

DUNLOP DIARY



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Hello!

Forward planning and print deadlines mean that I am writing this a week in advance of my Service of Induction as minister of Caldwell and Dunlop Parish Churches. I have already moved into the Manse and am looking forward to meeting and getting to know you all. I'm conscious that this will take time, not only in the putting of names to faces, but also in the growing of meaningful relationships and the understanding of the network of connections that already exist here, and to which I am new.

I enjoy gardening and have already noticed some lovely plants in the Manse garden, and have some thoughts about changes I might make. However, I'm also keeping in mind that it is good to wait a year and see a garden through all the seasons - that way the gardener can find out what treasures previous gardeners have already provided, and how plants prosper or struggle in the local climate and conditions.

The Bible is replete with gardening metaphors - and I noticed that in last month's Dunlop Diary Alan Garrity compared a garden in Spring-time with God's love working in our lives. I often find such metaphors to be helpful, particularly now as I contemplate a new garden and a new ministry.

Throughout the seasons of the coming year, in the garden, village, parish and church, I'll be looking to learn about what has gone before, find out what is happening now, and work together with you in hope and optimism for the future.

And in, and through and with us in all of this - is God. God, the wise gardener, who knows us intimately, cares for us compassionately, and loves us always.

Peace, hope and joy,

Alison McBrier

Thank you to the Ministry Team March 2017

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Ministry Team for all they have done for both congregations over the past 2 years.

During the vacancy Rev. Alan Garrity, Rev. Iain Roy, Readers Ann Dempster and Eleanor Hood and Worship Leader Les Kirk kept our spirits up and encouraged us to look forward in faith and love. We have been richly blessed, hearing the Lord's Word preached in a variety of styles and many in the surrounding community have benefited from caring, loving pastoral visits in happy and sad times.

Alan, Iain and Les are members of our church and so, happily, we will continue to enjoy their company but Ann and Eleanor will move on to another Call from another church in need. They will always be much loved friends of our Kirk and hope they will visit often.

Many thanks to you all for your loving service to us.

Margo McMurdo,
Session Clerk.

Church Services:

Morning Worship every Sunday morning at 11:30am. All welcome.

Crèche, Sunday School and VIK group meet in the church at 11:30am.

CHURCH ROTAS

Date	Flowers	Readers
April 2nd	Kristeen Hare	Bob Brown
9th	Irene Neilson	Anne Sinclair
16th	Margo McMurdo	Roy Wyllie
23rd	Susan McColl	Marilyn Bell
30th	Doris Livingstone	Alistair Martin
May 7th	Jean Eckersley	Netta Howie
14th	Avril Mackie	Michael Moss
21st	Archie Reid	Alison Howie
28th	Annette Brown	David Clement

Creche Rota

2nd April; Greer Thompson
2nd & 9th April Annette Brown
9th, 16th & 23rd April Pamela Young
16th, 23rd & 30th April Netta Howie
30th April Linda Pinkerton
7th May Alison Howie & Ann Millar
14th May Jen Smith & Amy Donellan
21st May Anne Sinclair & Graham Kilgour

Welcome Teams

April	May
Jimmy Howie	Sandy Hutchison
Douglas Bell	Lynn Davidson
Marilyn Bell	Jess Duncan
John Campbell	Irene Kerr
Alison Howie	Margaret Robb
Isabel Kerr	Roy Wyllie
Andrew Pinkerton	Sheila Wyllie
Linda Pinkerton	

Dunlop S.W.I.
WEDNESDAY 26th APRIL

The Trussell Trust
Renfrewshire Food Bank
By Mrs Elizabeth Alexander

Competitions: 3 Gypsy Creams
A Holiday Souvenir

Baptisms

Adam John Young 26th February 2017.

"Let the little children come to me"

HOLY WEEK SERVICES – 2017 (LINKED CONGREGATIONS OF CALDWELL AND DUNLOP)

Sun 9th April – Palm Sunday - 11.30am

Thurs 13th April - Maundy Thursday Service (Caldwell Church)
including a short Communion and music by the joint choirs of
Caldwell and Dunlop - 7.00pm

Friday 14th April - Good Friday Joint Service (Caldwell Church) - 7.00pm

Easter Sunday Morning Service (Dunlop Church) followed
by a short Communion Service - 11.30am

Induction of Rev. Alison McBrier

On Thursday 30th March the Presbytery of Irvine and Kilmarnock will induct the Rev. Alison McBrier to the charge of Caldwell linked with Dunlop. The service will be in Dunlop Church at 7pm. All welcome.
Afterwards the Social will be held in the Mure Hall, Uplawmoor, 8:30pm.
On Sunday 2nd April 2017, Alison will lead worship in Caldwell Church at 10am and in Dunlop Church at 11:30am. Please come along and meet Alison at Church and also give her a very warm welcome to Dunlop Village Life.

