

DUNLOP DIARY

April
2023



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Dear friends & neighbours,

I think it's fair to say that many, if not most, of us are creatures of habit. We like our routines and our own particular ways of doing things. In March 2020, the onset of pandemic restrictions meant that we had to come up with new ways as we were forced to make previously unimagined changes to our lives. Now, three years later, it can actually be quite hard to remember what we used to do, and how we used to do it! Some of the lockdown habits have become part of our everyday lives — whether that's using Zoom to catch-up with far-flung groups of friends or going for a daily walk.

Dunlop Kirk is populated with creatures of habit. I'm not talking about the congregation — although it is wonderful

to see people returning to church, or coming for the first time, to worship in person, and of course to socialise together after our services, and I can still give a virtual wave to those who worship on-line. No, the creatures of habit I'm thinking of are not those who come in the church door, but those who perch high above the door and sometimes drop sticks (and other things...) on the people below! Every year the jackdaws return to nest on the church bell tower. They manage to build their nests on the narrowest of ledges. In the process, most of the twigs they bring end up on the ground below, so if you're down at the church over the next wee while and notice the piles of sticks on our doorstep, look up and marvel at the perseverance of the feathered creatures of habit above!

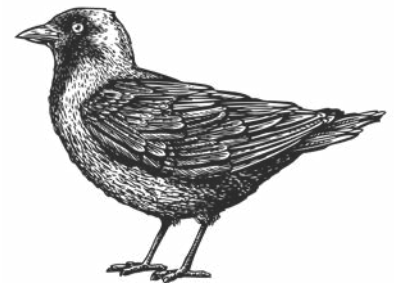
This Holy Week and Easter, we marvel at the persistence and perseverance of God who continues to call us to him in love and urges us to new habits of worship and praise!

May you all enjoy a blessed Easter,

Rev Alison McBrier, Minister

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**Morning
Communion Service**
Sunday 30th April 2023, 11.30am

*All who
love the Lord
are welcome*



Dunlop Kirk Services

Sunday Morning Worship,
11.30am in the church

Our Sunday worship is also available online through the Dunlop Church Facebook page and the 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!

Holy Week Services 2023

Linked Congregations of
Caldwell and Dunlop

Sunday 2nd April: Palm Sunday
11.30am

Thursday 6th April: Maundy Thursday
Joint Service in Caldwell Church, 7.00pm
including a short Communion

Friday 7th April: Good Friday
Joint Service in Caldwell Church, 7.00pm

Sunday 9th April: Easter Sunday
Morning Service, 11.30am, followed by
a short Communion Service

Church Flowers & Readers

Welcome Team

April

Jimmy Howie

Alison Howie

Marilyn Bell

John Campbell

Andrew Pinkerton

Linda Pinkerton

May

Sandy Hutchison

Lynn Davidson

Jess Duncan

Margaret Robb

Roy Wyllie

Sheila Wyllie

Readers

April

2nd Mike Blyth

9th Alison Howie

16th Christine Wallace

23rd Marilyn Bell

30th Anne Sinclair

May

7th Roy Wyllie

14th Greer Thomson

21st Bob Brown

28th Sheila Wyllie

Flowers

April

2nd Norman Neilson

9th Charlotte McGuinness

16th Jess Duncan

23rd Margo McMurdo

30th Susan Shorrock

May

7th Alison Howie

14th Dorothy Brown

21st Archie Reid

28th Annette Brown

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

Tuesday Coffee, Tea and a Chat

On Tuesdays from 10am–11.30am, we invite you to join us for our weekly morning coffee, tea, biscuits and chat in the Church Hall.

All very welcome.

Annual Cream Tea

Sunday 14th May, 2pm–4pm

Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice would like to invite you to their Annual Cream Tea to be held 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 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.

Dunlop Messy Church

Saturday 22nd April,
4pm–6pm in Dunlop Church Hall

We'll have stories, music, Lego, and arts & crafts before we sit down to eat together! All children must be accompanied by an adult. Come and join the fun!

We will also have a stall at Struther's Easter Event. Sunday 9th April, all ages welcome. See you there!



Dunlop Musical Memories

We are having a games afternoon on Wednesday 12th April, 2pm–4pm in the Church Hall.

We will also have our Easter bonnet competition and prize for the best bonnet.

**All welcome.
Hope to see you all there.**

Dunlop And Lugton Senior Citizens Association

The Committee are currently discussing running a summer trip on Thursday 15th June and are in the process of getting quotes etc. Further details will follow in the next edition of the Dunlop Diary but we wanted to give everyone who might wish to attend a heads up. We are thinking of going to Summerlee Heritage Centre in Coatbridge which is a very interesting museum and has a lot to see both indoors and out.

