

From the Church of Scotland, Dunlop

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<u>Hello</u>

It has been a strange Easter!

The Christian Church has the unique message of the way that God gets involved with men and women – Jesus dying to promote life and love and hope – giving meaning to life now and always.

And in Sri Lanka at the moment of celebration, life-denying terrorists were blowing themselves to pieces to murder Christians as they worshipped.

What an extreme contrast!

We were all shocked!

All that occurred thousands of miles away and at first may seem to be not relevant for us in Dunlop, but still it should impact on us, for as we live our lives here we should be communicating what is good and encouraging what is positive for life to be lived at its best.

That is an outlook which is important for all of us to share – in the little things we do to and for one another day in and day out.

Everyone in our community will benefit from that.

Alan Garrity

Dunlop Kirk – Services and Events

All warmly welcomed

Sunday Morning Worship - 11.30 am

Sunday Crèche – 11.30 am Sunday School – 11.30 am

Exploring the Bible, Tuesdays in Caldwell Vestry 10.30am

CREAM TEA on Sunday 12th May

Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice would like to invite you to their annual Cream Tea on Sunday 12th May 2019 between 2.00p.m and 4.00pm. The committee is grateful to Bertha Wilson and family for once again hosting this popular event at Struther Farm House.

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 be available for sale from Scotplants. 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.

All proceeds to the Ayrshire Hospice.

CHURCH ROTAS May June **Date** Readers **Flowers** Jimmy Howie Sandy Hutchison May 5th Jean Eckersley Michael Moss Douglas Bell Lynn Davidson Jeanette Picken 12th Elizabeth Garrity Marilyn Bell Jess Duncan Irene Kerr John Campbell 19th Archie Reid **Bob Brown** Alison Howie Margaret Robb 26th Annette Brown Sheila Wyllie Andrew Pinkerton Roy Wyllie Linda Pinkerton Sheila Wyllie June 2nd Linda Pinkerton Marilyn Bell 9th Marion King Alistair Martin **Creche Rota** 16th Jeanette Picken Carol Fraser May 5th Graham Kilgour and Pamela Young Mike Blyth 23rd Marjorie Hamilton 12th Marilyn Bell and Linda Pinkerton 19th Netta Howie and Isabel Kerr 30th Beverly Kirk Lynn Moss June 2nd Graham Kilgour and Marilyn Bell 9th & 16th Christine Wallace and Jen Smith Alison Howie and Alistair Martin 23rd

Deaths

Mrs Sandra King April 2019

"Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted"



Dunlop Gala Week Messy Church Saturday, 25th May 4 - 6pm in Dunlop Church Hall.

Stories, games, arts and crafts, followed by a meal together. Children must bring an adult with them!

Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice

An amazing £1,401.53 was collected at the bagpack organised by the Dunlop Friends of The Ayrshire Hospice on 23rd March 2019.

We are delighted to have raised this amount for The Hospice and want to thank the staff at Asda for their help and all the Asda customers who so generously dipped in to their pockets.

However, in particular, a special thanks must go to the bag-packers who gave of their time and helped to raise this magnificent total.

Alzheimers Circle of Friends are having a day away on 9th May going to Dumfries House for viewing lovely gardens. Then on to Dobbies for afternoon tea. Price for visitors £15.Leaving Dunlop school at 11am and returning ~4pm There are a few seats available Contact Susan Shorrock 482109 or Christine 483491

Wednesday Coffee for Christian Aid on Wednesday 15th May 10-12. All welcome. Donations of baking, raffles etc much appreciated. No admission charge but all donations will go to Christian Aid. Please join us. Your help may change lives for the better. (We believe in life before

See Irene Kerr or Marilyn Bell. Thank you

Welcome Teams

DUNLOP S.W. I.

Saturday June 8th Summer Outing to Dundee

Wednesday 17th July Fish Tea at Largs

Dunlop & District Community Company

We are pleased to announce that Susan McCabe has agreed to be co-opted onto the Board of Directors as a user group director.

Dunlop and Lugton Senior Citizens Association's annual summer trip will take place this year on Thursday 13th June. The trip will visit Moffat and return to the Fenwick Hotel for high tea. Tickets will be on sale during May and the closing date is 31st May. Tickets are £20 for seniors and £30 for carers/guests. Buses will leave Lugton at 9.45am and Dunlop at 10.00am The committee look forward to welcoming you to what we are sure will be another successful event.

Margaret True €resident

Merito would like to thank everyone who took the time to fill out the questionnaires on the Hub and pub. The results will be published soon.

