

DUNLOP DIARY



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From the Church of Scotland, Dunlop

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Dear friends and neighbours,

As you all know, so much has changed since the March issue of Dunlop Diary. The coronavirus crisis has meant that much of what we usually do has stopped happening altogether, or has changed significantly.

The main aim of this issue of Dunlop Diary is to keep you informed about local information sources, and to make sure we are all able to keep communicating with each other. So, this month, we are going to KISS.

Please don't be alarmed/get excited*, as that means we're going to Keep It Short and Simple!

I know that some of you do not have access to the internet. It is really important that we keep in touch with others just now, so please make use of the **Church Contacts** provided on the next page. We can put you in contact with neighbours, East Ayrshire Council or local organisations who can provide support to you. That support includes, and is not limited to, practical help with shopping, delivery of medicines and supplies, or simply a chat.

If you would like to be part of the local network of neighbours offering help to each other, then please print the **Community Cards** on the other sheet. These will be particularly helpful in the more rural areas, where broadband and mobile access is patchy at best. Be particularly careful to print and deliver with clean hands, while out for your permitted walk for exercise. If possible, phone neighbours instead of delivering a card.

If you are not sure about anyone who comes to your door offering to help, especially if they ask for money or say they are carrying out tests, then don't hesitate to get in touch with me. Similarly, if anyone phones asking for personal or financial information, do not provide that information. We want to make sure we are all safe.

If you do have internet access, please join local **Facebook pages**, where you will find familiar faces, and lots of helpful information, support and advice. Facebook really is the place to be right now.

If you do have internet access, but aren't confident using it, or are having problems, **IT help** is available and you'll find contact details in this Diary. Then, get on Facebook!

Future issues of Dunlop Diary will be made widely available on-line. If you can't get on-line and need to get a **paper copy**, please phone Douglas Bell who will arrange to have a copy posted to you.

The Church and Church Hall are closed until further notice. We are very sad not to be able to meet in our buildings, but as we want to keep ourselves safe we can't get together until all this is over. However, if you can get on-line, you can join the congregation of **Cat Tree Church** and we can worship together while we're apart.

If not on-line, contact Rev Alison McBrier and she'll do her best to get you involved in whatever way is possible.

We are living in strange and difficult times. However, we are blessed to live in such a strong, loving and caring community. **God is with us** in times of joy and sorrow, he shares our load, and gives us rest.

We give thanks and pray especially for everyone who is working so hard to keep society functioning, and for our dedicated and brave NHS staff.

Peace, faith, love and hope to you all,
your Parish Minister, Alison
Rev Alison McBrier

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Church Contacts

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Church Website www.dunlopkirk.org.uk

Dunlop Alzheimers Circle of Friends

There will be no meetings till further notice. If you'd like a chat, phone Susan on 01560 482109.

Local Facebook Pages

Dunlop and Lugton Covid Help - this is a **very helpful** group which was set up by the Community Council. Here you will find up to-date information from national and local sources.

Dunlop Kirk - this is where you will find messages from the Minister and others, as well as **Cat Tree Church** services which are broadcast on Facebook Live at 11.30 on Sunday mornings, and also during Holy Week and Easter. Services are recorded and can be viewed at any time. Also on the Church Website.

Dunlop Messy Church - look out for on-line Messy fun and crafts.

Local Supplies and Provisions

If you cannot get on-line then here are phone contacts which you may find useful.

We value our local businesses and will do our best to support each other through this.

Norman's 01560 484990

Dunlop Post Office and Village Store 01560 484885 (easier using Facebook)

Idle Hands Shop and Bakery 07479 490172 (also on Facebook)

Struther Farmhouse Ruth on 07891 048258

Dunlop Dairy - 01560 482494

IT Support

Steven Elliot Tel: 01294 665000 (between 6pm and 9pm). Outwith those times, you can leave a voicemail with a contact number and a brief description of the issue. No charge under the current circumstances. Steven also posts on local Covid FB group.

Deaths

Mrs Barbara Roy
Mrs Marion King

March 2019
March 2019

“Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted”

Dunlop Dairy Deadline for May is 21st April Tel: 01560 482966 Email: douglasbell@talktalk.net

Hello! If you can't get out, I'd like to help!

My name is.....
I live locally at.....
My phone number is.....

I can help with:

Picking up shopping Posting mail

A friendly phone call

Just call or text and I'll do my best to help (for free)

I won't come if I have symptoms, but I'll find someone who can.
My hands will be clean and I'll leave supplies on your doorstep.
If you really want to open the door, I'll stay at least 2m away.

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COVID community help cards.

Many of you will already have delivered and received these. I appreciate that receiving several might feel overwhelming, but as a community we can't afford to miss anybody. Please don't be offended by being considered "vulnerable", and use them for anyone at all that you feel might benefit. At some level, we are all vulnerable: it is, after all, what makes us human.

Our plan for distribution isn't perfect, but it is good enough.

Here's what you can do.

When you are well (no symptoms) and not required to self-isolate:

1. Fill in the card with your contact details and what support you can offer 2. Put it through a neighbour's door 3. Follow the guidance at the bottom to keep everyone safe

If you can't get out to the shops, but can help with a friendly phone call, you can modify the card (or write your own) Of course, there are many other ways to support people and many of you already have good social networks without the need for a card.

Keep in touch lovely Dunlopians!