

DUNLOP DIARY



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From the Church of Scotland, Dunlop

December 2019

Dear friends and neighbours,

Christmas carols are being rehearsed, trees and lights are being prepared, mince pies are being baked! As I write this, we are only a few days away from our very first Dunlop Christmas Tree Service, our Procession of Light and the switch on of our Christmas Trees and Nativity Scene in the centre of the village. All followed, of course, by time together in the Church Hall eating those mince pies, along with candy canes and other festive goodies!

Advent is a time for preparation, getting ready for Christmas. For most of us this involves a lot of shopping - and that can mean struggling to find a town centre parking space or struggling to keep calm while waiting for an elusive delivery van to bring our precious on-line order!

Shopping wasn't on the minds of Mary and Joseph during the very first Advent, but they did struggle to find a place of calm and rest in the busyness of Bethlehem. There was no room at the inn, so when Mary's time of waiting came to an end with the birth of her precious baby, he was placed tenderly in a manger.

While we prepare for Christmas, let's use that time to find calm in the busyness, to slow the pace, and to bring to mind those people most precious to us. Remember that baby boy, laid in a manger, and how his birth changed the world and us, for the better.

Peace, light and joy to you all this Advent and Christmas,

Alison



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

Sunday – 1 Dec 11.30 am - First Sunday in Advent

Sunday - 8 Dec 11.30am - Second Sunday in Advent

Sunday - 15 Dec 11.30am - Third Sunday in Advent

Thursday - 12 Dec 9.30am - Dunlop Primary School Christmas Nativity Service

Sunday - 22 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 – 29 December at 11.30am - worship in the church



Welcome Teams

CHURCH ROTAS

Date	Flowers	Readers
Dec 1st	Betty Robertson	Anne Sinclair
8th	Jess Duncan	Simon Gill
15th	Aileen Howie	Alison Howie
22nd	Ann Howatson	Elizabeth Graham
29th	Dorothy Brown	June Minnery
Jan 5th	Jennifer Wallace	Elizabeth Garrity
12th	Anne Young	Bob Brown
19th	Sheena Kerr	Sheila Wyllie
26th	Dorothy Brown	Michael Moss

December

Annette Brown
Elizabeth Garrity
Jennifer Hunter
Brian McGaw
David Mitchell
Anne Sinclair

January

Alan Young
Fred Dinning
Liz Dinning
Kristeen Hare
Jim Mundell
Alastair Martin

Creche Rota

Dec 1st Christine Wallace & Isabel Kerr
8th Anne Sinclair & Aileen Dunlop
15th Graham Kilgour & Linda Pinkerton
22nd Anne Sinclair & Aileen Dunlop
29th Alison Howie & Pamela Young
Jan 5th & 12th Annette Brown & Alastair Martin
19th Alison Howie & Isabel Kerr
26th Aileen Dunlop & Isabel Kerr
Feb 2nd Graham Kilgour & Anne Miller

GUILD

DECEMBER

3rd Edible Novelties
Margaret Paterson
17th Christmas Party buffet 6.30 for 7

JANUARY

14th Guild DVD
28th Scots Tea
Debbie & Miriam

All welcome

Dunlop Alzheimer's Circle of Friends

We would like to thank all who came to our birthday party. Special thanks to the Coffee Pot who did our afternoon tea and Eddie, Norman and Bill for entertaining everyone. The afternoon went really well and thanks for all the help we received and to our volunteers who made it all possible.

The next meeting will be our Christmas party on 12th December from 2pm till 4pm in the church hall when Eddie, Andy and Bill will entertain us.

Father Christmas will be visiting and we will have games, fun and dancing. Tea, coffee and goodies for all. Come and join us.

Susan 01560 482109 and Christine 01560 483491

Conservatory Café

The café will close on Friday 13th December and re-open on Thursday 9th January

Dunlop Primary School Coffee Morning is on **Saturday 7th December** from 10am to 1pm. Come along and visit Santa, browse our stalls and enjoy the choir with a cup of tea and some delicious home baking. If you buy some raffle tickets you may even go home with a prize. £2 per adult and £1 per child. All welcome.

Dunlop and Lugton Senior Citizens Association's annual Christmas Lunch will be held on **Thursday 5th December** in the Village Hall 12 noon for a 12.30 pm start. Dunlop School Choir will once again entertain guests and Bertha and her staff from Struther Farmhouse will be providing the catering.
Margaret

**On Sunday 22nd 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.

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 the gifts please be brought to church by **Sunday, 8th 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.

