

DUNLOP DIARY



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Hi Folks,

I am writing this to you, having just returned from sitting comfortably on a sunny bench in the grounds of Pollok House. Yes, I kid you not! The contrast between this and the gloomy, drenching days we have had, has made today noteworthy for me. What a difference warmth and light can make to how we feel about life.

Noteworthy days are also looming up in the church's year, and earlier than we usually anticipate. We are already almost through Lent and soon Easter will be upon us.

Like my day in the sun today, Easter was preceded by gloom and darkness. That is how the Gospel writers describe in pictorial terms what happened when Jesus was crucified on Good Friday—'darkness covered the whole country'. The writers may not have been so much describing the physical atmosphere as the spiritual gloom which descended upon the disciples at the loss of Jesus from their midst.

But what a difference another day, another experience brought to them. It is not easy to describe in a few words what Resurrection meant for them and can mean for us. What the writers try to convey to us: is that the gloom and despair lifted from the disciples, their courage returned, their faith was renewed, hope and purpose re-entered their lives. They felt themselves again in the presence of God's love in Christ. The light and warmth of that experience made all the difference to their lives. This was their day in the sun. Now they could face anything, strengthened by God's presence and love.

I hope Easter brings you that experience, your day in the sun.

A HAPPY EASTER to you

Iain Roy

HOLY WEEK SERVICES – 2016 (LINKED CONGREGATIONS OF CALDWELL AND DUNLOP)

Sun 20th March – Palm Sunday - 11.30am

Thurs 24th March - Dunlop Primary School Easter Service
(Dunlop Church) - 9.30am

Thurs 24th March - Maundy Thursday Service (Dunlop Church)
including a short Communion and music by the joint choirs of
Caldwell and Dunlop - 7.00pm

Friday 25th March - Good Friday Joint Service (Dunlop Church) - 7.00pm

Sunday 27th March – Early Morning Service
at Alison and Sandy Hutchison, Townhead of Fullwood
(Phone 01560 484824 for travel directions) - 8.30am

Easter Sunday Morning Service (Dunlop Church) followed
by a short Communion Service - 11.30am



CHURCH ROTAS

Date	Flowers	Readers
Mar 6th	Anne Sinclair	Roy Wyllie
13th	Sandra King	Alison Howie
20th	Margaret Hunter	David Clement
27th	Bertha Horne	Anne Sinclair

Creche Rota

6th March Maureen Jackson & Pamela Young
13th & 20th March Pamela Young & Isabel Kerr

Welcome Teams

March

Annette Brown
David Clement
Elizabeth Garrity
Jennifer Hunter
Alastair Martin
David Mitchell
Anne Sinclair

April

Alan Young
Fred Dinning
Liz Dinning
Kristeen Hare
Jim Mundell
Fiona Thomson
Anne Young

DUNLOP S.W.I

WEDNESDAY 30th MARCH

Old Time Games

By Mrs Annie Sutherland

Competitions: A Knitted Tea Cosy
An Article Beginning With M

JOHN RUTTER
CELEBRATING 70 YEARS
INTRODUCING NEW MUSICAL DIRECTOR
ALISTAIR DIGGES
MAGNIFICAT AND
MASS OF THE CHILDREN
WITH INVERCLYDE SCHOOLS' JUNIOR CHOIR
SOPRANO - CATRIONA CLARK AND BARITONE - DOUGLAS NAIRNE
KILMARNOCK
choral:
Kilmarnock & District Choral Union
WEDNESDAY 30 MARCH 2016 - 7.30PM
THE GRAND HALL, KILMARNOCK, Ayrshire
TICKETS - £7.00 AND £5.00 FOR UNDER 16s
WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/DATE/234596 OR FROM MEMBERS CALL 07729 812 205
Find us on Facebook www.kilmarnockchoral.org.uk

The next meeting of the Dunlop Alzheimer's Circle of Friends will be on Thursday, 10th March, in the church hall from 2pm-4pm. A warm welcome will be given to anyone who comes along to the meeting.

