

DUNLOP DIARY

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Dear friends & neighbours,

This issue of the Dunlop Diary may look a little different from usual. As many of you already know, our editor, Douglas Bell, died suddenly on the 11th of October. The editing and printing of the Diary was only one of many ways in which Douglas contributed to both church and community, and he will be missed by so many of us, in so many ways. However, we are determined to follow in Douglas' footsteps and continue with the Dunlop Diary, which is available to every household in the Dunlop and Lugton area.

If you feel inspired to take on a role in the production of the Diary, then we would love to hear from you! You can get in touch by emailing dunlopdialry@gmail.com.

Life of church and parish continues, and there are a few church and community events coming up over the next couple of months. This year's Remembrance Sunday services at the church and war memorial take place on 13th November. On Monday 28th November we'll bring light into the darkness with the return of our Christingle Service followed by our Procession of Light and then the Christmas Light Switch-On at the Church Hall. The Primary School Choir will be singing again, and it will be lovely to get together for festive treats and chat.

Messy Church returned to the Church Hall last month with Lego Church and it was great to see new faces as well as familiar

faces back again. Our next Messy Church is on Saturday 19th November and this time there will be crafts as well as Lego, and by popular demand... hot dogs!

The Cost of Living Crisis has been at the forefront of many minds over the past few months and with this copy of the Diary you'll find a leaflet from East Ayrshire Council about support which is available.

As we continue to support each other through the challenges which we continue to face as individuals and a community, I pray that every home and every heart be filled with peace, love, strength, courage, determination, and hope!

With every blessing

Rev Alison McBrier, Minister

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Remembrance Sunday Service

13th November 2022:

11:30am in Dunlop Kirk &
12:30pm at the War Memorial
in Dunlop Cemetery.

Margo McMurdo,
Session Clerk



The Christingle Returns!

All are welcome at our Christingle Service in Dunlop Kirk on Monday 28th November at 6pm. At around 6:30pm we'll walk up Main Street with our Christingles to the Church Hall. 6:45pm will see the Christmas Lights Switch-On, accompanied by the wonderful singing of the School Choir. All will be followed by festive goodies and refreshments in the Church Hall — and a chance to admire our new village lights which will cheer us through the dark winter nights.



Church Flowers and Readers

<i>November</i>	<i>Readers</i>	<i>Flowers</i>
13th	Remembrance	Remembrance
20th	Anne Sinclair	Carolyn Blyth
27th	Roy Wyllie	Margaret Gibson
<i>December</i>	<i>Readers</i>	<i>Flowers</i>
4th	Beverly Kirk	Christine Wallace
11th	Mike Blyth	Anne Young
18th	Alison Howie	Beverly Kirk
25th	Christine Wallace	Dorothy Brown
<i>January</i>	<i>Readers</i>	<i>Flowers</i>
1st	David Clement	Fiona Walker
8th	Lynne Moss	Anne Young (Lugton)
15th	Anne Sinclair	Margaret Robb
22nd	Roy Wyllie	Sadie Reid
29th	Marilyn Bell	Linda Pinkerton

Deaths

October 2022

Mr Archie Anderson

Mr Douglas Bell

Mr Murdoch Dalziel

November 2022

Mr Jim Cuthbertson

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

Dunlop Kirk Services

Sunday Morning Worship

11:30am in the church.

All welcome!

Our Sunday worship is also available online through our Facebook page and the Church website (dunlopkirk.org.uk), as well as our YouTube channel ([youtube.com/channel/UCiRuNieKc-q8aU7cNkJVlhA/streams](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiRuNieKc-q8aU7cNkJVlhA/streams)).

We also run a Zoom session on Sunday mornings – letting us have a chat and watch the service together.

Dunlop and Caldwell, Exploring the Bible – Tuesdays, 10:30am via Zoom.

If you would like any information about our services, or would like to join our email list, please send a message to Margo at contact@dunlopkirk.org.uk

Christmas Appeal East Ayrshire Churches Homelessness Action

This year there will again be a collection of gifts for children affected by homelessness at Christmas. Please mark the gifts for a boy or a girl (if relevant) and with an age range.

There will also be a collection of tinned goods for the residents in temporary accommodation, that is in the hostels and temporary flats throughout East Ayrshire, so that they can have a festive meal on Christmas day. Donations of cash to help with the purchase of these goods will also be welcome if you are unable to arrange a children's gift.

Could gifts please be brought to church by Sunday 11th December so that they can be delivered to Kilmarnock for distribution before Christmas. If you are unable to bring them to church, or would prefer to donate money, please contact Margo McMurdo (01560 484824) or Lesley Beaton (01560 484989).

We appreciate the support this appeal always receives from the congregation and the wider community.

Margo McMurdo,
Session Clerk



The Church Hall is now fully re-opened. Drop in for a tea and coffee on Tuesday mornings and take a look at our newly decorated hall. Bookings can be arranged now by contacting Brian McGaw on 07359 063355, or emailing dunlopchurchhall@gmail.com



Cards for Christmas

Beautiful cards, available with or without a Christmas insert. Featuring 2 of the stunning stained glass windows in the church.

£2 each or 3 for £5

Stained Glass Booklet

The booklet makes a delightful present, easily wrapped and easily posted.