POPPY SCOTLAND APPEAL 2019

Thanks to all who contributed to the Poppy Appeal in Dunlop and District this year. The fantastic total of £1,319.12 was raised.

Special thanks to collectors (old and new) and to all the local businesses who supported the collection. Thanks to Morven in Idle Hands, who baked amazing poppy biscuits and donated all the proceeds of sales to the appeal.

Norman and Irene Neilson and Barbara Wiseman all received a special award from Poppy Scotland for 40 years of collecting for the Poppy Appeal and Craig and Fiona Robertson in the Post Office and Village Store received their 10 year awards. Hopefully they will all continue for many more years.

Next year, we are hoping to arrange a "yarn bombing" display in the villages and so if you can knit or crochet and would like to be involved in making poppies for this display or if you could assist with putting the display together please contact me or join our Facebook page, Dunlop and Lugton Poppies.

Lizann Shuttleton

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DUNLOP GALLERY CHRISTMAS EXHIBITION

If you still haven't seen the Christmas show, it's on until the 19th of December, and the paintings are selling fast! If you are at the Hall and see an art work that you would like to buy, please contact Ellenor on 07811 045600, or Shiona on 07506 951620.

Moving on to January, and to start the new year, we are showing the work of Mary Clark, better known as Moody Morag. She will be showing a range of her paintings and prints from the 10th of January till the 7th of February. If you've got Christmas money to spend, come along and get first choice at the open evening on the 10th, from 7 till 9. As usual there will be drinks and nibbles available, and you will get the chance to meet Mary herself.

The Hall will be open for various events over the Christmas period, so do come along and see us!

If you have any questions, you can phone Ellenor at 07811045600, or Shiona at 07506951620.

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

Dunlop and District Community Company

The AGM of the company will be held in the village hall on Thursday 16th January at 7.30pm. All members are invited to attend. The directors look forward to giving you our ideas and hearing yours.

Dunlop Community Cinema

Merry Christmas to all from the Dunlop Community Cinema. We hope you will come and join us for our Christmas film at 3pm on Sunday 15th December - Miracle on 34th Street. Come and enjoy this classic feel good film with some mulled wine and mince pies to help you get into the festive spirit...and look out for our new programme of films which will be launched in the New Year. We hope there's something there for everyone.

Santa Squelch Fun Run Sat 14th December 11am

Dig out your Santa hat and your muddiest trainers and join us for a wee 3.5k trail run/ walk round Minnie Gemmell's and Templehouse Woodland!

There's lunch and a warm drink at Merito afterwards, included in your Santa Squelch ticket! Book online at www.entrycentral.com (search Santa Squelch) or pop in to Merito for an entry form. Early bird Family tickets just £20, includes lunch.

Look forward to seeing you for a fun day out!

Appeal for information

I have recently been asked by scouts to give a short history of the group. Having been involved since the group re-started in 1975 I have all the information from this point. However there was a scout group in Dunlop previous to this but I have very little information on this group. The original group was the 23rd Ayrshire and I have an original neckie from them. I also have a photo of the group taken in 1938. Scout headquarters have only been able to provide a copy of the original registration. This shows that the group was registered in December 1929.

With 2 leaders listed. These were Andrew Baillie East Netherhill, Dunlop and David Day Meadowbank, Dunlop. Scout headquarters couldn't tell me when group ceased. Any information or memorabilia of the early days of scouting in Dunlop will be greatly appreciated.

Douglas Bell

My phone number and email address are both at the bottom of back page of this newsletter.

Dunlop Christmas Fair

**Dunlop Village Hall
Saturday
7th December
1pm till 4pm**



Treat yourself to a light lunch in the conservatory café.

**Visit our stalls:
Home baking, knitwear,
Cards and wrapping,
Jewellery, pictures
Wreaths and many
more gifts**



Dunlop Church

**Christmas Tree Service
and**

**The Christmas Tree Light Up will
take place on
Monday 2nd December at 6.30pm
in the Church.**

**It will be followed by our
"Procession of Light" up Main St
to light the Nativity Scene and
Christmas Trees outside the
Church Hall. We are delighted to
have the Primary School Choir
entertaining us at the Nativity
Scene.**

Come and join us to see how local groups have decorated their Christmas Trees! Tea, coffee, Juice, Mince Pies & Candy Sticks will be served afterwards in the Church Hall