Margo McMurdo
Session Clerk, Dunlop Church of Scotland.



9th April at 3pm **'I Daniel Blake'** (15)

Ken Loach's latest Palme d'Or winner (Cannes), and Outstanding British film (BAFTAs), is a tragicomic drama about the UK benefits system.

'a quietly fearsome piece of drama' Telegraph

'Ken Loach crafts a Cathy Come Home for the 21st century' The Guardian

This will be a free screening - the licence for this film has kindly been paid for by the Batey family, in memory of Davina. We will be requesting people to bring, if they can, items (or money) for the local food bank.

21st April at 7.30pm **'Arrival'** (12A)

Amy Adams and Jeremy Renner star in this beautifully filmed multi-nominated gripping tale of love, loss, communication and yes! aliens! Yes this is sci-fi, but also drama – think Close Encounters of the Third Kind, but without the mashed potato....

'this is an exciting film, with a great performance from Amy Adams, all about the romance of other worlds, and this one.' The Guardian

19th May at 7.30pm **'La La Land'** (12A)

Well what can we say that hasn't been said already? Just come and see it for yourselves! Damien Chazelle (of 'Whiplash' fame) has made a fabulous multi-award winning all singing all dancing spectacular, with Emma Stone and Ryan Gosling on sparkling form.

'Audacious, retro, funny and heartfelt, La La Land is the latest great musical for people who don't like musicals' Empire Online.

We are hoping to have our new seats by then, so we are planning a grand opening – dress to impress and have a cocktail or two....!

**DUNLOP & DISTRICT
Community Company
Extraordinary
GENERAL MEETING**

to present the terms of the
proposed 'Community Asset Transfer'
of Dunlop Playing Field & Pavilion
from East Ayrshire Council to
Dunlop & District Community Company.

**7:00pm
MONDAY 3rd APRIL
DUNLOP VILLAGE HALL**

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Title - SEASONS

Lights....cameras....ACTION!

As well as our usual prizes, this year we plan to use 12 of the best photographs to put together a CALENDAR! We are looking for pictures that describe the local seasons however you see them, so as well as the changing face of nature, it could be seasonal activities too! Get your cameras out today... see what you can find! Closing Date for entries: Friday 9th June.

Contact dunlophallgallery@gmail.com for hand-in details.

Fee for entry: £5 adults, £2 children

Dunlop and District Community Company - Dunlop Village Hall

Stewarton Colourists spring exhibition

The Stewarton Colourists will be holding their annual exhibition in Dunlop Village Hall from April the 21st, until May the 18th. They will be hosting an open night on Friday the 21st, from 7pm till 9pm, to which everyone is invited. Come along, have a glass of wine, enjoy the art work and meet some of the artists. If you can't manage to the opening, you can view the work when the cafe is open on Thursdays, Fridays, and the first Saturday of the month, or when the Hall is open for other events.

For further details, please contact :-

Ellenor Ferguson...01560 485373 or 07811 045600

Shiona Paterson...01560484686 or 07506 951620

CREAM TEA on Sunday 7th May

Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice would like to invite everyone to their annual **Cream Tea** on **Sunday 7th May 2017** between 2.00p.m and 4.00pm.

The committee is very grateful to Bertha Wilson and family for once again hosting this popular event at **Struther Farm House**.

Plants to brighten up your garden will be available for sale and donations for the home baking stall would be much appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you again this year. Tickets can be purchased in advance from any of the committee or at the door.

All proceeds to the Ayrshire Hospice.

The next meeting of the **Dunlop Alzheimer's Circle of Friends Musical Minds** will be on Thursday, 13th April 2017, in the church hall from 2pm-4pm. The group is meant for anyone affected by Alzheimer's or dementia, but all who are interested will be made very welcome.

Eddie, Bill and Archie will provide the music. Contact Susan Shorrock 482109 or Jean Spence 428593

The amazing sum of £1749 was raised for the St John Coffee Morning at St Columba's Stewarton in aid of renal patients at Crosshouse. Many thanks to all who so willingly gave of their time and talents and who so generously supported this worthy cause.

Dunlop and Lugton Senior Citizens Association would like to thank Lodge Dunlop Caledonia 1408 for their recent kind donation. This money will be put to good use by the Committee and is very much appreciated.

Margaret True
President

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

14th—20th May

Please support:

House to house collections—new collectors welcome

Coffee morning Wednesday 17th May

Quiz sheet—available 1st May Prize voucher for Canny Man

Contact Alison Howie 01560 484987

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