GUILD

MARCH

1st Kilmarnock & District Choral Union
In Dunlop church at 7.30pm
15th Inter-Guild in Dunlop Church
Night at the Pictures
Mr Tom Marchant
22nd Holy Week
29th Fenwick Spring Tea

APRIL

5th Struther + AGM

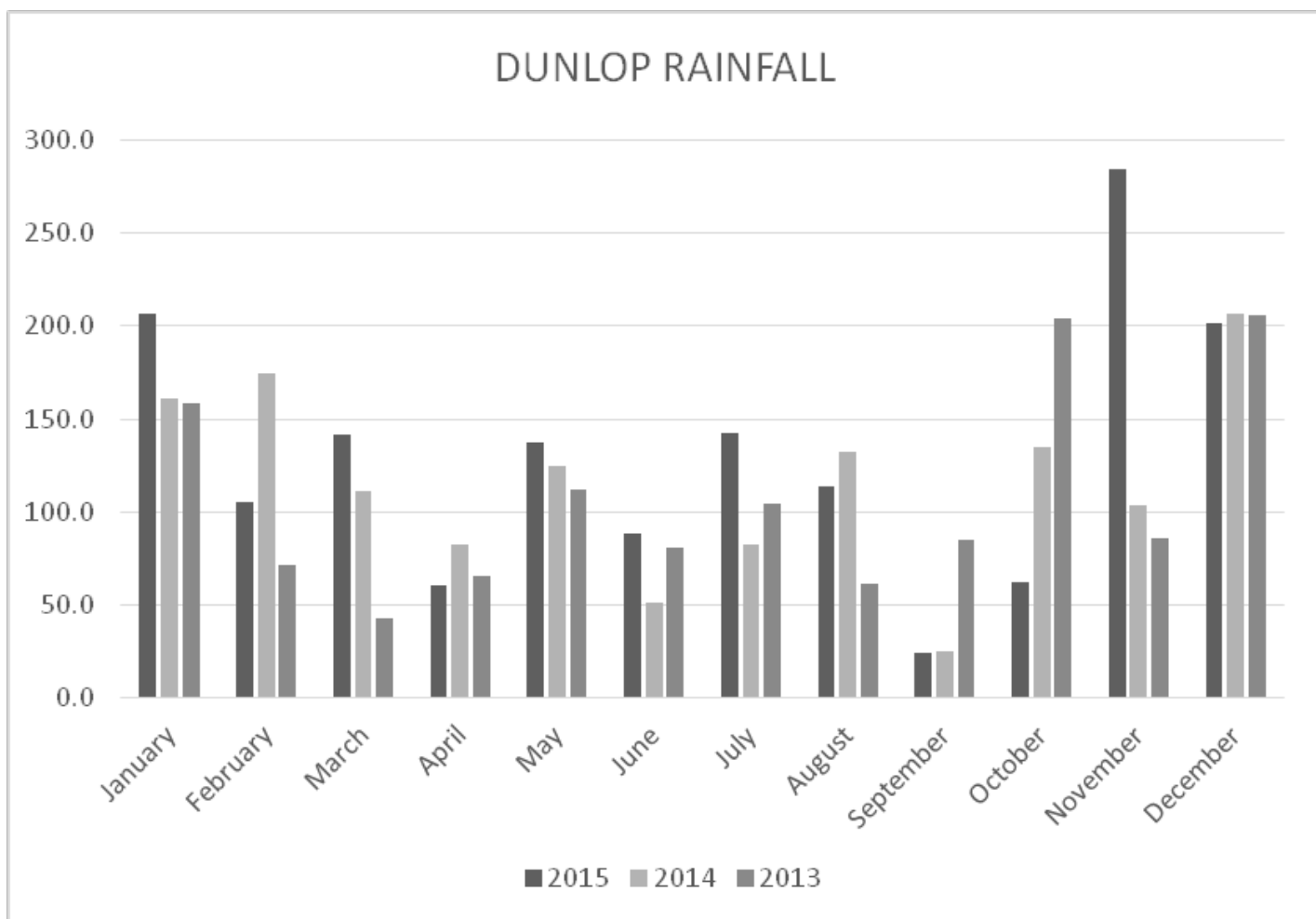
A Sunday School teacher was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute." -

