

# DUNLOP DIARY



**From the Church of Scotland, Dunlop**

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Happy New Year!

2017 looks like being an interesting year.

We've already seen on 20<sup>th</sup> January Donald Trump installed as the 45<sup>th</sup> President of America, though not all Americans were particularly pleased – to say the least. There were unprecedented violent riots on the streets during the day and huge protest marches throughout the world the following day.

However, the ceremony for the transition of power from one President to his successor was a dignified one which was personal in its own way rather than stiffly formal. The event itself and the rhetoric of the new President “spoke” of new beginnings.

We've already heard from our own Prime Minister that with the “triggering” of article 50 in the near future, the “Brexit” process will begin. Who can say whether or not it will be stiffly formal or accompanied by active dissent. However, that too “speaks” of new beginnings.

Like a New Year, a new President and a new relationship with Europe, new beginnings give us the opportunity to think about the challenges and ideas which will be part of our lives as we face the future.

In Dunlop we face a particular new situation. As you read this edition of the Dunlop Diary you may have heard that Rev. Alison McBrier (the Associate Minister of St Andrew's and St. Mar-nock's, Kilmarnock) is the Sole Nominee for the linked charge of Caldwell and Dunlop.

So, we recognise that new beginnings are a part of our lives – as human beings, as citizens of our village and of our country, and as members of the Church. It is a time to reflect on what part we can play and how we can support those who will lead in one way or another.

Jesus called his disciples, and their support for Him transformed their own lives and turned the world upside down. There is something about genuine faith which is not stuck in the past but which relishes new beginnings, new ideas and new challenges.

God bless!

Alan Garrity

## **Church Services:**

Morning Worship every Sunday morning at 11:30am. All welcome.  
Crèche, Sunday School and VIK group meet in the church at 11:30am.

12<sup>th</sup> February Sole Nominee Preaching and Congregational Vote  
26<sup>th</sup> February Special Family Service 11:30am  
followed by Soup and Sandwiches in Village Hall

## CHURCH ROTAS

Date	Flowers	Readers	Welcome Teams	
			February	March
Feb 5th	Doris Livingston	Sheila Wyllie	Alan Young	Mike Blyth
12th	Janette Miller	Michael Moss	Fred Dinning	Carolyn Blyth
19th	Nellie Nisbet	Simon Gill	Liz Dinning	David Clement
26th	Susan Shorrocks	Elizabeth Garrity	Kristeen Hare	Carol Fraser
			Jim Mundell	Netta Howie
Mar 5th	Anne Sinclair	Mike Blyth	Fiona Thomson	Calum McDonald
12th	Carolyn Blyth	Beverly Kirk	Anne Young	Mitchell Wilson
19th	Margaret Hunter	Brian McGaw		
26th	Bertha Horne	Lynn Davidson		

### Creche Rota

22nd, 29th Jan and 5th Feb; Alistair Martin  
5th, 12th and 19th Feb; Christine Wallace  
12th, 19th and 26th Feb; Elaine Davison  
26th Feb, 5th and 12th March; Aileen Dunlop  
5th, 12th and 19th March; Maureen Jackson  
19th, 26th Mar and 2nd April; Greer Thompson

### Baptisms

Alana Reid 20<sup>th</sup> November 2016.  
Orla Jean Houston 11<sup>th</sup> December 2016

*“Let the little children come to me”*

### Deaths

Mrs Ruth Thomson November 2016  
Mrs Davina Batey December 2016

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

### Vacancy Update: Sole Nominee

At the joint meeting of the Kirk Sessions of Caldwell Parish Church and Dunlop Parish Church Loraine Strang, convener of the Nominating Committee, was delighted to recommend Rev. Alison McBrier be accepted as the Sole Nominee for the vacancy.

Rev. McBrier has confirmed in writing her acceptance of the nomination.

Both Kirk Sessions were delighted to accept the nomination and thanked the Committee for their enthusiastic and diligent work.

**On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February** Rev. Alison McBrier will preach as ‘Sole Nominee’ in Caldwell Parish Church at 10am and in Dunlop Parish Church at 11:30am.

A ballot will take place after each service where members or adherents on the electoral rolls will each have one vote.

**The Kirk Sessions of Caldwell and Dunlop** will meet on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 1:30pm in Dunlop Village Hall when the voting papers will be counted.

**On a more informal note**, teas and coffees will be available after the vote for those members of both congregations who would like to attend the village hall to hear the result of the ballot.

Margo McMurdo, Session Clerk.

**The Kirk Session** will meet on 12<sup>th</sup> February in the Village Hall at 1:30pm.

**The Congregational Board and the Kirk Session** will meet on 15<sup>th</sup> February in the rear Church Hall at 7:30pm.

