

From the Church of Scotland, Dunlop

October 2019

Dear friends and neighbours,

We are living in uncertain and unpredictable times. It used to be said that a week is a long time in politics, but it now seems that even a day is a long time with events moving so rapidly. Key events, significant decisions and landmark legal rulings are coming so quickly one after the other that it is hard thoughtfully to consider and analyse what is happening. It is very understandable then that our response may be to stop trying to keep up, or more worryingly, to adopt a rigid, black-and-white, binary, us-and-them, attitude. History has shown us, repeatedly, how the latter response particularly can lead to conflict and division which tear at countries, communities and even families for generations.

It was a blessed relief then, in the midst of all this doom and gloom, to see the return of a new season of Messy Church. Families, neighbours, friends - old and new - coming together to worship, be creative and share food together. There was fun, laughter, sharing, and lots of chatter from the youngest to the oldest and everyone in between.

It was our Harvest weekend and so many of our activities centred on planting and growing, sharing and giving. It seems to me that Harvest is very much a time for giving thanks to God, and our food producers, and also a time for coming together to celebrate our communities and neighbours. It's a time when we are reminded that although we may have our differences, we are dependent on each other, and that our lives are enriched beyond measure when we are united.

In the weeks and months ahead, let us be alert to those who seek to divide, and instead work always to strengthen the bonds which hold us together.

Peace be with you,

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

Morning Communion Service, Sunday 27th October 2019 11.30 am

'All who love the Lord are welcome'

AYRSHIRE HOSPICE CHRISTMAS CARDS

The cards are once again for sale during October at 8 Stewarton Road, Dunlop.

If you are interested please telephone Jennifer on 01560 484828.

The cards will also be on sale at the Craft Fair on Friday 1st November in the Village Hall. Any unsold cards will be returned to the Hospice after the Fair.

Welcome Teams CHURCH ROTAS October November **Date Flowers** Readers Jimmy Howie Sandy Hutchison Douglas Bell Lynn Davidson Oct 6th Jeanette Picken Carol Fraser Marilyn Bell Jess Duncan Netta Howie David Clement 13th John Campbell Irene Kerr 20th Fiona Walker Lynn Moss Alison Howie Margaret Robb Andrew Pinkerton Roy Wyllie 27th Susan Shorrock Communion Linda Pinkerton Sheila Wyllie Nov 3rd Janice McGregor Mike Blyth 10th Netta Howie Andrew Howie **Creche Rota** 17th Morag McNaught Brian McGaw Oct 6th, 13th, 20th Aileen Dunlop & Annette Brown 24th Margaret & Emily Roy Wyllie

Deaths

Mr Kenneth McLeod Wardrop August 2019 Mrs Margaret Miller Park September 2019

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

Flu Clinic in Dunlop Church Hall

Stewarton Medical Practice will be holding their annual **Flu Clinic in Dunlop Church Hall** on Wednesday, 30th October, from 9:30am to 11.30am. Teas and coffees will be available. Also that morning all donations at Wednesday Coffee, 10.00-11.30, in rear hall will go to Macmillan nurses. All welcome

8th Marie Curie Barbara Graham 15th Crossreach Project Fiona Sutherland 22nd East Ayrshire Recycling Kimberly Anderson Bring and Buy All welcome

The Guild would like to thank everyone who filled a Sunshine Bag over the summer A grand total of £233.51 has been collected which will go towards this year's Guild Projects.

There is still time if you have a bag to return which can be brought to Church on any Sunday.

On behalf of the Guild, thank you once again for your generosity.

Alzheimers Circle of Friends

Our next meeting is Thursday 10th October from 2pm till 4pm. We will be having Fancy Dress for Halloween with prizes. Eddie, & Bill will provide the music. Everyone welcome for music, fun and games.

Contact Susan Shorrock 482109 or Christine 483491 S.W.I.

October 30th Margaret Brown DEMONSTRATION on BEAD WORK

Competitions 3 Treacle oven scones A Halloween Hat Dunlop Messy Church will be on Saturday, 26th October from 4 - 6pm in the Church Hall.

There will be arts and crafts, games and activities all linked to the theme of that month's Bible story. Messy Church is for all ages, and it's a chance for adults and children alike to do things together, learn from each other, and have fun!

Come with family, come with friends, come on your own. Messy Church ends with a shared meal, and a chance to chat, catch up with friends and make new ones.

Messy Church is free of charge!

Would you like to help at Messy Church?

We will have six Messy Churches over the year and would love if you could help at even one.

A variety of help is required, setting up before Messy Church, food preparation, home baking, help with crafts, with our songs, with our fun activities, with our meal, clearing up afterwards. So, if you could help with any of these, please call Margo 01560 484824 or Debby 01560 484011.

