

DUNLOP DIARY

October
2025



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Dear friends & neighbours,

It's about a year since our village was a hive of activity with cast and crew filming the drama thriller, Coldwater, which finally appeared on our screens last month. The people I've spoken to about the drama itself have provided mixed reviews, with some enjoying it more than others, but all agree that Dunlop, the church and the village, look great!

As we watch the series with a local eye, our attention is divided between the plot and the setting - as we try to work out where the different scenes have been filmed, looking for familiar landmarks and sometimes being almost disoriented

as a character starts a scene in our Main Street, and ends up somewhere completely different!

When they were filming in the church, I was able to sit upstairs and watch. With about 70 crew, constantly busy with their own distinct tasks, and sometimes as many as 100 extras, the actors themselves almost got lost in the crowd. So, it seems quite strange now, watching on TV, to see only the actors on screen, while being very aware that just out of sight, there's maybe over 100 people, all standing very still and hoping that they don't sneeze or cough!

I've not watched the final episode yet, so I still don't know how the story ends. But I'm glad to have been reminded of two things. The first being how blessed we are to live in such a beautiful setting. The second being how, so often, we stop seeing how much support we have in our lives, whether that's from other people or from God himself. So, as the credits roll, I'll take time to give thanks for friends, family, neighbours and God!

Peace,

Rev Alison McBrier, Minister

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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://dunlop Kirk.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

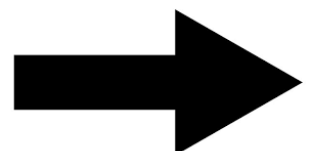
Tuesdays, 10.30am via Zoom

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

- Sunday 28th September Harvest Service
- Sunday 5th October Celebrate Sacrament of Holy Communion

Kirk Session will meet on Sunday 5th October in Caldwell Vestry at 9.45am and in Dunlop Kirk at 11.15am.



Church Flowers & Readers

Welcome Team

October	November
Jimmy Howie	Lynn Davidson
Marilyn Bell	Jess Duncan
Debbie Gill	Margaret Robb
Alison Howie	Roy Wyllie
Andrew Pinkerton	Sheila Wyllie
Simon Gill	

Readers	Flowers
October	October
5th Greer Thomson	5th Annette Brown
12th Marilyn Bell	12th Catherine Glen
19th Maxine Buck	19th Fiona Walker
26th Bob Brown	26th Jess Duncan
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



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.

Messy Church Event on Sunday 5 October 12.30-2.30pm, Church hall and grounds. Join us for lunch, crafts, games and fun as we rejoice and give thanks to the God of kindness.

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 annual Brunch for Erskine on Saturday 8th November.

Ongoing Activities

Soup and Sandwich Lunches return 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 – no previous experience necessary.
Contact Lynne: 07710 633416

Harvest Thanksgiving Service: Dunlop Kirk

Sunday, 28th September, 11:30am will be our Harvest Thanksgiving Service. On Saturday, 27th September the Church will be open from 2pm-3pm to receive donations of flowers, plants etc., as well as items for Stewarton Foodbank. Christian Aid envelopes will also be available.

Dunlop Bowling Club

Our 2025 season comes to its end on Saturday 27th September. A massive congratulations to Mark Paxton and Marion Gillies who are our 2025 singles champions and a big thank you to all members who have supported another enjoyable season.

Our popular winter programme of events are available to all members of our community. We have prize bingo

on 18th October, 1st, 15th & 29th November, 13th & 20th December. We also have our fun Race Night on Saturday 8th November and our family Hogmanay party on 31st December.

Our upgraded venue is a great host for private functions. If you would like to consider us for your event please contact Scott Gibson, club Secretary, at SecretaryDBC@hotmail.com



DUNLOP GALA DAY

Would you like to get involved in Dunlop Gala Day?

First planning meeting for next year's event:

Tuesday 7th October - 19:30
Church Hall

All new volunteers most welcome!

Dunlop and Lugton Wildlife Speaker Event

Wednesday 5th November, 7-8pm, Dunlop Village Hall

Guest speaker, Graham Matuszak, will be introducing the members of Dunlop and Lugton Wildlife to the wonderful world of beekeeping.

At this talk, Graham will:

Introduce the honeybee and the differences between it and its insect cousins;

Describe the daily, weekly, monthly, and annual duties of a beekeeper;

Provide an opportunity to see beekeeping equipment up close and explain how it's used;

Present the difficulties facing honeybees now and in the future;

Explain what you can do to help honeybees;

Tell terrible honeybee related jokes and potentially recite some bee related poetry;

Hold a short quiz at the end - there might even be a prize.

