

DUNLOP DIARY



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Merry Christmas!

In 1891, Robert Louis Stevenson gave a rather odd gift to the daughter of one of his friends, a Mr. Henry Ide. Ide once joked that Christmas was not the happiest day of the year in his house. His fourteen-year-old daughter, Annie, had been born on Christmas Day, and she always complained that she got cheated out of a separate birthday party.

So Robert Louis Stevenson had the wonderful idea of giving away his birthday. He drew up a legal document transferring all the "rights and privileges" of his birthday, which fell on November 13th, to Miss Annie H. Ide. From that day forward, Annie celebrated her birthday on November 13th.

Robert Louis Stevenson was not the first to transfer all his "rights and privileges" to someone else. In a sense Jesus became human that He might transfer some of His character to us. Jesus became human that he might transfer the spark of divinity to us. Jesus became a servant that he might transfer us to the status of sons and daughters.

In a world like ours - full of tension and change - people like to think that there are some things which do not change. Some think of the traditions of Christmas in this way - the Christmas turkey and crackers and parties - always the same. When the prospects of terrorism and global warming invade our minds and we are made fearful - we like to think of the peaceful scene of the family in the stable in Bethlehem, and somehow the concerns which clutch our hearts seem to diminish. There seems to be a stability offered in the scene in the stable.

But the world to which Jesus came was not peaceful. It was far from stable. His country was controlled by occupying troops. There were many revolutionary ideas in the street. And Jesus came into that mix - a revolutionary too!

And His revolution was to change **us** by transferring His "rights and privileges" to us.

This child whose birth we celebrate at Christmas - came to make changes.

And in a sense He comes again in our day to offer not only "rights and privileges" - but also to offer challenges too.

Does the way we live and the way we relate to our loved ones; is the community in which we live; does the care we offer to the needy; come close to reflecting the quality of life Jesus calls us to live?

In the middle of all the busy-ness of Christmas, may we take the time to reflect on its core message and be renewed by its central character.

God bless you and your family and friends this Christmas!

Alan Garrity

Poppy Scotland Appeal 2016

A total of **£1624.97** was raised this year within the Dunlop and Lugton area. Fiona Thomson extends her thanks to all who donated so generously towards this worthy cause and to those who so willingly gave of their time when helping with door to door collections.

CHURCH ROTAS

Date	Flowers	Readers
Dec 4th	Betty Robertson	Alistair Martin
11th	Jess Duncan	Roy Wyllie
18th	Aileen Howie	Anne Sinclair
25th	Ann Howatson	Beverly Kirk
Jan 1st	Jennifer Wallace	Marilyn Bell
8th	Anne Young	Robert Brown
15th	Sheena Kerr	Netta Howie
22nd	Sadie Reid	David Clement
29th	Jeanette Picken	Alison Howie

Welcome Teams

December	January
Sandy Hutchison	Annette Brown
Lynn Davidson	David Clement
Jess Duncan	Elizabeth Garrity
Irene Kerr	Jennifer Hunter
Margaret Robb	Alistair Martin
Roy Wyllie	David Mitchell
Sheila Wyllie	Anne Sinclair

Creche Rota

4th, 11th and 18th Dec; Alison Howie
11th, 18th and 25th Dec; Anne Millar
25th Dec 1st and 8th Jan; Amy Donnellan
1st, 8th and 15th Jan; Marilyn Bell
15th, 22nd and 29th Jan; Ruth Wilson
22nd, 29th Jan and 5th Feb; Alistair Martin

DUNLOP S.W.I

WEDNESDAY 7th DECEMBER
98th ANNIVERSARY DINNER at Struther
6.30 for 7pm

GUILD

NOVEMBER

29th Visit to Paisley Abbey
(arrive at 2.30pm)
Tea £2.50 + suggested donation of £3

DECEMBER

13th Christmas Party buffet at 6.30pm
£12 for 2 courses
Bring own cutlery

Wednesday Coffee

This very popular event has now finished for the Christmas break. Re-starts Wednesday 1st February.
We are always looking for more volunteers to spread the load. If you would like to help speak to Irene Kerr (484213)

Dunlop Kirk – Christmas Services and Events *All warmly welcomed*

Sunday - 27 Nov 11.30 am - First Sunday in Advent

Monday – 28 Nov 6pm - Nativity Scene 'switch on' at the church hall

Sunday - 4 Dec 11.30am - Second Sunday in Advent

Sunday - 11 Dec 11.30am - Third Sunday in Advent

Tuesday - 13 Dec 1.30pm - Dunlop Primary School Christmas Nativity Service

Sunday - 18 Dec 11.30am - Fourth Sunday in advent—Nativity Play.

