

From the Church of Scotland, Dunlop

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Hi Folks!

Decisions, decisions ! We all have to take them every day. Small ones - what to have for dinner, what train to take, what clothes to wear. Not earth-shattering, but still essential.

Some are, however, more important than that, like the decision we had to take at the Referendum, shaping life for the nation, our families, and ourselves. The result we now know, the outcomes we cannot know, only time can reveal that.

In Church we have been taking a decision too - to call a new minister to Caldwell and Dunlop, the Rev. Billy Burnside. Billy has responded to that decision with one of his own - to come! As Billy put it in his sermon to us, the whole business of a call to a church is rather like a 'Blind Date! 'It needs courage and faith on both sides for it all to work out, and, of course, God's help. Just the things our nation, our leaders and ourselves will need to ensure a good outcome for our momentous decision to leave the European Union.

Have a good holiday, Blessings to you all, Iain Roy.

The Vacancy some wonderful news

On Sunday 26th June 2016 the 'Sole Nominee', the Rev. William Burnside preached at both churches. A secret ballot took place after the services.

At a joint meeting of the Kirk Sessions from Caldwell and Dunlop the Interim Moderator, Rev Gavin Niven, declared the following:

FOR electing Rev William Burnside 169 AGAINST 4

and that the Rev William Burnside has accordingly been elected and appointed subject to the judgement of the courts of the Church.

The Rev William (Billy) Burnside accepted the Call.

Subscribing the Call

Having elected Rev Billy Burnside, to be our minister, a Call has been prepared and is available for signature after morning worship on Sundays, the 3rd and 10th July when those whose names are on the Electoral Register may sign in person or by means of mandates. Forms of mandate may be obtained from the Session Clerk, Margo McMurdo. A Paper of Concurrence is also available for signature by anyone connected with the congregation but whose name is not on the Electoral Register.

The Call may also be signed at Brockwellmuir Cottage, Dunlop on Tuesday 5th July and Thursday 7th July between the hours of 6pm and 7pm each day.

Please Contact Margo 01560 484824

The next steps will be for our Presbytery to organise a Thursday evening induction service for Rev Billy Burnside. It is hoped this will be in August or early September.

The Nominating Committee have now successfully completed their work and we would like to thank all the committee members for their vision, dedication and the many, many hours they toiled on behalf of both congregations.

Margo McMurdo Session Clerk, Dunlop Church of Scotland.

CHURCH ROTAS Readers **Date Flowers** 3rd July Beverly Kirk Netta Howie 10th Brian McGaw David Clement 17th Isa Baird Alistair Martin 24th Jean Miller Sheila Wyllie 31st Jennifer Hunter Simon Gill 7th August Jean Currie Beverly Kirk 14th Diane Morton Mike Blyth 21st Anne Young Elizabeth Garrity

Baptisms

28th

Erin Kilpatrick 5th June 2016. Thomas Callan Reid 5th June 2016

Helen Lamb

Deaths

Barbara Wilson	1 June 2016
Gwen Lockhart	1 June 2016
Nessie McGaw	2 June 2016
John Mitchell	17 June 2016
Nat Smith	25 June 2016

"Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted."

Wednesday Coffee
This continues every Wednesday from
10am to 11.30 in the rear church hall over
the summer months. We look forward to
seeing you for a chat over coffee.

Welcome Teams

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

DUNLOP S.W.I

JULY 20th Fish tea to Largs

WEDNESDAY 31st AUGUST

The History of Stewarton Allotments Powerpoint Presentation By David McKie

The Joan Howie Trophy

- 1. A Jug of Flowers from the Garden 2. A Single Flower from the Garden
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- 4. 5 Marigolds (any kind)

Creche Rota

3rd, 10th and 17th July; Ruth Wilson

3rd July; Anne Sinclair,

10th and 17th and 24th July; Marilyn Bell 24th and 1st July and 7th; Aug Alistair Martin 31st July, 7th and 14th Aug; Christine Wallace

14th Aug; Alison Howie

21st, 28th Aug and 4th Sept; Elaine Davison

21st Aug; Anne Sinclair

28th Aug and 4th,11th Sept; Aileen Dunlop

The next meeting of the Dunlop Alzheimer's Circle of Friends will be on Thursday, 14th July, in the church hall from 2pm-4pm. Entertainment will be by Eddie, Bill and Archie. A warm welcome will be given to anyone who comes along to the meeting.

Strawberry Tea Fundraiser on June 4th

Huge thanks to everyone for their generous support. The final amount raised was £1365. This has been divided equally between Dunlop Circle of Friends and Stewarton Alzheimer's Groups.

Jess Duncan, Susan Shorrock and Jean Spence

OPEN SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

Brian McGaw

The church will be open every Sunday afternoon from 2pm - 4pm from now until 30th October. If you would like to spend some time in a peaceful building or to have a closer look at the beautiful stained glass windows, please come and visit the church.

The Clandeboye's Hall, alongside the church, is an 'A' listed building, which was built in 1641 and was one of the first free schools in Scotland. This will also be open on Sunday afternoons.

Greeting cards and a booklet about the wonderful stained glass are on sale.

You will be very welcome and, as always in Dunlop, tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

[&]quot;Let the little children come to me"