

DUNLOP DIARY



From the Church of Scotland, Dunlop

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Dunlop
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Dear Friends,

I listened recently to the radio programme "Desert Island Discs," recorded in Burma, featuring Aung San Suu Kyi. I found it a fascinating programme. Aung San Suu Kyi is, of course, a remarkable lady. It may be that one day she will be President of Burma. She was asked how she endured the long years of house arrest imposed upon her because of the danger the authorities in Burma judged her to be to them. She replied that, among other things, meditation, which is an integral part of Buddhist tradition, helped her to cope with the isolation of house arrest.

Perhaps there is a lesson for all of us there. In this turbulent, dangerous world, we all need to find space in which to think things out. I like to think that people find that space in Dunlop Kirk, and that as we come to worship in this holy place, we meet God, the author and source of all peace and love, and that we find in Him, through Jesus Christ, our reason for living.

Best wishes,

David Donaldson.

Sunday Morning Services:

Sunday, 3rd. February: Preacher: Kirk Session Outreach Committee. Flowers: Doris Livingston

Sunday, 10th. February: Preacher: Les Kirk. Reader: Alastair Martin Flowers: Janette Miller
There will be two baptisms.

Sunday, 17th. February: Preacher: The minister. Reader: Elizabeth Garrity Flowers: Nellie Nisbet

Sunday, 24th. February: Preacher: The minister. Reader: Alex King Flowers: Jenny Gibson.
This Service will be followed by the Annual Stated Meeting.

Youth Together

All young people of Primary 6 and 7 and upwards are invited to join us on Sunday, 17th. February for a meal together at 6.30 p.m., finishing at 8.30 p.m., in Caldwell Church hall.

Explorer Scouts

would like to thank all who helped raise £165.19 when we took Santa round the streets on Dec 19th 2012.

These funds will be used for adventurous activities for the Explorer Scouts of the Dunlop area.

SUNDAY SCHOOL "JAR OF GRACE" APPEAL

The Sunday School are raising funds from now until Easter for UNICEF's "JAR OF GRACE" appeal. This year the appeal will be supporting UNICEF's work to protect children from violence and exploitation. If you would like to help, please drop some coins into a jar before a meal and take a moment to remember less fortunate children around the world. Please hand in your coins to Sunday School any Sunday before Easter, and many thanks.

Welcome Teams

February

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

March

Sandy Hutchison
Lynn Davidson
Jess Duncan
Irene Kerr
Andy Kyle
Janette Miller
Roy Wyllie
Sheila Wyllie

Creche Rota

Feb 3rd & 10th Sandra Gillan & Christine Wallace
Feb 17th, 24th March 3rd Pamela Young & Greer Thomson

Baptisms:

23rd. December: Iona Holly Riddoch.

6th. January: Jessica Jane Kitson.

The Guild

Tuesday, 5th. February: "Gardens of Dunlop," Speaker: Roy Wyllie.

Tuesday, 19th. February: The Interguild, in Dunlop Kirk.
Speaker: John McFadzean - Fenwick Weavers.

Tuesday 5th March "ACHOURED TASTE" (fundraiser concert)
Being held in the church.

Our regular meetings are in the church hall at 7.30 p.m., and we welcome men and women to all of our meetings. Please note that the meeting on 19th. February and 5th March will be in the church.

W.R.I.

WEDNESDAY 27th FEBRUARY

BULB SHOW (Schedules given out)

FLOWERS OF BORNEO

An Illustrated Talk by Sandra Halliday
(No Other Competitions)

Dunlop Kirk – Dates for your Diary in February / March

Wed, 13 February – Meeting of the Congregational Board followed by a meeting of the Kirk Session at 7.30pm in the rear church hall.

Sunday, 24 February – The Stated Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held in the church after the Morning Service.

Wed, 6 March – 'An audience with Jamie Stuart' at 7.30pm in Dunlop Kirk (see the back page of the Diary for more details.

Braveheart Baby Wilson Charity Race Night

Baby David Wilson, a member of Dunlop Babies & Toddlers, was born on 1st October 2012 with a major congenital heart defect. He will need lifelong care and support from Yorkhill Hospital.

