

DUNLOP DIARY



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Dear friends and neighbours,

This year, 2021, seems to be passing with quite incredible speed! All of a sudden we've reached that time of year when church, village, and community life picks up pace again. Various clubs and groups start up again after their summer break, and this year some are re-starting after a much longer, pandemic-induced break. It's been great to see the Alzheimers Group - Circle of Friends back, now in the village hall, and we're looking to restart the Guild and Church Choir rehearsals soon as well.

The hanging baskets in Dunlop and Lugton brightened up the summer months. They've faded now, but the Dunlop and Lugton Poppy Fairies have plans to bring colours of Remembrance to our community again this November. Knitters and crocheters have been hard at work all year creating woollen poppies for very special displays, and elsewhere in this Diary you'll find more information about how you can help. Even if you can't knit or crochet, but have a head for heights, they'll be pleased to hear from you!

I'm sure we're all very much aware that plans can change at very short notice and as we continue to experience the reality of a global pandemic we've all become used to doing things a bit differently. It has been great to see so many of you back in church on Sunday mornings, but I'm very much aware that not everyone is able to join us yet, and so our services are now live-streamed for those who want to be part of our congregation from home. You can also watch recordings of our services, and listen to services on the telephone.

We're staying on-line for this year's Animal Blessing Service at the start of October, and are delighted to be back in the building for this year's Harvest Service on 10th October.

Maybe one reason this year seems to have gone so quickly is that we've been forced to abandon many of our usual activities and patterns of life which mark the year out for us. It is a relief in many ways to return to the rhythms of the seasons, and an opportunity to feel a renewed gratitude for all that we have and all those simple things we used to take so much for granted.

May you all know God's blessing in your lives and in your homes, now and always.

Peace, love and hope,

Alison

Rev Alison McBrier

Remembrance 2021 - Poppy Displays

Dunlop and Lugton Poppy Fairies are planning to expand on last year's poppy displays, and are looking for assistance from knitters, crocheters to make the poppies. To get the poppies displayed we're also looking for people who're good at climbing ladders and people who're good at sewing or tying poppies onto netting! Donations of wool - black, red and purple - would be welcomed and can be dropped off in the box at the Village Hall. If you'd like to get involved, then look out for our regular updates and posts on Dunlop Dwellers and Lugton Community Facebook groups. If you're not on Facebook, then contact Alison McBrier on 01560 673686 for more information.

Dunlop Kirk –Services

Sunday Morning Worship – 11.30 am in the church.

No need to book – please come and join us.

All welcome!

Our Sunday worship is available online through the Dunlop Church Facebook page and the Church website <https://dunlopkirk.org.uk>

Or the Church's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiRuNieKc-q8aU7cNkJVlhA/videos>

We also run a Zoom Session on Sunday mornings which lets us have a chat with each other and watch the service together.

Dunlop and Caldwell, Exploring the Bible, Tuesdays 10.30am via Zoom.

If you want any information on the above or would like to join our email information list, please email Margo contact@dunlopkirk.org.uk

*Morning Communion Service, Sunday 31st October 2021 11.30 am
Please bring your own small piece of bread and wine/ alcohol free wine.
We will provide plates and small glasses.*

'All who love the Lord are welcome'

Deaths

Mr Robert Morton

September 2021

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

Dunlop Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Sunday, 10th October, will be our Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

In the Church at 11.30am - all welcome.

and online on YouTube, Facebook and on our website.

That afternoon we will distribute a Harvest gift to those on our Harvest list.

The Church will be open on Saturday 9th October at 2pm to receive donations, plants, flowers and other gifts that would be useful to the Stewarton Foodbank.

If you are available to help deliver one or more plants please phone:

Alison (01560 673686) or Margo (01560 484824).

A collection will also be taken for Christian Aid.

Christian Aid envelopes will be available

at the church for the next few Sundays and on Saturday 9th.