£5 per copy

For sale in the church or contact Carolyn 01560 484846 or Sheila 01560 480919

Dunlop & Lugton Winter Lighting

We (Dunlop & Lugton Community council) are delighted to announce that we have successfully raised the funds required to fit 30 braids on our local lampposts. This will consist of 22 in Dunlop (Main Street, Stewarton Road & Lugton Road) and 8 in Lugton (Dunlop Road & a cluster on the Main Road).

Find out more or donate today by visiting: www.gofund.me/62B6A9E2



Dunlop Messy Church

Saturday 19th November
& Saturday 17th December
4pm–6pm in Dunlop
Church Hall.

We'll have stories, Lego, arts & crafts, and hotdogs! All children must be accompanied by an adult. Come and join the fun!

Tuesday Coffee, Tea and a Chat

From 10am – 11:30am
We invite you to join us for our weekly morning coffee, tea, biscuits, and chat in the Church Hall. All are very welcome.

Hospice Craft Fair

The Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice are very grateful to everyone who supported the Craft Fair. Whether you were a volunteer who sold tickets, baked or helped on the night, or whether you came along to browse the stalls and do some shopping, we thank you very much indeed. The Craft Fair raised **£3414** and sales of Christmas cards a further **£3247** — making a grand total to forward to the Hospice of **£6,661**.

Christian Aid Harvest Collection

This year we raised a wonderful sum of **£1,542.29** with Gift Aid still to be added. Thank you to all who gave so generously.

*Alison Howie,
Christian Aid Convener, Dunlop*

Dunlop Kirk Harvest Service

Thank you to all in the community who donated to our Harvest Service. We distributed 45 gifts, and Stewarton Food Bank were delighted with the many bags of food and toiletries.

*Margo McMurdo,
Session Clerk*



**St John
Scotland**

Coffee Morning

St. Columba Church Hall,
Stewarton, KA3 5BL

Saturday 19 November,
10am–12noon. Tickets **£3.50**,
children go free.

Bake stall, plant stall,
Christmas goodies, defib
demonstrations and more.

Raising money for
defibrillators across Ayrshire

Dunlop Musical Memories

The group formerly known as Dunlop Alzheimer's Circle of Friends will continue as before, but now as Dunlop Musical Memories. There have been some adjustments to the committee following the retirement of Susan Shorrocks, who together with her late husband Brian and the late Frank and Jean Spence, founded the group. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Susan for her dedication, energy and enthusiasm over all these years.

The coffee morning held in September raised the magnificent sum of £1,015 and the committee would like to thank the villagers as a whole as well as the bakers, raffle prize donors, movers and lifters, servers at tables and washers of dishes. They all gave so generously and willingly of their time and energy. **THANK YOU.**

Our Christmas meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th December in the Church Hall from 2pm to 4pm

when we will be entertained by the Dunlop Primary School choir followed by a little Christmas party.

We hope and trust that Dunlop Musical Memories will receive the support which was given by the village to the Dunlop Alzheimer's Circle of Friends.

Helping the Diary

Sadly, this is the first Diary for many years without Douglas Bell's involvement. Throughout the Dunlop community we're all learning to do things without him being there.

Dee McNaught (Main Street, Dunlop) kindly volunteered her company, We Are Brass Tacks, and

their creative team to help with the design and set-up of the Diary. Thank you so much Dee and your team.

We're hoping to recruit an additional team of volunteers to help print and bag the Diary. If you can spare a couple of hours a few times a year, we would love to hear from you.

For more information, please email dunlopdialry@gmail.com or phone Margo on 01560 484824.

If you have any articles for the Diary, or you normally received it via email from Douglas, please email the above address.



Dunlop Community Cinema Our films up to Christmas are as follows:

PETITE MAMAN (U)

Friday 25th November, 7.30pm

Our second film club film of the season is from writer and director Celine Sciamma (Girlhood, Portrait of a Lady on Fire, My life as a Courgette). This is a beautiful and haunting film, and has a very creative fairy-tale way of looking at intergenerational relationships. (Note: presented in French, with English subtitles.)

BAD GUYS (U)

Sunday 4th December, 3pm

This is a sharp, silly and very funny animation about an animal gang of notorious criminals pretending to seek rehabilitation to avoid prison, only for their boss to find that he really does want to change his ways. With voices from Sam Rockwell, Awkwafina, and Richard Ayoade. 'Looney Tunes meets Ocean's 11'.

CINEMA PARADISO (12A)

Sunday 18th December, 3pm

Our Christmas film this year is a beautiful and warm, Oscar and Bafta winning celebration of youth, friendship and the everlasting magic of film. An interesting fact - it is #52 in IMDB's top films of all time, with its very credible neighbours being Chaplin's City Lights and Coppola's Apocalypse Now! (Note: presented in Italian, with English subtitles.)

Tickets will be available from [ticketbo.co.uk/dunlopcc](https://www.ticketbo.co.uk/dunlopcc). If you're having difficulty buying online, please do contact us at dunlopcinema@outlook.com.

Following your feedback, we are keeping the seat numbers more restricted than pre-Covid levels, and will continue to provide tables, but we have increased the numbers a little from the last season. There will of course continue to be a bar, ice cream, and popcorn for the children's films.

