

# DUNLOP DIARY

September  
2025



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## Dear friends & neighbours,

It's time for the Dunlop Diary to return after the summer break. Whether you stayed at home or travelled further afield, I hope you had an enjoyable and fruitful summer! Fruitfulness has been much on our minds these past few weeks in Church as we've taken time to consider the Fruit of the Holy Spirit... love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

You can find the full services on the Church's YouTube Channels (Dunlop Church of Scotland and Caldwell Parish Church in Uplawmoor) and shorter clips are also on our Facebook page. With a relaxed pace over the summer months,

we took some time most weeks to settle ourselves, close our eyes, and listen to guided meditations, which you might like to try at home following the YouTube clips. We found the meditations to be both tension-easing and thought-provoking.

As always, this time of year sees our various local groups and activities swing back into action after a well-deserved break, and you'll find more about these in the Diary. Our Musical Memories group continued throughout the summer, offering a warm welcome to all who went along. Forthcoming activities at Dunlop Kirk in September are Churches on the Air on 13th September and Open

Doors Day on the 14th, with Messy Church as well as a chance to admire Dunlop and beyond from a height with Bell Tower Climb for Christian Aid (going up the stairs, not scaling the outside of the tower as some have thought!) planned for the 20th. Look out for more information about these activities and more on Facebook and posters!

May you all have a blessed month as we settle back into our post-summer routines!

Peace,

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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](mailto:caldwelldunlop@gmail.com)

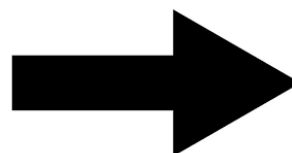
### Church Dates for Your Diary

for both Dunlop and Caldwell Churches

**Sunday 28th September:**  
Harvest Service

**Sunday 5th October:**  
Celebrate Sacrament of Holy Communion

Kirk Session will meet in Dunlop Kirk on  
Thursday 4 September, 7pm.



# Church Flowers & Readers

## Welcome Team

| September            | October          |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Mike Blyth           | Jimmy Howie      |
| Carolyn Blyth        | Marilyn Bell     |
| David Clement        | Debbie Gill      |
| Isabel Kerr          | Alison Howie     |
| Mitchell Wilson      | Andrew Pinkerton |
| Charlotte McGuinness | Simon Gill       |

## Readers

## Flowers

| September          | September           |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| 7th Sheila Wyllie  | 7th Margo McMurdo   |
| 14th Lynne Moss    | 14th Alison Howie   |
| 21st Anne Sinclair | 21st Anne Sinclair  |
| 28th Roy Wyllie    | 28th Maxine Buck    |
| 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    |

## 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.

### 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.

**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

## Dunlop S.W.I.

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**Wednesday, 27th August, 2pm**

**Speaker:**

The Letter 8

*The Book People Authors and Poets*

**Competition:** Joan Howie Trophy

*Single Flower from the Garden*

*A Jug of Flowers*

*5 Marigolds*

*An Arrangement in a Sugar Bowl*

**Competition:** Coleslaw

**Wednesday, 24th September, 2pm**

**Speaker:**

Mrs Shirley Denovan

*Pet Therapy*

**Competition:** Nancy Miller Trophy

*Victoria Sponge (Non Iced)*

**Competition:** Something Beginning with "H"

Pair of Fingerless Gloves

**Meetings held in Dunlop Church Hall**

**All welcome**

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### **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 Church Sunday Open Afternoons**

The Church will continue to be open on Sunday afternoons until the end of September. It is a beautiful building with stunning stained-glass windows and you will be very welcome at either the 11.30 morning service or between 2-4pm.

Our volunteers will be happy to share their Church with you, and you can also visit the 17th century Clandeyboye Hall (one of the first free schools in Scotland) and the Hans Hamilton Tomb which are situated beside the Church.

Tea, coffee and biscuits are available.

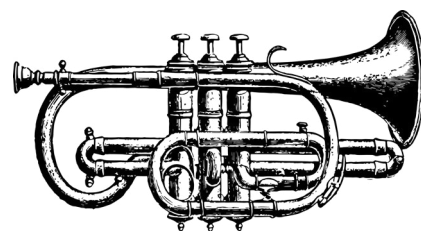
### **Musical Memories**

Our Autumn programme is taking shape nicely and looks like being very enjoyable.

In September, Eddie will provide the music for our songs and dances, and in October we will be welcoming a musical trio – Susan, Mary and Tom – from Galston to entertain us.

They are proving to be very popular with many of the local groups, and request a lot of audience participation – so you have been warned!

That's 10th September and 8th October, both in Dunlop Church Hall from 2 – 4pm.



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## **Dunlop Friends of Ayrshire Hospice**

We are delighted to announce that 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 for those who would rather enjoy at home.

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

Open from 7.30 till 9:30 pm.  
Entrance £4.00

## **Dunlop Hall Gallery**

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Dunlop Hall Gallery has some superb solo exhibitions lined up for autumn, starting with an exhibition of works by local artist, Kenneth Brown.

The paintings to be included in this exhibition were inspired by ferry trips to the Island of Arran over many years, and in all weathers and seasons, and highlight the artist's passion for the location and 'playing with colour'.

Kenneth has exhibited in the gallery before, and we know this display will

include some fantastic artworks so don't miss the opening night if you are keen to buy.

The exhibition will open on Friday 5th September and remain in place till Wednesday 1st October, with the open evening 7-9pm on Friday 5th September.

### **Upcoming gallery dates:**

**Exhibition by Charlie Jamieson**, Friday 3rd October till Wednesday 29th October, open evening 7-9pm on Friday 3rd October

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

All not to be missed events, put the dates in your diaries and join us at the open nights for a glass of wine and a chance to see some fantastic artworks.

## **Dunlop Bowling Club**

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It's been a busy and successful summer on the Green at Dunlop Bowling Club. We were pleased to host 3 well supported open tournaments, which brought together members and visitors for some excellent bowling and great days out.

A special congratulations goes to our Ladies Triple, Lyndsey Smith, Janet Smith and Jennifer Wallace, who qualified for the National Bowling Championships at Northfield, Ayr after winning the Scottish

District Finals. This was a fantastic achievement putting us on the bowling map.

Closer to home, our own club competitions are building towards an exciting climax with plenty of tight contests still to be decided.

Looking ahead, we're preparing a lively autumn/winter programme of social events, including Bingo, a Race Night and

our always popular Family Hogmanay Disco.

Remember, the clubhouse is also a great venue for private functions. For booking enquiries or further information, please contact us at [Secretarydbc@hotmail.com](mailto:Secretarydbc@hotmail.com).

## **Doors Open Day Ayrshire 2025**

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During the weekend of 13th and 14th September, over 50 of Ayrshire's finest venues will be open to the public free of charge. These buildings reflect Ayrshire's rich cultural and architectural heritage. For further information check: <https://www.doorsopendays.org.uk> & <https://www.facebook.com/doorsopendaysayrshire>

Brochures are also available locally.

Dunlop Kirk will be participating on Sunday 14th September from 12.30 until 4pm and you are very welcome to join the morning service beforehand at 11.30. There will be a laptop display of local pictures, drone footage from the church bell tower, short videos of church history and the stained glass windows.

Access is also available to the 17th century Clandeboye Hall and to the Hans Hamilton Tomb.

Volunteers will be on hand to provide information and as always in Dunlop, tea and coffee will be on offer.

**Organised by Kyle and Carrick Civic Society**

## **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 October Diary is Monday 22nd September. Send them to [dunlopdiary@gmail.com](mailto:dunlopdiary@gmail.com)