Margo McMurdo, Session Clerk

Village Hall

**On Tuesday mornings the hall is open for coffee and chat from 10.00am—11.30am
Open to all who would like a coffee and chat.**

Remembrance Sunday 14th November 2021

**Remembrance Service - 11:30am in church and 12:30 at the War Memorial.
Masks and 1m distancing will be required.**

Details will be recorded for Test and Protect.

Both services will be lived streamed on YouTube, Facebook and on our website.

Margo McMurdo,
Session Clerk



DUNLOP ALZHEIMER CIRCLE OF FRIENDS – Next Meeting

We are delighted to announce that Dunlop Circle of Friends have started the monthly social afternoons.

Our next meeting is our **HALLOWEEN PARTY** and fancy dress is optional. There will be prizes for the best Halloween costumes and we hope to see you in your spooky outfits.

Please come along to :

Venue: **DUNLOP VILLAGE HALL**

Date: **WEDNESDAY 13TH OCTOBER**

Time: **From 2:00pm until 4:00pm**

We hope all our regular visitors will come along and we send out a warm invitation to anyone to come and join us for music, dancing, Halloween games, afternoon tea and a chat.

Friendship always at Dunlop Alzheimer Circle of Friends.

Please contact Susan Shorrock on 01560 482109 for information

Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice

The annual Craft Fair in aid of the hospice will take place on Friday
5th 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

Donation £3 which includes CakeAway

For updates on any Covid restrictions, please check Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice Facebook
page or call 07747 111994

The Ayrshire Hospice

Hospice **Christmas Cards** will be on sale in the Village Hall on

Thursdays and Fridays starting on 14th October

until the end of the month from 11am to 1pm

The Community Café will also be open - so come along and support the Hospice and
be tempted by home-made goodies and lunch.

For further information contact Carolyn 07950 049504

DUNLOP AND LUGTON SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

As President of the above Association I would like to call on all bakers within the community to rally round to assist our Committee in continuing with our twice yearly Coffee Mornings. These are held on the last Saturday in March and October.

We are a small committee with limited resources and any donations of baking, homemade sweets, etc would be of a great help in continuing in our efforts to fundraise.

The Coffee Mornings are normally very well attended and the money we raise from these goes towards the cost of any events we put on during the year.

Our next Coffee Morning which will be the first since October 2019 is being held in the Village Hall on Saturday 30th October 2021 between 10am and 12 noon.

If you can be of assistance please contact Margaret True on 07768 011183, Jan Wardrop on 07495 810432 or Ellenor Ferguson on 07811 045600.

Thanks in anticipation.

Margaret True, President

DUNLOP GALLERY

Many thanks to everyone who turned up for Nina and Nat's opening night. It was a real success, and a lovely show. So good to be able to meet up again and enjoy a glass of wine together. This exhibition will run until the 7th of October.

Our next exhibition is by local artist Ellen Ostler and keen photographer Alan Thomas. The opening night for Ellen and Alan's show will be on Friday the 8th of October, and it will run until the 10th of November. Come along to the village hall between 7 and 9, and enjoy a glass of wine while you view the pictures.

50 year old Alan Thomas lives in Kilmarnock. He first became interested in photography while living in California where his cousin was attending university to study photography. Upon returning to Scotland he bought himself a decent camera and set about 'learning the ropes'. Landscape photography is his preferred genre although he has had photoshoots involving yoga, music, children and the occasional wedding.

Ellen Oster and Alan have been friends for over 30 years. They have come together to create an exhibition of photographs and hand made felts. Alan's photographs have provided Ellen's imagery for her felts. She started making felt in 2000 and FeltsinFrames in 2010. FeltsinFrames are handmade felts inspired by nature and Scotland's stunning scenery.

New Knitting and Crochet Classes

Starting in the first week of October - on Tuesday evenings from 7-9pm and Wednesday afternoons from 2-4pm. Liz Osborne will be running the classes in the Conservatory Cafe of the Village Hall, and there will be a small charge to cover the hall rental.