Bee there or bee square...

Dunlop Friends of Ayrshire Hospice

Hospice Christmas cards, diaries, calendars and notebooks on sale at the following venues and dates:

Dunlop Village Hall, 11am-2pm on Friday 24th October, 31st October and Friday 7th November 2025.

Dunlop Church Hall, 10-11.30am on Tuesday 28th October, Tuesday 4th & 11th November at the weekly coffee chat.

Final chance to purchase: Hospice Craft Fair in the Village Hall on Friday 14th November from 7.30-9.30pm.

Dunlop Community Co – Jumble Sale

Sunday, 26th October, 1-4pm in Dunlop Village Hall

Look out your Jumble and clear up your clutter! Tables provided at cost of £15. To book your table, text / call Mhairi on 07562454927

Musical Memories

We next meet on Wednesday 8th October in the Church Hall from 2-4pm to be entertained by three very popular musicians from Galston - Sheila, Mary and Tom known as SMT. They encourage everyone to join in with their songs and quizzes and it certainly looks like a fun filled afternoon BUT there will still be time for tea and cakes at the interval, so come along and join us for an enjoyable couple of hours on the 8th!

Dunlop Tuesday Coffee, Tea and a Chat

On Tuesdays, 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.

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 second solo exhibition this autumn will be by local artist, Charlie Jamieson. Charlie will include a variety of approaches in this exhibition, including pencil sketches, pastel drawings, oil sketches and paintings as well as some Giclee print reproductions. Subject matter will include local scenes plus some from further afield including the Hebrides,

France and Greece. The exhibition will open on Friday 3rd October and remain in place till Wednesday 29th October, with the open evening 7-9pm on Friday 3rd October.

The dates of our next exhibitions are:

Exhibition by Paul Muir, Thursday 30th

October till Wednesday 12th November, open evening 7-9pm, Thursday 30th October

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

Dunlop Community Cinema

As the leaves change their hue and the nights draw in, Dunlop Community Cinema returns to the Village Hall with a collection of films to lift the gloom.

Friday 10th October: Mr Burton (12A)

Heartwarming period biopic about a young boy and the inspirational teacher who took him under his wing. Toby Jones is outstanding as the man who helped guide a working class schoolboy to become one of the great actors of his generation - Richard Burton.

Friday 24th October: The Ballad of Wallis Island (12A)

A whimsical and melancholic comedy about music, loss, nostalgia and hope. The story of an eccentric fan who tries to reunite his favourite folk duo for a private gig at his home on Wallis Island. Starring Carey Mulligan, this is a delightful, elegiac and engaging tale of moving on that will slowly envelop you in a warm hug.

So grab a drink and some popcorn. We look forward to seeing you there!

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

News from the Dunlop and District Community Company

The Conservatory Café is open every Thursday and Friday (including during the October break) from 10.30am to 2pm. Do come along to support the café and enjoy the artwork on display. The main display is by local artist Charlie Jamieson who will have paintings from near and far and all places in between with a special opening on Friday 3rd October (7pm-9pm).

Sunday October 25th (1pm to 4pm) will be a table top jumble sale in the hall which will be a great place to pick up and recycle toys, clothes and other items from around your home. If you are having a clear out/tidy up why not bag a table for £15 and see if you can earn some additional funds for Christmas.

Please look out for the resumption of the Dunlop Cinema. Most regular hall activities are now back up and running. If you're interested in dance, drama, exercise and art please look at the Hall noticeboard for details of what's on. And if you're passing why not borrow a book from the Hall Library and grab a coffee from the machine in the café!

Commoncraig update

We have had good discussions over Commoncraig and, as a result of inputs from the Community, we have both tweaked the design and amended how the construction phase will be done to minimise disruption to those living nearby. The project start date has been delayed while we are completing a further

planning application. We hope this delay won't be for long and we will keep you informed of progress.

Do you have some expertise and experience in and with social media and could spare an hour a week?

We have lots of activities and events to promote and would love to hear from anyone who could help us publicise our events and keep everyone informed of what is going on in the village hall, the park and the Commoncraig project. For young people, this could contribute to any volunteering they may be expected to do in relation to D of E or Saltire awards. If you think you could help, please contact Simon Gill on srgill27@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 November Diary is Monday 20th October. Send them to dunlopdiary@gmail.com