**Keep the date for your diary.
Margaret True, President**

Dunlop S.W.I.

Wednesday 26th April, 2pm

The next meeting of the W.I. will be held in Dunlop Church Hall.

Speaker: Mr Alan Richardson
Topic: Cruising with Cunard

Competitions:
Easter Bonnet
Item beginning with 'A'

All welcome.

Dunlop Gallery

You still have the chance to see the exhibition run by the Wednesday Art Class, which runs until the 5th of April. A lovely mix of styles and subject matter, this is well worth a visit. Come to the cafe on a Thursday or Friday, and enjoy some lunch while you browse the paintings.

Our April show begins on the 7th of April, with an exhibition by Graham Korn, an Ayrshire artist who works mainly in pastels.

He has a passion for Scottish history, landscape and culture, and his work reflects this. Expect seascapes, landscapes and beautiful buildings. He also takes commissions and does portraits.

There will be an open evening on Friday the 7th, where you will be able to meet Graham, see his work, and have a glass of wine. Come along to the Conservatory

Cafe any time between 7pm–9pm, everyone welcome! The exhibition runs until the 10th of May.

If you have any queries, please give us a call. Ellenor's number is **07811 045 600**, and Shiona's is **07560 951 620**.

DUNLOP & LUGTON community council

The **DUNLOP & LUGTON COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN** process has now started! The first stage is to gather the views of the community and paper copies of a survey questionnaire are currently being distributed to every household in the area (over 700).

If you haven't received a survey you can access it online at: www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/DunlopandLugtonCAPSurvey/ or, by scanning the QR code opposite.

We're hoping to hear as many views as possible, from all ages, so it's important that everyone in your household is encouraged to complete the survey.



Next Meeting

*Thursday 6th April,
7pm in the Village Hall*

Come along to find out more about current community council initiatives.



Dunlop Community Cinema Our upcoming films are as follows: _____

THE WOMAN KING (15)

Friday 31st March, 7.30pm

We have scheduled this Bafta nominated film to link in with International Women's Day. Viola Davis (Widows, Fences) and John Boyega (Star Wars, Detroit) star in this 'ass-kicking, thought-provoking epic' inspired by a real-life, all-female African army.

Usual film club cinema screening:

Tickets available from: ticketebo.co.uk/dunlopcc



AFTERSUN (12A)

Friday 14th April, 7.30pm

This moving and understated 'luminous father-daughter drama' (co-produced by Barry Jenkins, who directed Moonlight, a previous film club film) has been feted at the awards, which is no surprise — Cannes for the director, Bafta for the film, and an Oscar nomination for Paul Mescal, of 'Normal People' fame.

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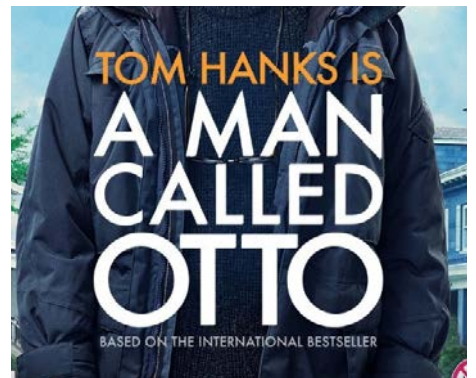
A MAN CALLED OTTO (15)

Friday 28th April, 7.30pm

Tom Hanks, one of our favourite actors, stars in the English language re-make of the Swedish film 'A Man Called Ove' (which we have also screened). It has a surprisingly different feel to the original film, equally enjoyable and very funny in parts. Content warning: rated 15 due to suicide references.

Usual cinema screening:

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Additional Information:

Tickets available from ticketebo.co.uk/dunlopcc. Any difficulty buying online please do contact us at dunlopcinema@outlook.com for assistance. Please also email us at the same address if you would like to be added to our mailing list.

We would prefer you to buy your tickets online. This guarantees entry if we sell out and helps us know how many people are coming. There is a service charge, but it is only 75p per transaction (not per ticket) which we feel is very reasonable. If we do not sell out, tickets will be available on the door at a cost of £7.

Doors open 30 minutes before screenings commence. There will be a bar, popcorn, and ice cream.

Dunlop Diary Submissions

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

The Deadline for submissions to the May Diary is Monday 24th April, and they should be sent to dunlopdiary@gmail.com