Tickets for Grand Hall on 30th March available from Iain Roy, Marilyn Bell, Pat Douglas and Aileen Howie

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be a grand opening of the Kids Kabin for the children on Sunday 20th March with a few refreshments and puzzles to welcome them into their new premises. No more long walks in the rain up to the church hall! Our thanks to Jimmy Howie and his helpers for all their hard work in getting this ready for the Middle and Upper classes

DUNLOP AND LUGTON SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION WILL BE HOLDING A COFFEE MORNING ON SATURDAY 19 MARCH 2016 IN THE CHURCH HALL BETWEEN 10AM AND 12 NOON. BAKING STALL, TOMBOLA, RAFFLE AND SPECIAL RAFFLE. EVERYONE WELCOME



Fed up with all the rain? In 2015, Dunlop recorded 1567.6mm of rain (that's nearly 62 inches!) November was the wettest month by far, but December was similar to the last two years. ...and look at how dry September was ! Thanks to Jim MacColl for providing these statistics. (The rain gauge is situated 143m above sea level at The Hill, Dunlop. All the recordings are sent to SEPA.)

Art Exhibitions in the village hall - March/April 2016

The current exhibition is by **Ruth Corbett** and runs until **Thursday 17th March**.

Ruth paints sea-scapes, landscapes, small still life studies and animal portraits. She enjoys trying to capture the essence of her subject matter, a fleeting sky, stillness or an expression in a portrait. In 2014 Ruth won the Irvine Harbour Arts Centre award for one of her paintings and she regularly gets commissioned to paint animal portraits.

The next exhibition is by **the Primary 5 children from Dunlop Primary School**. The Open Evening will be held on **Wednesday 23rd March from 6.30pm to 7.30pm**. Juice and biscuits will be served by the pupils. This exhibition runs until Thursday, 21st April. Everyone is welcome to come to the Open Evening.



Viewings are also available when the village hall is open and in particular when the cafe is open on Thursdays and Fridays and on Saturdays, 5th March and 2nd April and on Cinema evenings.

Thursday, 24th March, at 9.30 a.m.: Dunlop Primary School Easter Service, in church.

Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice

Bagpack in Asda on Saturday 12th March 2016

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 12th March 2016 – no previous experience required!!!

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

Dunlop Community Cinema:

5th Mar @ 7.30pm **Whiplash** (15), USA Drama/ Music, 2015 Best Supporting Actor Oscar (JK Simmons), #44 in IMDBs best films of all time.

‘The road to excellence is littered with bloody Band-Aids, splintered drum sticks and daddy issues in this lively study of musical obsession’ The Guardian

‘Superb performances... make this jazz drum drama a dazzling success’ Telegraph

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, “Why is the bride dressed in white?” The mother replied, “Because white is the colour of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life.” The child thought about this for a moment then said, “So why is the groom wearing black?”

The Stewarton Mamas and Papas Choir will be holding their main annual concerts on Friday 18th and Saturday 19th March in the Stewarton Area Centre at 7.30pm. There will be a Wine and Beer Bar run by SWAT, and a Charity Raffle each night. Tickets costing £9.00, under 16s £5.00 available from Choir Members or contact Brigid on 07980 464271, email brigidallen@btinternet.com.

Come along and hear a wide selection of music, from the musicals to John Rutter!

Dunlop Primary PA

Family Ceilidh featuring the Caraidean Ceilidh Band, Sat March 12th, 6.30 - 9.30pm, Dunlop Village Hall. Adults £10, Children £5, Family £25, includes finger food supper. Tickets from Alison Spiers, Kate Murray or Jen Gaskin, by email dunlopPAevents@yahoo.com or on 07939 019410

Dunlop Primary School Parents Association SC032689

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