

# DUNLOP DIARY



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**From the Church of Scotland, Dunlop**

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We've been getting into the Christmas spirit early in Dunlop and Lugton! Messy Church on the last Saturday in November was followed on the Monday evening by our Christingle Service, Procession of Light and Switch On of the Christmas Lights and Nativity Scene outside the Church Hall! It was great to see so many people on Monday, and the children of the Primary School Choir sang beautifully, as always.

Dunlop Messy Church started in September and we have been delighted that so many people, of all ages, have come along and been part of that. Support comes in many forms - from the donations of "junk" and big boxes, through the planning of each event, the arts and crafts activities, games and songs, and of course, the food at the end which is prepared by our kitchen team. And all of this is underpinned and held up by prayer!

At November Messy Church we thought about the very first Christmas, when Jesus was born, and we sang a song which began with the angel coming to tell Mary that she was to have this precious baby and ended with that baby, and his parents having to escape to Egypt to avoid the anger of King Herod. Our song is based on "Baby Shark" and this is "Nativity Shark (with no sharks!)".

Angel spoke ... doo doo doo...; Mary prayed...; Joseph dreamed...; Donkey rode ...; Baby Jesus...; Angels sang...; Shepherds' joy...; Star above...; 3 wise men...; Angry king...; Run away...; Run faster ...; Safe at last..

If you don't know the tune, you could ask a passing child, and then you will have the tune in your head for ... a long time, doo doo doo ...

Christmas is a time for singing, for sharing, for giving, for celebrating, and for remembering the birth of the Holy Child, God come to live as one of us. A birth which changed the world, and which lit up the world with eternal light.

This Advent and Christmas, as we are dazzled in Dunlop and admire the lights of Lugton, we remember, celebrate and give thanks to God for all that we have and all that we are.

Wishing you all a dazzling and light-filled Christmas,

Alison

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

Sunday – 2 Dec 11.30 am - First Sunday in Advent

Sunday - 9 Dec 11.30am - Second Sunday in Advent

Sunday - 16 Dec 11.30am - Third Sunday in Advent

Thursday - 13 Dec 9.30am - Dunlop Primary School Christmas Nativity Service

Sunday - 23 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 10.45am – short Family Service in the church.

(Please note this service is earlier than usual)

Sunday – 30 December at 11.30am - worship in the church



## CHURCH ROTAS

Date	Flowers	Readers
2nd Dec	Betty Robertson	Roy Wyllie
9th	Jess Duncan	Alison Howie
16th	Aileen Howie	Simon Gill
23rd	Ann Howatson	Lynn Moss
30th	Dorothy Brown	Brian McGaw
6th January	Jennifer Wallace	Elizabeth Graham
13th	Anne Young	Michael Moss
20th	Sheena Kerr	Elizabeth Garrity
27th	Sadie Reid	Bob Brown

## Baptisms

**Samuel Alasdair Harris Tannock**  
**25<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

*“Let the little children come to me”*

### Dunlop and Lugton Senior Citizens Association

The committee would like to thank everyone who attended the coffee morning on 27th October. We raised £680 and this would not have been possible without your support. Our thanks also to those who contributed with baking, raffles etc.

The Association will hold their AGM on Tuesday 11th December at 7pm in Meritos. Everyone welcome.

If anyone within the district who is over the age of 65 would like their name added to our list then please contact any of the under-noted.

Margaret True, President 428165  
Jan Wardrop, Vice President 482023  
Irene Kerr, Treasurer 484213

### Conservatory Café

**The café will close on Friday 14th December and re-open on Thursday 10th January**

## Welcome Teams

### December

Jimmy Howie  
Douglas Bell  
Marilyn Bell  
John Campbell  
Alison Howie  
Isabel Kerr  
Andrew Pinkerton  
Linda Pinkerton

### January

Sandy Hutchison  
Lynn Davidson  
Jess Duncan  
Irene Kerr  
Margaret Robb  
Roy Wyllie  
Sheila Wyllie

## Creche Rota

December 2nd	Christine Wallace and Linda Pinkerton
9th	Anne Sinclair and Isabel Kerr
16th	Graham Kilgour and Linda Pinkerton
23rd	Anne Sinclair and Isabel Kerr
30th	Ruth Wilson and Ann Miller

### 2019

January 6th, 13th	Ruth Wilson and Ann Miller
20th	Marilyn Bell and Graham Kilgour
27th	Maureen Jackson and Alistair Martin

February 3rd	Graham Kilgour and Linda Pinkerton
10th	Marilyn Bell and Maureen Jackson
17th	Annette Brown and Jen Smith
24th	Alison Howie and Isabel Kerr

## GUILD

### DECEMBER

4th Boys Brigade (Project)  
18th Christmas Party buffet at 6.30pm  
£12 for 2 courses  
Bring own cutlery

### JANUARY

15th Guild DVD  
22nd Scots Tea  
Sadie & co  
29th St Columba's Interguild

All welcome

The Guild would like to thank all who supported their recent coffee morning. £407 was raised.