Merito will also be the start and end point for a Gala Week Treasure Hunt on Wednesday 29th of May. This is part of a whole week's worth of special events across the village to celebrate 10 years of the Gala. More details will be published soon, but the Treasure Hunt will offer the choice of 2 routes - one involves a good walk around the village whilst the other will be more suitable for little legs. Both will need you to have your wits about you as you answer questions and hunt for clues. We just hope the sun shines!

OPEN SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

The church will be open every Sunday afternoon from 2pm – 4pm from May until the end of October. If you would like to spend some time in a peaceful building or to have a closer look at the beautiful stained glass windows, please come and visit the church.

The Clandeboyes Hall, alongside the church, is an 'A' listed building, which was built in 1641 and was one of the first free schools in Scotland.

Behind the Clandeboyes is the Hans Hamilton Tomb and the marble figures of the former minister and his wife have now been reinstated. You can visit both the Hall and the Tomb. Greeting cards and a booklet about the wonderful stained glass are on sale.

If you are out for a walk please call in - you will be very welcome and, as always in Dunlop, tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

DUNLOP GALLERY EXHIBITIONS

Our next exhibition will be by the Thursday Dunlop Art Group, run by Marsha Burke. The exhibition will run from the 16th of May until the 20th of June, and the open evening will be held on Friday the 17th of May, when drinks and nibbles will be served. Do come along and support our local artists, Dunlop is full of them!

The photography competition will be in June, and we will update you next month on when and where to hand in your photos. The theme is COLOURS, so get those cameras out, this is a perfect month for photography.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about the competition, please phone Ellenor at 07811045600, or Shiona at 07506951620.

Community Cinema

Following our last two sell-out showings, 'The Old Man and the Gun' has something to live up to on Friday 10th May but it does see the return to the screen of an old favourite...Mr Robert Redford. In what is to be his last performance on screen, Redford's looks have become craggier but his charm and his charisma is undiminished...something that his character in this film relies on. The film is based on the true story of Forrest Tucker who escaped from San Quentin at the age of 70 then went on to commit a string of heists and run rings around the authorities. This is a film with a twinkle in its eye, so come along and enjoy the ride with the old time crooks. This film is being shown as part of the Luminate Festival which offers a wide range of creative events and activities organised with, by and for older people across Scotland which may also appeal to audiences across the generations. As the film is a '12' certificate, why not bring some youngsters along and show them that age is just a number.

For details on the Festival please see https://www.luminatescotland.org

Then, to get us all in the mood for Gala day on the Saturday, our Grand Gala film on Friday 31st May is 'Mary Poppins Returns'. Emily Blunt is the titular nanny in this sequel to the well-loved original. With a mix of live-action and animated sequences the film pops with colour and zings with musical numbers that you may not know as well as those in the original, but will have you tapping your toes and swaying along in time. The story this time still concerns the Banks children but they are all grown up with some grown up problems for Mary to help sort out with the aid of a friendly lamp-lighter, Jack. Fans of Dick Van Dyke won't be disappointed as the 91 year old makes a show-stopping appearance with a jaw-dropping dance routine. Just don't try it at home.

Finally, Dunlop Community Cinema would like to say thank you to everyone who has supported this year's season. We will be having a break over the summer but will be back with more screen gems for you all to enjoy in a few months time. If we can find the time we may even surprise you with a film to break the boredom of those long summer holidays ②...In the meantime, please come along and join us for one or both of our final films. We have popcorn, ice-cream and refreshments and you can even relax with a wine or two. Cinema opens at 7pm for our Friday films and films begin at 7.30. We hope to see you soon.

DUNLOP GALA SCARECROW TRAIL 2018 SUN 26 MAY - SUN 2 JUNE

It's that time of year again and scarecrows will shortly start springing up all around the village as part of Dunlop's Gala 10th Anniversary events. The theme for this year's Scarecrow Trail is nursery rhymes and children's stories and once again we are encouraging people to use recycled materials and waste where possible.



Don't worry if you don't have a front garden, you can still take part, back once again by popular demand is the window competition.

This year's scarecrow trail will run for a week to give everyone a chance to see the scarecrows lurking around the village and vote for their favourites. The Scarecrow Trail will run in the week up to Gala Day between **Sunday 26 May and Sunday 2 June**

Scarecrow Entry forms are available on the Dunlop Gala Facebook page, the Village Hall, the Post Office, Merito, Struther Farmhouse, the Canny Man and Norman's from 1st May. **Entries close on Sunday 19 May**, so get your entry in early.

The winning scarecrows will all be decided by the public, so every vote counts. Make sure you pick up a voting form and map.

There will also be the **Scarecrow Hunt**. Find **Sam the Scarecrow** hiding letters around the trail to solve the puzzle for a chance to win a **prize**.

Keep an eye out for Sam the Scarecrow arriving in Norman's window in the lead up to the Scarecrow Trail.

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