DUNLOP GALLERY

If you haven't been able to get to the Conservatory Cafe yet this month, then you still have time to go and see the **Tuesday Art Group's** latest work. This exhibition will run until the 8th of October, and it is well worth a visit. Have a coffee or lunch while you are there!

The next exhibition will be by local artist **Frank Paterson.** Frank has been busy painting both local scenes, and landscapes from further afield. The open evening will be held on Friday the 11th of October, from 7 till 9, and as usual, there will be wine, soft drinks and nibbles. Come along and see Frank's new work, and maybe buy a painting. The exhibition will run until the 14th of November, so if you can't make it along to the opening, you can pop in to see it during cafe opening hours, or at other Hall events.

If you have any further questions, please call Ellenor at 07811045600.

Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice:

The annual Craft Fair in aid of the hospice will take place on Friday 1st November in the village hall

Please come and enjoy over 20 different crafters, home baking, a raffle and the last chance to buy your

Ayrshire Hospice Christmas Cards.

Open from 7.30 till 9:30 pm

Entrance £2.50 which includes tea with home baking.

Dunlop Community Cinema continues into the autumn with 'The Favourite' (15) on Friday 25th October. The story of a gout-inflicted fickle Queen and her deceitful court is a period drama like no other. A black comedy with fabulous costumes and colourful language there's a fantastic trio of actresses at the centre of the plot and a flamboyantly bawdy script, Jane Austen this is not!

Superb performances are also at the centre of the next film on Friday 8th November. Stan and Ollie (PG) tells the story of Laurel and Hardy in the twilight of their years, the golden age of Hollywood behind them and a gruelling tour of Britain's music halls ahead. This is a gentle, poignant tribute to the double act with spot-on performances from Steve Coogan and John C. Reilly. Special mention too for scene-stealer Nina Arianda as Stan's wife Ida, adding some caustic wit to the charming humour. A truly lovely film, it will give you a warm glow on a cold winter night.

We are continuing our INTU film screenings this year with a screening of Ballerina (U) on Thursday 7th November at 10am. The Into Film Festival is a free, annual, nationwide celebration of film & education for 5-19 year olds, for more information please see intofilm.org.

Hope to see you soon and as ever, we have popcorn, refreshments and ice cream, and don't forget your loyalty card!

Community Games Café— Sunday 20th October—in Merito Community Hub

Switch off the screens and head down to Merito for an afternoon of board games and good old fashioned fun! We'll have a selection of classic games and some newer ones too or you can also bring your own. Perhaps if you know a thing or two about chess you could even pass on some tips to the younger generation?! Everyone welcome!

OPEN SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

The church will be open every Sunday afternoon from 2pm – 4pm until the end of October. If you haven't had a chance to visit (or would like to come again), now is the time to come and appreciate the peaceful building and have a closer look at the beautiful stained glass windows.

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. Behind the Clandeboyes is the Hans Hamilton Tomb and the marble figures of the former minister and his wife have now been reinstated. You can visit both the Hall and the Tomb.

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

On Sunday 20th October come along and hear Sadie on the organ with Carol accompanying her, in an informal recital and Sing Along between 2.30 and 3.30. As always tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

Dunlop and Lugton Senior Citizens Association are holding their Halloween Coffee Morning on Saturday 26th October between 10am and 12 noon in the Church Hall. Tickets are £2.50 for adults and £1 for children. Baking stall, special raffle along with the usual raffle. We look forward to welcoming everyone on the day. Tickets will be on sale early October and can be purchased at the door. Please give us your support as any money raised will be used towards the cost of providing the Annual Christmas Lunch for our Senior Citizens.

DUNLOP BOWLING CLUB WINTER SEASON EVENTS & OPENING TIMES

OPENING TIMES - Monday - Friday 7pm - 10pm Saturday 2pm - 8pm Sunday - Closed

BINGO

Every 2nd Saturday

from 19th October

QUIZ

2nd Thursday every Month

from 10th October

POOL & Joker Draw

Every Friday

from 11th October

Special Events

Presentation Dinner

6.30pm on 5th October £12.50 per ticket

Sally Buxton & Friends

7pm on 26th October £10 per ticket

Presidents Dinner

7pm on 9th November £25 per ticket

Christmas Dinner

7pm on 14th December £20 per ticket

Gin Night

7pm on 1st February £20 per ticket

Auction Night

7pm on 6th March FREE Entry

Race Night

7pm on 28th March £5 per ticket

Club closed for refurbishment from 24th December to 31st January 2019

TICKETS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE FROM THE BAR