Christmas Eve: 24 Dec 11.15pm - Watchnight Service in the church.

carols from 11.15pm; service at 11.30pm

Christmas Day 25 Dec 10.30am – short Family Service in the church.

(Please note this service is earlier than usual)

Sunday – 1 January at 11.30am - Carols and worship in the church

On Sunday 18th December at 11:30 in the Kirk,
we will be celebrating the birth of Christ with our Nativity Play.



This year everyone will be involved so whether you are 0 or 90 or somewhere in between come and Join us as we think about the real meaning of Christmas

DUNLOP & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COMPANY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held in the Village Hall on
Wednesday 18th January 2017 at 7:30pm.

New Directors are required both as Ordinary Directors and as User Group Directors.
(User Group Directors are nominated from groups using the hall.)
Please contact one of the Board for further information.

Dunlop & District Community Company

Best wishes to you all for the Festive Season.

We hope you will support our Christmas Fair in the Village Hall on Saturday 3rd December from 10am to 2pm. Please note the café will be closed on Thursday 8th December for the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch. However, the café will be open every other Thursday and Friday up to and including Friday 16th December. Café re-opens on 12th January

The final film for the year is 'The Bishop's Wife' on Sunday 11th December at 3pm

In January it will be 10 years since we re-opened the extended and refurbished Village Hall and to mark the occasion we are holding a celebration on the weekend of 14th/15th January. Arrangements are still being finalised but we plan to have a Children's film and 'disco' on Saturday, followed by musical entertainment on Sunday afternoon for everyone. We hope as many of you as possible will come along to our 'birthday party'.

The AGM of the community company will be held on Wednesday 18th January 2017 at 7:30pm. Much has been achieved in the 12 years since the community took over the running of the Village Hall and we plan further developments in the near future to ensure that this vital facility remains as a focal point for community life.

Please come and hear about future projects and how you can get involved. All members and non-members will be warmly welcomed

Dunlop and Lugton Senior Citizens

Christmas Lunch to be held in the Village Hall
on Thursday 8 December 12 noon for 12.30pm

Tickets £5 including one glass of wine.
Entertainment by Dunlop Primary School Choir.

Christmas Appeal East Ayrshire Churches Homelessness Action: *This year there will again be a collection of gifts for children affected by homelessness at Christmas. Could you please mark the gifts for a boy or a girl and with the relevant age range.*

There will also be a collection of tinned goods for the homeless hostels in Kilmarnock and Cumnock so that the residents 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 the 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 4884824 or Lesley Beaton 01560 484989 .

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

Margo McMurdo, Session Clerk

Christmas Fair



Dunlop Village Hall

SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2016

10AM TILL 2PM

IN THE CAFÉ – TEA, COFFEE AND LUNCHES

IN THE HALL -

HOME BAKING	WREATHS	GIFTS
KNITTED GOODS	SWEETS	BAGS & PURSES
CHRISTMAS TREES	JEWELLERY	HANDICRAFTS
CHRISTMAS CARDS	WRAPPING	GLASSWARE

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

The next meeting of the **Dunlop Alzheimer's Circle of Friends** will be on Thursday, 9th February 2017, in the church hall from 2pm-4pm.
There are no meetings in December and January.

Recently I and many others attended a lunch in village hall organised by Dunlop Alzheimer's Circle of Friends to celebrate their second birthday.
Despite the seriousness of dementia this was an afternoon of joy and hope. Congratulations and thanks to Susan and Jean and all their committee for the work they are doing.



Dunlop Friends of Ayrshire Hospice

The committee would like to thank all those who helped to contribute to the success of the recent Craft fair which raised a marvellous £3,081.88.

The sale of Hospice Christmas cards before and during the event raised a further £3,395.50. A fantastic amount!

STAINED GLASS BOOKLET

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

£5 per copy

Available at the Church or by phoning 01560 484846

SPECIAL EDITION CHRISTMAS CARDS

featuring two of Dunlop Kirk's Stained Glass Windows :

THE BELL TOWER WINDOW

(shining like a beacon as you travel down Main Street on a winter evening)

THE RESURRECTION WINDOW

(depicting the elements of Nature coming to life after winter)

Both windows were designed by the famous stained glass artist, Gordon Webster.

The cards cost £2 each or £5 for a set of three

(They are also available blank for your own message)



The Bishop's Wife

Sunday 11th December at 3pm

**Come and enjoy mince pies,
mulled wine and Cary Grant,
Loretta Young and David Niven.**