

# DUNLOP DIARY



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**From the Church of Scotland, Dunlop**

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Dear Neighbours,

At the end of May I stayed in Edinburgh for a week, as I was a Commissioner to the Church of Scotland's General Assembly. This meant, that for the first time, coming "home" meant returning to Dunlop, which was a good feeling. On my return, I couldn't help noticing some additions had been made to the village during the week I was away, but fortunately I knew not to be alarmed as I remembered that there was to be a Scarecrow Trail in the week running up to Dunlop Gala Day! So far, the scarecrows I've seen have seemed to me to be more friendly than scary - but perhaps crows feel differently about them!

There were no scarecrows in Edinburgh, but at the Assembly there was much debate on a wide range of church and theological issues over the course of the week, which will take me some time now I'm home to think about and reflect on. In between debates there were chances to share time and sometimes meals with old friends, and new. Douglas Bell was also at Assembly as an elder of Dunlop Parish Church, and his wife, Marilyn, came along to watch and listen from the public gallery when we heard about the very worthwhile and wide-ranging activities of the Church of Scotland Guild. If you would like to join the Guild in Dunlop then keep an eye out for their various activities and meetings, advertised here and elsewhere locally.

After my week spent among the crowds of city and Assembly, I am glad to be home. The Bible is full of stories of God's people traveling and journeying, of time spent in busy companionship and in peaceful alone time. Home, wherever that might be, is also a place and time spent with God, and I am glad for the home he creates for me, and for us all. A home that meets our needs - in the best way, best time and best place.

May we and our homes (and our scarecrows!) be blessed,

Alison



## **Dunlop Primary School 2017 Prizegiving**

This will be on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June in Dunlop Church at 1:15pm.

## **CHRISTIAN AID**

**COFFEE MORNING** A very big thank you to all who helped and supported the recent coffee morning. A grand total of **£748.94** was raised from donations, ticket money, the raffle, baking and plant stalls.

**THE HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTION** total stands at **£2788.39**.

A big thank you to all who collected and all those in the community who donated.

Alison Howie Christian Aid convener.

## CHURCH ROTAS

## Welcome Teams

Date	Flowers	Readers	June	July
June 4th	Linda Pinkerton	Sheila Wyllie	Annette Brown	Alan Young
11th	Marion King	Simon Gill	Elizabeth Garrity	Fred Dinning
18th	Grace Young	Beverly Kirk	Jennifer Hunter	Liz Dinning
25th	Marjorie Hamilton	Ss Prizegiving Elizabeth Garrity	Alistair Martin	Kristeen Hare
July 2nd	Beverly Kirk	Mike Blyth	Brian McGaw	Jim Mundell
9th	Brian McGaw	Sheila Wyllie	David Mitchell	Fiona Thomson
16th	Isa Baird	Bob Brown	Anne Sinclair	Anne Young
23rd	Jean Spence	Marilyn Bell	<b>August</b>	
30th	Jennifer Hunter	Lynn Davidson	Mike Blyth	
August 6th	Jean Currie	Anne Sinclair	Carolyn Blyth	
13th	Diane Morton	Roy Wyllie	David Clement	
20	Anne Young	Alistair Martin	Carol Fraser	
27th	Dorothy Brown	Netta Howie	Netta Howie	
			Calum Macdonald	
			Mitchell Wilson	

## Church Services:

Morning Worship every Sunday morning at 11:30am.

Crèche and Sunday School meet in the church at 11:30am.

All age Sunday School commences Sunday 2 July 2017 – ALL WELCOME

**The Congregational Board and Kirk Session** will meet on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June, at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

### Creche Rota

4th & 11th June Graham Kilgour & Jen Smith  
18th, 25th June & 2nd July Ruth Wilson & Alistair Martin  
9th, 16th, 23rd July Marilyn Bell & Christine Wallace  
30th July Ann Millar & Elma Mitchell  
6th, 13th, 20th Aug Aileen Dunlop & Maureen Jackson

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

As Alison said in her letter on the front page we attended the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in Edinburgh at the end of May. In the light of all the elections etc we have had recently with attendant animosity, half-truths and downright lies from all sides I must share my over-riding thought from the week.

It was such a joy to listen to reasoned debate from people, often with diametrically opposing views, who still managed to show respect for, and listen to, each other.

