If you'd like to lend a hand and join our committee, please contact Arlene McEwan on 07534000960 or email dunlopandlugtonseniors@gmail.com

Dunlop Tuesday Coffee, Tea and a Chat

On Tuesdays, 10-11:30am, all are welcome to join us for our weekly morning coffee, tea, biscuits and chat in the Church Hall.

Musical Memories

At our next meeting on Wednesday 12th November in the Church Hall from 2-4pm, we will be welcoming Eddie back to lead us in our singing and dancing.

We will also be inviting a group of our primary schoolchildren along to demonstrate, and then include us in, some of their favourite games. If all this sounds rather intriguing then come along and find out more on the 12th.

Oh, it goes without saying there'll be our usual tea and homebaking at the interval!

Dunlop Kirk Harvest Service

Thank you to all in the community who donated to our Harvest Service. We distributed over 50 gifts and Stewarton Food bank were delighted with the many bags of food and toiletries.

Our collection for Christian Aid raised a marvellous £531!

Margo McMurdo, Session Clerk

St John Scotland Ayrshire and Arran: Coffee Morning

To be held in St Columba's Church Hall, Stewarton - to raise funds for life-saving public access defibrillators for local communities.

Saturday 15th November, 10am-noon. An always popular event, tickets are £4 each

which includes a selection of delicious home baking. Children go free when accompanied by an adult.

There will be a wide variety of stalls and attractions to enjoy including home-baking, jams and chutneys, plants and

defib demonstrations.

For tickets or for further information please contact Volunteers and Events Lead, Janice Granger:

janice.granger@stjohnscotland.org.uk

Dunlop Hall Gallery

Our final solo exhibition for this year will be by local artist, Paul Muir. Paul's exhibition will run from Thursday 30th October-Wednesday 12th November and will include a variety of works, including Celtic artworks, oil paintings and photography. We will then have our Christmas exhibition, which as usual will include a variety of works from several local artists. Both exhibitions will offer super opportunities for purchasing for

yourself or for presents so don't miss the opening nights - put the dates in your diaries and join us then for a glass of wine, a chat with friends and a chance to see or buy some fantastic art.

Exhibition by Paul Muir: Thursday 30th October till Wednesday 12th November, open evening 7-9pm, Thursday 30th October

Christmas Exhibition: Saturday 15th November till Wednesday 10th December, open evening 7-9pm, Saturday 15th November

The Dunlop Gallery Calendars will also be available soon, each month featuring a local scene painted by a local artist. Calendars will be available from the Post Office and at the Craft Fair in the hall.

Dunlop Community Cinema

Dunlop Community Cinema's first November outing will be **Sunday 16th Nov (3pm)** with the thrilling family-friendly live action version of **'How to Train Your Dragon' (PG)**. Soar through the clouds with Hiccup and Toothless for an afternoon and relive a magical tale of friendship and adventure.

On **Friday 21st November (7.30pm)** we celebrate the 25th anniversary of **'O Brother Where art Thou?' (12A)**. The 'delightfully loopy' Cohen Brothers

take on Homer's 'Odyssey' with George Clooney in full slapstick mode should help you ease into the weekend.

Doors open 30 minutes before the screenings commence.

Drinks, popcorn and ice cream are available for your delectation and you can purchase tickets online at:

<https://www.ticketebo.co.uk/>

DUNLOP S.W.I.

Wednesday, 29th October, 2pm

In Dunlop Church Hall

Speakers: Gordon and Louise Walker
of Elf Bothy, East Lugtonridge Farm

Competitions: *Your Favourite Brooch,*
A Small Savoury Pasta

Sunday 9th November

Laying of the S.W.I. Wreath at the War
Memorial
Nancy Graham

Wednesday, 26th November, 2pm, AGM

Speaker: Mr Donald Wilson -

Demonstration of Christmas Wreath
Competitions: *A Filled Wrap,*
Something Beginning With "I"

News from the Dunlop and District Community Company

Dunlop Village Hall will host a jumble sale on Sunday the 26th of October, from 1-4pm.

We have a full house of items for sale so please come along and have a browse and pick up a bargain. There will be activities for children, an opportunity to win a Single Malt Whisky as well as tea, coffee, soup and home baking.

Look out your Jumble and clear up your clutter.

£15 to book your table.

Text / call Mhairi: 07562454927.

There is a full programme of events and activities in the hall including the Cinema, Art Exhibition and plenty of options for dance, drama and sport. The café is open every Thursday and Friday and if you are in the hall why not try a coffee by buying a

cup from the machine in the café area.

Looking ahead, please put the **Christmas Fayre on the 13th December** in your Diary between 1-4pm. Entertainment, stalls and refreshments. Please come along and support your village hall.

Contact M Floyd for tables.

Tel.07562454927

Email. mhairifloyd@gmail.com

Dunlop Diary Submissions

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

The deadline for submissions to the December Diary is Monday 17th November. Send them to

dunlopdiary@gmail.com