

# DUNLOP DIARY



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As I write this piece on a sunny, beautifully autumnal Sunday afternoon, a half-remembered line tugs at the edge of my memory. Google (other search engines, or people with better memories than mine, are available!) comes to my rescue and I have it! "The past is a foreign country: they do things differently there". It's the opening line of *The Go-Between* by LP Hartley. I'm not sure whether or not I've read the book, but this line is very familiar to me. According to the internet, I'm far from the only person who has this sentence lurking in their memory, and I'm sure that this is because it expresses something which seems to ring true.

Often, when speaking about Bible stories, I'm aware that many of us do consign them to a past in which things were done differently and which we may think has little to nothing to do with us and our lives in the here and now.

But if we really engage with the scriptures, with the men, women and children who play key roles or peripheral parts in the various grand dramas or vignettes described for us in the pages of the Bible, we might begin to see the similarities of personality, character and emotion we share with those people of the past. And we see consistency in God's relationship with us - the condemnation of behaviours which result in injustice, oppression and harm. The call to love and to show that love in our words, our thoughts and our actions.

The ability to empathise, to feel with and "to walk in someone else's shoes" is key to understanding those who have gone before us, but also people of our own time. It would be a dull world if we didn't do things differently from each other, but it would be a very lonely and even dangerous world if we were to allow ourselves to be separated one from the other because of that.

Throughout the scriptures we see how God has created us in wonderful diversity, each with our own unique combination of gifts, personalities and abilities. He encourages us to build relationships with each other and with Him, to come together in ways which are mutually beneficial, strengthening and inspiring, and to show his love to the whole world.

May all our lives be blessed, in their differences and in their similarities!

Alison

## ***Dunlop Kirk –Services and Events***

All warmly welcomed

**Sunday Morning Worship – 11.30 am**

**Sunday Crèche – 11.30 am**

**Sunday School – 11.30 am**

***Exploring the Bible, Tuesdays in Caldwell Vestry 10.30am***

**Evening Service Wednesday 7th November 6.30pm in rear Church Hall**

## CHURCH ROTAS

## Welcome Teams

Date	Flowers	Readers	November	December
4th Nov	Janice McGregor	Marilyn Bell	Mike Blyth	Jimmy Howie
11th	Andrew Howie	Netta Howie	Carolyn Blyth	Douglas Bell
18th	Morag McNaught	Mike Blyth	David Clement	Marilyn Bell
25th	Margaret & Emily	Lynn Davidson	Carol Fraser	John Campbell
			Netta Howie	Alison Howie
2nd Dec	Betty Robertson	Roy Wyllie	Calum MacDonald	Isabel Kerr
9th	Jess Duncan	Alison Howie	Mitchell Wilson	Andrew Pinkerton
16th	Aileen Howie	Simon Gill		Linda Pinkerton
23rd	Ann Howatson	Lynn Moss		
30th	Dorothy Brown	Brian McGaw		

## Creche Rota

**To mark the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Armistice a two-minute silence will be held at the War Memorial in the graveyard at 11.00 am on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 followed by laying of poppies.**

**Afterwards all who attend are invited into the church for tea, coffee and cake. The Remembrance Service will start in the church at 11:45 am. Joining the rest of the Nation the church bells will be rung at 12:30 pm.**

Dunlop and Lugton Senior Citizens Association

The annual Christmas Lunch will take place this year on Thursday 6th December in the Community hall 12 noon for 12.30. Struther Farmhouse will once again provide the catering and of course the Primary School choir will entertain us. Tickets this year will be £7 per person. The committee look forward to welcoming you all to what will surely be another great day. Tickets will be distributed by your committee representative by the middle of November in order that numbers can be catered for.

**DUNLOP S.W.I.**  
November 11th  
Laying of wreath  
Greer Thomson

November 14th  
A.G.M.  
Taste and try  
(please remember your recipe)

Competitions: Knitted elf (given pattern)  
Wrapped 100th birthday present

## GUILD

### NOVEMBER

6th Hearing Dog (Freddie)  
Margaret Duguid  
20th Scarf Lady  
Denise Winton  
Sat 24th COFFEE MORNING (Fair Trade  
Stall)  
27th John Knox Interguild

All welcome

**Dunlop Alzheimer's Circle of Friends  
Birthday Lunch  
Saturday 10th November  
12.30 for 1pm  
in Village Hall  
Entry by ticket only**

It's Defibrillator Awareness Training date provided by Neilston and Uplawmoor First Responders. Thursday, 29th November 2018, 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall, Dunlop. All welcome for these free training sessions.

Dunlop Primary School PA would like to thank everyone who took part, helped out and donated to the Community Fun Run. We raised £826, most of which has been donated to the school but we have also given donations to the Alzheimer's Circle of Friends group and the Toddler Group. We could not do this without your support and would like to invite you all to our next fundraiser.

The school Christmas Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 1st December from 10am to 1pm. We have stalls, cakes, a raffle, a heavenly choir of angelic children and best of all...SANTA! Entry is £2 for adults £1 for children, and once you're finished with us you can head down to the Village Hall for some more shopping and lunch at their annual Christmas Fair. Perhaps after that you could stop off at the community pub for a refreshment to top off a busy day of community fundraising!