## FAMILY GATHERING SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

On Sunday 26th February we are holding a special Family Gathering in the Church. Families who have had their child baptised and couples who have been married in Dunlop church during the last five years will receive invitations. We have invited the Primary school choir. After the service we will have soup and sandwiches in the Village Hall. Everyone in the community is welcome but to help with catering would you please email [contact@dunlopkirk.org.uk](mailto:contact@dunlopkirk.org.uk) with your name and numbers who will attend or phone Margo McMurdo 01560 484824 or Lesley Beaton 01560 484989. There will be no charge for lunch. Please come and join us.

**Christmas Appeal East Ayrshire Churches Homelessness Action:** A car load of beautifully wrapped Christmas gifts, bags of food and £300 in cash donations from Dunlop Church and community was delivered to EACHa in Kilmarnock. Janice Grant, EACHa organiser was delighted. Over a 1000 gifts from East Ayrshire Churches and friends were distributed in time for Christmas.

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

Margo McMurdo, Session Clerk.

### **DUNLOP S.W.I** **WEDNESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY** **BULB SHOW** (Schedules given out)

**An Illustrated Talk About Japan**  
**By Mr & Mrs Pollock**

(No Other Competitions)

### **Wednesday Coffee**

This very popular event 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)

### THANKS

Miss Agnes King would like to thank all her friends who kindly acknowledged her 100th birthday on 25th November 2016 with cards, calls and visits.



17<sup>th</sup> Feb 'Sully' (12A) Tom Hanks stars in this gripping dramatization from Clint Eastwood about the miracle landing of the plane on the Hudson river.

5th March 'Moana' ) Fabulous Disney animation, for children (and adults) of all ages!

## **GUILD**

### **FEBRUARY**

14th	Interguild at St Columba's
21st	The Work of the Hospital Chaplain Judith Huggett
28th	A Passion for Patchwork Ann Smith

**A date for your Diary** - On the evening of Friday 24th March, **Dreghorn Musical Society** will be performing an evening concert in Dunlop Church. Look out for posters in Norman's and the Post Office which will give more details of this event.

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. Eddie will provide the music. All welcome

#### VILLAGE HALL

The Dunlop Gallery will be holding an exhibition in February, by the Centrestage community in Kilmarnock. It features art work from the Catalyst project where the art tutors are Harry Sutton and Nina Russell. This group provides meaningful support to men, pre and post release, providing the individualised and intensive structures required to enable them to progress, while providing every support possible to break the cycle of re-offending. The opening night is on Thursday the 9th of February, and the show runs until the 16th of March. Come along to the opening night between 7 and 9, enjoy a glass of wine, and help support this amazing project.

For further information, please contact Ellenor Ferguson, 485373 or 07811045600, or Shiona Paterson, 484686 or 07506951620.

#### DUNLOP & LUGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The Community Council has been successful with an application to the Scotrail Biodiversity Fund for funds to undertake some permanent planting at Dunlop railway station. Dunlop was one of only 14 stations from throughout Scotland to receive a grant.

The grants are provided to back projects which encourage volunteers to increase biodiversity in stations and improve Scotland's ecosystems. The money has to be spent on the planting of native species, which will boost the production of nectar and other food sources for wildlife in the local area, provide homes for insects and birds and give visual variety and wildlife benefits throughout the season.

If you would like to assist with this project or have ideas on what should be planted, speak to a member of the Community Council.

Remember, the Community Council meets on the **first Thursday of every month 7:30pm in the Village Hall.**

If you have views on any aspect of community life, please come along and contribute. The Minutes of the meetings are displayed on-line and on the notice boards outside Normans; in the Village Hall and beside the phone box in Lugton.

#### DUNLOP & DISTRICT

##### Community Company

[www.dunlopvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.dunlopvillagehall.org.uk)

The Directors were pleased that so many of the community were able to attend the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations in January and thank everyone for supporting the events.

It is normal practice that the officers of the Company are agreed at the first Board meeting following the AGM and this year there have been some changes. Peter Inglis continues as a Director but has stepped down as Convener after holding the position for the last three years, and Linda Pinkerton, who did not stand for re-election as a Director, demits office as Vice Convener, although she is continuing as Bookings Secretary. The Company, and indeed the whole community, are grateful to both Peter and Linda for their contribution to so many aspects of the management of the company and its activities.

Moving forward, the Board has appointed Andrew Pinkerton as Convener with Douglas Bell taking on the responsibility of Vice Convener. As well as the normal running of the Hall, Café, Cinema, etc., the Board of the Company have important projects in relation to the improvement of the Village Hall and the Playing Field to progress. Watch the website for information on developments.