Politicians could learn a lot from the church.

Douglas



Dunlop Community Cinema:  
We have decided to NOT show Moonlight in June, and so our current season is over, and we look forward to seeing you all after the summer holidays!

**DUNLOP W.R.I.**  
**SATURDAY 10th JUNE**

**SUMMER OUTING (to be arranged)**

**WEDNESDAY 19th JULY**  
**Fish tea to Largs**

**WEDNESDAY 30th AUGUST**

**Floral Art Demonstration**

**By Mrs Margaret Hodge**

The Joan Howie Trophy

1. A Jug of Flowers from the Garden
2. A Single Flower from the Garden
3. An Arrangement in a Kitchen Utensil
4. 5 Marigolds (any kind)

Competitions: Something Beginning With The Letter N

**DUNLOP VILLAGE HALL**  
**SUMMER 'SPRING' CLEAN**

During the first fortnight in July we will be looking for volunteers to give the Village Hall a good 'spring clean.' Look out for posters confirming the dates and come and give a hand, even if it is only for an hour.

## CONSERVATORY CAFÉ - SUMMER OPENING TIMES

The café will be open from 9am to 12noon on Gala Day, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, when there will be bacon rolls, teas, coffee and home baking, etc.

It will be closed on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June when the hall is being used as the Polling Station for the General Election, but will be open as usual on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June. After that it will be closed on Thursdays throughout the school holidays and will reopen on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August. It will also be closed on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July and Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August.

**Throughout the summer the café will continue to be open every Friday as usual.**

The café helps to fund the upkeep of the hall so please come along and enjoy a light lunch or just a coffee and some cake.

**Wing & A Prayer Theatre Productions present**  
**'THE MUSICAL'**

**In Dunlop Village Hall, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July and Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

**Tickets £10 - available from The Post Office or Dunlop & District Community Company**

## HANGING BASKETS

The Community Council has again organised hanging baskets in Dunlop and plant troughs at Lugton. Thanks are due to Lugton Burns Club and the Gala for generous donations to help fund this.

A small grant was also obtained from EAC but additional donations are always welcome.

We hope you enjoy the display, but to keep the plants healthy the baskets need to be watered regularly, especially when the weather is hot. If you have a basket near your house it would be good if you could 'adopt' it and keep it looking fresh.

The next meeting of the **Dunlop Alzheimer's Circle of Friends Musical Minds** will be on Thursday, 8th June 2017, in the church hall from 2pm-4pm. The group is meant for anyone affected by Alzheimer's or dementia, but all who are interested will be made very welcome. Bill will provide the music. Contact Susan Shorrock 482109 or Jean Spence 428593

## Dunlop Gallery—Annual photo competition

It's time to get the camera out again for our annual photo competition. The theme this year is "Seasons", and we will be offering prizes for the best entries. We are also looking for local scenes to be made into a calendar for the end of the year. There will be a children's section as well as the adult section, and prize vouchers are being donated by Gallery 2 in Kilmarnock.

The hand in date for entries is Friday the 9th of June, in the Conservatory Cafe, between 12 and 2pm. If you aren't able to make this, you may also hand them in to Ellenor Ferguson at 3 Lugton Road (07811095600), or Shiona Paterson at 24 Stewarton Road (07506951620).

In the meantime, Liliac Conroy's exhibition of local scenes painted on silk will be showing until the 14th of June, and the opening night of the photographic exhibition will be held on Thursday the 15th between 7 and 9pm. Prize winners will be announced then.

For further details, please contact either Ellenor or Shiona.  
Time to get snapping!

### OPEN SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

The church will be open every Sunday afternoon from 2pm – 4pm from 7<sup>th</sup> May until 29<sup>th</sup> 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 on the wonderful stained glass are on sale.

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

### Dunlop Young Farmers Club 75th Birthday Celebrations

A meeting will take place on Sunday 11th June 2017 in Dunlop church hall at 7.30pm to discuss arrangements to mark 75 years since Dunlop Young Farmers Club was formed.

All past members are invited to attend and put forward suggestions on how they would like this occasion celebrated.

For further information please contact David Robertson 01294 850207 or 07815646533

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*Please Note: There will be no Diary in July and August, so the next Diary will be due to be delivered at the beginning of September.*