To support David and his family Dunlop Babies & Toddlers are hosting a charity race night in aid of Yorkhill Children's Foundation, a charity which provides enhanced medical equipment, research and family support for sick children and babies who attend Yorkhill Hospital from all over Scotland.

The race night will be held in Dunlop Village Hall on Saturday 23rd February 2013. Doors open 7.30pm with races starting at 8pm, followed by a disco. Tickets are £5 each and will be available from Norman's, Dunlop Post Office or contact Kate Murray (07939019410) or Pamela Young (07736774981). Please help us to raise much needed funds for this worthwhile cause.

Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice

Bagpack in Asda on Saturday 13th April 2013

The Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice kindly request your help to raise funds for a very worthy cause, by offering your assistance at the annual Asda Bagpack event.

As funds raised are usually proportionate to the number of helpers available, we hope to encourage as many people as possible to give up two hours of their time. So, please join us on Saturday 13th April 2013 – no previous experience required!!!

If you are able to help, please contact either Andrena Reid on 01560 483696 or any other committee member.

On the left you have the Horse Park, part of North Borland till the death of my father in 1995, but farmed, as it is now, together with the lands of Kirkland. North Borland had three fields. One went with the Borland Cottage, which was bought by Calum and Linda MacDonald in 1996, who were our neighbours for eight years. Calum, a lecturer at the Nautical College, with a Lewis crofting background, tried keeping sheep for a year, but then reverted to grass (hay, not marijuana) with the motto "No more sheep!" My father employed a full-time shepherd during the years he kept sheep, Melville Hughes, who lived with his family in the Cottage. The very thick walls of the Cottage are of an older vintage than the main house across the courtyard, which was built by the Reids of Balgray in 1839.

At the time of the First World War, North Borland belonged to John Brown of the Hill, my grandfather's brother-in-law, who sold it to him before returning to live in Canada. It continued in our family until my brother sold the house and the remaining field in 2004. The present owners are lawyers with a great love of horses, who have constructed an equestrian centre on their land. They have taken on a listed house and are the curators of some stone relics from St Mary's given to my mother and a christening font which my grandfather took from the burn at the old Kirkwood Farm. There is a bathing-pool in the burn which we enjoyed as boys. Like the pool on the Glazert beside the church, it could have been used as a place of open-air baptism. There is and was something special about the siting of North Borland. From the upstairs rooms, the church stands exactly between the two rounded hills, Mary King's Hill and Dunlop Hill.

Between the Wars, North Borland was the home of Mr Alfred Livingstone and his family, who is commemorated in Livingstone Terrace. One of his four children was Mrs Rose Glennie, who died recently in her nineties. People may also remember her sister Mrs Thomas, the mother of Ray and Ann, who lived in the main street. My uncle, who was a fruit farmer in South Africa, asked my father to sell the house for him, so the Livingstone family moved to another home in Dunlop and the deal fell through on the outbreak of war in September 1939. My father bought the farm, and it remained in the family a further 65 years. Another uncle lived there, my Uncle Willie, a gynaecologist who bred Pekineses. Also my Aunt Jenny (Mrs Janet Russell), who moved to Skye towards the end of a long life to let my parents occupy the Borland after the sale of Kirkland. I was the last of the Mohicans when I lived there between 1996 and 2004. My great-grandfather came to Dunlop as a young man in 1860 to establish his business as a cheese merchant. There are now no Clements in Dunlop, though Carolyn Blyth at Over Borland, a distant cousin, tells me her mother was a Clement.

Finally, a note on the name Borland. There are various suggestions, but the one I find most convincing is from Boarland. The natural tree that springs up unbidden (there were several saplings in my garden) is the beech. For the wild boar and their descendants, the semi-domesticated animals that roamed the woods, the standard fare was beech mast.

Across the burn is another of the Borlands, owned by a kinsman of Norman Neilson's and John Campbell's. But that is another story.

Dunlop Village Hall

Café Manager

The Directors of Dunlop and District Community Company are pleased to announce the appointment of Lesley Parker as Café Manager and wish her well in her new post. Lesley has many years of experience in catering but still needs volunteers to assist her in her plan to re-open the café on another weekday. If you can help, please telephone Lesley on 07870 521035 or speak to any of the café staff.