**On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 11:30 in the Kirk,  
we will be celebrating the birth of Christ with our Nativity Play.**



**Come and join us as we think about the real meaning of Christmas.**

## DUNLOP & LUGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

If you are interested in the many issues that affect our community then please join us at our next monthly meeting on Thursday 6th December in the Village Hall at 7.00pm.

There are some new and exciting plans for the village and we are looking for people of all ages to get involved.

The Community Council applied to East Ayrshire Council for funding to repeat the illuminated Christmas trees throughout the village that we all enjoyed last year. Unfortunately, the limited amount of funding offered was insufficient to allow us to proceed, therefore we are planning our first 'Great Christmas Dazzle Off' from 10th to 24th December and would love everyone to join in the festive spirit.

It is a competition for all households in Dunlop and Lugton to create a festive lit display..you may have already received a leaflet through your door or read about it on social media.

For further information contact E Ferguson [01560 485371](tel:01560485371) or L Shuttleton [07900 938379](tel:07900938379) (Closing date Sat 1st December).

Lots of good things have been happening with the successful fundraising and installation of the defibrillator in the refurbished Lugton telephone kiosk.

Hats off to all those involved in the hard work and fundraising efforts to complete this project in such a short timescale. Residents, Neilston First Responders and many local businesses have made this possible.

The resurfacing of Lugton Road is complete and has made a huge difference. Road and rail issues are always on the agenda at Dunlop and Community Council and any concerns will be directed to East Ayrshire Council on your behalf.

Also under consideration for 2019.... the possibility of a Dunlop Music Festival.

Agenda and minutes of meetings are posted on the Community Council website and also displayed on the notice board outside Norman's and in the Village Hall.

Everyone most welcome to attend. We hope to see you soon.

Very best wishes for the festive season

### **Community Cinema**

December at the Community Cinema starts with a special event for the Primary School children with a showing of a special Christmas movie. The film has still to be decided upon by the school but we are sure whatever they decide will prove to be more popular than times tables.

Following on from this, our big Christmas family film will be 'Mama Mia. Here We Go Again' on 16th December at 3pm. Come and sing along with abandon to your favourite Abba tunes, and lose yourself in the warmth of this feel-good movie...but be warned, you may need a good supply of tissues.

Post-Christmas we have a 10am screening of 'Coco', a lovely Pixar movie about a boy who wants to become a musician against the wishes of his family and ends up in the Land of the Dead. It's really not as morbid as it seems! This film is full of music and colour and is really about the importance of family...so come along with your family and relax (maybe adults should bring a hankie for this one too!)

As we head into the New Year we hope our programme of films will help make the winter nights a little less bleak. We will be starting the year with some classic comedies. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details.

Finally, if you haven't already got your loyalty card, please be sure to pick one up at your next visit...if you come along and watch 5 films with us, your sixth one is free! So why not come along and join us one evening or afternoon, enjoy a wee drink, some delicious ice-cream and escape the world outside for a couple of hours.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all from Dunlop Community Cinema.

**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 9th 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*



## **DUNLOP GALLERY NEWS**

Our Christmas exhibition will be on display until the 20th of December. If you haven't managed along to see it yet, why don't you pop in when the Cafe is open, or during one of the other Hall events. You might find that Christmas present you've still to get, or just treat yourself to a piece of original art work.

Next year, the Kilmaurs Photography Club will be holding a photo competition for Dunlop, Kilmaurs, Nether Robertland and Lainshaw Primary schools. They will be speaking to the children about the art of photography, and they will then judge the children's finished work. Prize night will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday the 10th of January at 7pm. It is expected that 4 pupils from each school will attend, and the judges will give comments on the entries.

### **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)

### **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

A big thank you to all our distributors for delivering the Diary to 760 local homes throughout the year.  
Note that there is no Diary in January

**Dunlop Diary Deadline for February is 21st January** Tel: 01560 482966 Email: [douglasbell@talktalk.net](mailto:douglasbell@talktalk.net)