### Community Cinema

Turns out 'The Darkest Hour' was an appropriate name as our first film of the new season fell foul of technical gremlins. All customers were refunded and again, we apologise for the disappointment BUT it will return – FRIDAY NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> we will screen Gary Oldman's Oscar-winning portrayal of Winston Churchill and we hope those who came along first time round will join us again. Before that, on SATURDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER, we have 'The Post'. Meryl Streep and Tom Hanks as the owner and editor of the Washington Post battle with a crook in the Whitehouse and a government set on deceiving the American public.

We are also screening a number of films as part of the INTO Film Festival which is a free annual celebration of film for 5-19 year olds. 'The BFG' is being shown on THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, and 'Maya the Bee', suitable for younger children, on FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>. 'My Life as a Courgette', a French film with English subtitles will be shown on TUESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup>. All INTO Film screenings are at 10am. For more information on INTO Film, have a look at their website <https://www.intofilm.org/>

Our Film Club film on FRIDAY NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> is 'Nae Pasaran'. This documentary tells the incredible true story of the Scottish factory workers who, in 1974, refused to repair jet engines from the Chilean Air Force in protest against Pinochet's brutal dictatorship. It was the longest single action of international solidarity in the UK and the workers never found out the scale of their impact. Until now...

Sharma's Street Food and Merito have teamed up to offer a 'pre cinema' curry for cinema goers on the 16<sup>th</sup> November. If interested please contact Annie & Parveen via their Facebook page or email [sharmasstreetfood@gmail.com](mailto:sharmasstreetfood@gmail.com) in order to book a table.....Sounds like a great Friday night – a fantastic curry, maybe a cheeky wee beer, then wander down to the cinema for a brilliant film where you can grab some delicious ice-cream for desert.

As ever, all evening films begin at 7.30 and remember to bring your loyalty card...collect 5 of those shiny stars to get free entry to one of our screenings Hope to see you soon!



Once again Dunlop Players have been rehearsing hard for their upcoming pantomime. This year we are proud to perform **The Emperor's New Clothes** written by PL McQueen and directed by Alan Mitchell & Suzanne Wellington. Performances will take place in Dunlop Village Hall on:

Thursday 22nd November at 7.30pm  
Friday 23rd November at 7.30pm  
Saturday 24th November at 1.30pm & 6.30pm.

Tickets are priced at £7 per adult and £5 per child/concession and can be bought from Norman's Newsagent, Dunlop Post Office. Alternatively you can pop into the Village Hall on a Tuesday/ Thursday evening from 7.30pm and Sundays from 2pm.

Tel: Stephanie on 07480083438 or  
email: [dunlopplayers@outlook.com](mailto:dunlopplayers@outlook.com).

We would like to thank you all for your continued support and look forward to seeing you at the show!

### SPECIAL EDITION CHRISTMAS CARDS

featuring two of Dunlop Kirk's Stained Glass Windows :

**THE BELL TOWER WINDOW**

(shining like a beacon as you travel down Main Street on a winter evening)

**THE RESURRECTION WINDOW**

(depicting the elements of Nature coming to life after winter)

Both windows were designed by the famous stained glass artist, Gordon Webster.

The cards cost £2 each or £5 for a set of three

(They are also available blank for your own message)

### STAINED GLASS BOOKLET

The booklet makes a delightful present,  
easily wrapped and easily posted.

£5 per copy

**Available at the Church or by phoning 01560 484846**

## DUNLOP GALLERY CHRISTMAS SHOW

This month we will be showing our regular Christmas exhibition. It will be held on the evening of the 15th of November, from 7 till 9 as usual. We have various local artists showing their work, and it's an ideal opportunity to buy that special Christmas present. There will be wine and nibbles, and a chance to meet the artists and have a chat. If you need any more information, then phone Ellenor at 07811045600, or Shiona at 07506951620. Hope to see you there!

### Village Hall Events

**FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

SAVE THE DATE



Dunlop and Lugton Park Association is pleased to announce two new appointments to its Board of Directors. They are Eric Milligan and Jim Ryan, both energetic family men who have lived in the village for a number of years and have young children attending the primary school. Their appointments are welcome additions to our Board and the considerable range of diverse experience, practical skills and talents they collectively bring will further enhance our ability to maintain and protect our popular and well-used facilities.

Our park area, which includes the children's play, multicourt and outdoor exercise facilities, has just celebrated its 14<sup>th</sup> year under community management and with solid finances, an enhanced Board and increasing numbers of volunteers we remain confident for the future.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers and many members of the wider community for their regular, invaluable and usually unsung help and support which ensures this very successful community facility remains clean, tidy and safe for all.



### CENTENARY EVENT 1918-2018

**19 DECEMBER 2018, 6pm for 6.30pm  
DUNLOP VILLAGE HALL**

- Do you have a family history with the "Innert"?
- Are you a past member?
- Are you thinking about joining?
- Do you enjoy a good night out with friends?

If the answer is yes, why not buy one of our limited number, non-member tickets and join our very special Centenary Event this December.

Enjoy a glass of fizz on arrival, Vintage High Tea, great local entertainment, good company and be transported across 100yrs of rural traditions in Dunlop.

**TICKETS: £15 first come basis,  
available via Sybil on 01560 484683**

### Dunlop Christmas Fair



**Dunlop Village Hall  
Saturday  
1st December  
1pm till 4pm**

**Treat yourself to a light lunch in the conservatory café.**

**Visit our stalls:  
Home baking, knitwear,  
Cards and wrapping,  
Jewellery, pictures  
Wreaths and many  
more gifts**