Village Hall Events Diary – February and March

February

- Saturday 2 February - **Beyond the Blues Concert** at 7.30pm (tickets from Normans or the Post Office)
- Friday, 8 February - **Exhibition** by Bridge of Weir Embroiderers' Guild – until 7 March
- Saturday 16 February - **Coffee Afternoon** from 2pm-4pm in aid of village hall funds and to give an opportunity to view the exhibition by the Bridge of Weir Embroiderers' Guild
- Friday, 22 February - **Community Cinema** "The Angels' Share" at 7.30pm

March

- Friday, 8 March - **The Keynotes Concert** (in aid of the Ayrshire Hospice)*
- Friday, 8 March - **Exhibition** by local artist, Susan MacColl – until 4 April
- Friday, 22 March - **Graham Korn Dance Band**
- Sunday, 24 March - **Community Cinema** "Kung Fu Panda 2" at 4pm

* **Advance Notice:** The Concert by the Keynotes on Friday, 8 March at 7.30pm is a charity fundraiser in aid of the Ayrshire Hospice (with a small donation to the village hall). The concert is best described as a variety show and tickets will be available in early February. Watch out for the posters.

More information on forthcoming events is available on our website : www.dunlopvillagehall.org.uk

Dunlop Parish Church

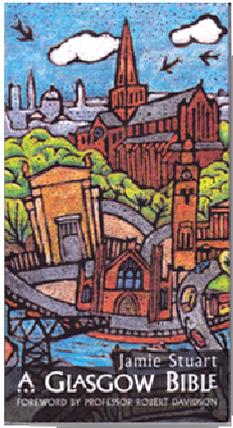
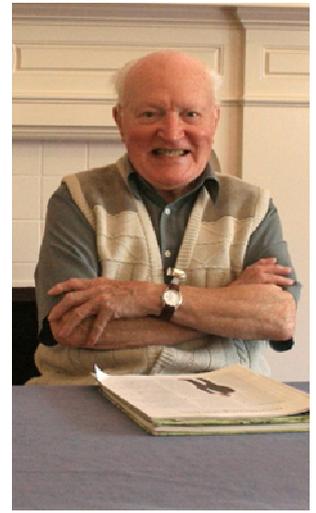
Presents

An Audience with Jamie Stuart
(Best Selling Author of – A Glasgow Bible)

7.30pm – Wednesday 6th March 2013

Dunlop Kirk

“Hear The Bible Come ALIVE”



Some reviews:

“Standing Ovation”

(Ken Colville - North Bute Literary Society)

“Memorable, Inspiring & Entertaining”

(Elinor Milne - Falkirk Lunch Club)

“A National Treasure”

(Douglas Elliott-Salvation Army, Paisley Corps)

“Come Along and Bring a Friend”

There will also be tea/coffee and shortbread

An evening event in Dunlop’s restored and refurbished Church

PROVERBS
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Wise Words from the Good Book



“If thought words
can cut like a blade,
there’s a hole in
every-come world.”

From the author of
A Glasgow Bible
Jamie Stuart



EACH

Each person matters

Scottish Charity no: SC 036849

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19th December 2012

Dear Mr Donaldson

Please pass on to the congregation of Dunlop sincere thanks for the generous gifts of toys this Christmas. EACHa has now arranged for them to be distributed to needy families throughout East Ayrshire. The families have been identified by East Ayrshire Council’s homeless department, as well as social care and health service staff, and childcare units and Women’s Aid.

Your generosity is very much appreciated and will help light up Christmas Day for many underprivileged children in our local area.

Thank you also for the donations of ingredients and cash for food parcels which will be delivered to residents of homeless hostels throughout East Ayrshire. Members of Dunlop Parish Church have again taken responsibility for purchasing and delivering Christmas dinners to homeless men and women who might otherwise have nothing to eat at Christmas. You can be assured that your kindness really makes a difference to those who find themselves homeless this Christmas.

With thanks to all concerned, and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to you and your congregation

Janice Grant
Secretary
East Ayrshire Churches Homelessness Action

Dunlop Diary Deadline for March 21st February

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