

DUNLOP DIARY



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Hello!

I can hardly believe it's that time again when we start wondering about what seeds to buy for the garden!

At the same time we are beginning to see what treasures, which have been "hidden" throughout the winter, are now beginning to pop up in the various borders and patches to delight us once again like crocuses, tulips and daffodils. Of course, it's not magic and it doesn't happen by "chance". We all know it will happen though not exactly how. In that sense a garden is never a "done deal" but "a work in progress" – surprising us on the one hand, and on the other resulting from all the work we do in it. That's not so different from all sorts of human activity. We are surprised at what sometimes happens to us and to others, and we are challenged and FULFILLED by what we achieve because of the effort and hard work we put into projects, careers and relationships.

We shouldn't be surprised to discover that that is the way God deals with us and how faith works.

We can be unexpectedly surprised on the one hand, and can REJOICE on the other to realise that because faith is "a work in progress" we can be conscious of God's love working in our lives.

Now THAT'S a "treasure"!!

God bless!

Alan Garrity

The Vacancy *wonderful news*

On Sunday 12th February the 'Sole Nominee', the Rev. Alison McBrier 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. Alison McBrier 180 AGAINST 2

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

The Rev. Alison McBrier accepted the Call.

Subscribing the Call

Having elected Rev. Alison McBrier, to be our minister, a Call was prepared and made available for signature by those whose names are on the Electoral Register.

The next steps will be for our Presbytery to organise a Thursday evening induction service for Rev. Alison McBrier. It is hoped this will be on 30th March 2017 in Dunlop Church with the Social afterwards in the Muir Hall, Uplawmoor.

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

CHURCH ROTAS

Date	Flowers	Readers	Welcome Teams	
			March	April
Mar 5th	Anne Sinclair	Mike Blyth	Mike Blyth	Jimmy Howie
12th	Carolyn Blyth	Beverly Kirk	Carolyn Blyth	Douglas Bell
19th	Margaret Hunter	Brian McGaw	David Clement	Marilyn Bell
26th	Bertha Horne	Lynn Davidson	Carol Fraser	John Campbell
			Netta Howie	Alison Howie
April 2nd	Kristeen Hare	Bob Brown	Calum McDonald	Isabel Kerr
9th	Irene Neilson	Anne Sinclair	Mitchell Wilson	Andrew Pinkerton
16th	Margo McMurdo	Roy Wyllie		Linda Pinkerton
23rd	Susan McColl	Marilyn Bell		
30th	Doris Livingston	Alistair Martin		

Deaths

Mrs Louis Hutchison January 2017
Mrs Helen Lamb January 2017

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

Creche Rota

26th Feb, 5th and 12th March; Aileen Dunlop
5th, 12th and 19th March; Maureen Jackson
19th, 26th Mar and 2nd April; Greer Thompson

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.

30th March Induction Service Rev. Alison McBrier Dunlop Church 7pm. (tbc)
Followed by the ‘Social’ in the Muir Hall, Uplawmoor.

Dunlop S.W.I.

WEDNESDAY 29th MARCH

Forty Two Years in Education
By Pat Allen

Competitions: A Small Knitted Rabbit
An Article Beginning With L

Dunlop and Lugton Senior Citizens Association's Spring coffee morning

will be held on
Saturday 25th March 2017 in the Church Hall from
10am till 12noon. Tickets £2 for adults £1 for children.
Usual stalls.
All welcome.

The next meeting of the **Dunlop Alzheimer's Circle of Friends Musical Minds** will be on Thursday, 9th March 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.
Eddie will provide the music. Contact Susan Shorrock 482109 or Jean Spence 428593

GUILD

MARCH

7th Inter-Guild in Dunlop Church Aeolian Choir All welcome. There is no charge for this concert but all donations will be much appreciated and will go to guild projects
14th AGM Quiz and Beetle Drive
21st Inter-Guild at John Knox
28th Dinner at Struther

March Art Exhibition: Gillian Park

Gillian Park will be exhibiting her work in the Village Hall this month. There will not be an opening night, but do come along when the cafe is open on Thursdays and Fridays and the first Saturday in April, and also when the Hall is open for other events. The dates for Gillian's show are from the 17th of March till the 19th of April. All work will be for sale, so pop in, have some lunch at the cafe, and enjoy Gillian's latest paintings.

contact details for the Arts Committee are:

Ellenor Ferguson-01560 485373 or 07811 045600

Shiona Paterson-01560 484686 or 07506 951620

Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice

Bagpack in Asda on Saturday 25th March 2017

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 25th March 2017 – no previous experience required!!!



Sat 4th Mar 'Rogue One: a star wars story' (12A) And it's back! Felicity Jones fronts the resistance against the Empire in a convincing spin-off that blends nostalgia with cutting-edge. Also with Riz Ahmed & Mads Mikkelsen;

Sun 5th Mar 'Moana' (PG) The latest double Oscar nominated Disney animation... 'A crowd-pleasing oceanic musical with big tunes and beguiling characters, Moana is likely to thwack a big smile on your face' Empire Online;

Fri 17th Mar 'A United Kingdom' (12A) 'This true-life romance (starring Rosamund Pike and David Oyelowo) between an English office clerk and the future king of Botswana is a beautifully shot, crowd-pleasing gem' Guardian .

Please note, we are also planning to screen Ken Loach's '**I, Daniel Blake**' (15) (winner of the Palme d'Or in Cannes, and Outstanding British film at the BAFTAs), but a date is yet to be set – please keep your eyes peeled for details. This will be a free screening - the licence for this film has kindly been paid for by the Batey family, in memory of Davina. We will be requesting people to bring, if they can, items (or money) for the local food bank.

Who - Dreghorn Musical Society

Where - Dunlop Church



When - Friday 24th March at 7.30pm

"Spring Sing"

Please come along and enjoy an evening of light music for Spring to be performed by some fifty singers from this popular and well renowned local mixed voice choir under the direction of Stephen Cowan

Tickets £5 available from

Fiona Thomson 01560 486715

Marge Cuthbertson 01560 484524

Carolyn Blyth 01560 484846



Charity Coffee Morning

St John, Scotland Coffee Morning **in aid of Crosshouse Hospital**

Renal Unit will be held on Saturday 4th March in St Columba's Church Hall Stewarton from 10am-12md

Tickets are now available from Jess Duncan 01560 484050 and Fiona Thomson 01560 486715