

# DUNLOP DIARY



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**From the Church of Scotland, Dunlop**

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The Dunlop Diary is back after a summer of amazing sunshine, followed by all the rain we didn't get at the start of the holidays! Whatever the weather, I hope you all had a good break - whether at home or away.

There are lots of different things happening in the village and I'm delighted to let you know about a new venture the Church is about to embark upon. Messy Church will be starting in Dunlop at the end of September, and we hope many of you will come along and be part of that. 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.

Our first ever Dunlop Messy Church will be on Saturday, 29th September from 4 - 6pm in the Church Hall. Our Messy Church theme for September will be Harvest and the next day, Sunday, 30th September, we will have our annual Harvest Service in the church, which will be followed by a soup and sandwich lunch in the Village Hall. Messy Church and the Harvest Lunch are both free of charge!

It would be lovely to see you over our Harvest Weekend - whether that's at Messy Church or Sunday Church or both! You're welcome to join us whether you're with us every Sunday, every so often, not for a while or never before!

Look out on Facebook and for fliers and posters, over the next few weeks, with more information about Messy Church and the Harvest Service.

Hope to see you there!

Peace,

Alison

## **Harvest Thanksgiving**

**This will be on Sunday, 30th September.**

**The Church will be open on Saturday, 29th September from 2 - 3pm to receive donations and gifts. You can bring donations to Church on Sunday morning if this is more suitable.**

**If you prefer to donate to Christian Aid, envelopes will be available in Church.**

**Harvest Convenors are Anne Sinclair, Fiona Thomson and Alan Young.**

## ***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 5th September 6.30pm in rear Church Hall**

## CHURCH ROTAS

## Welcome Teams

Date	Flowers	Readers
2nd Sept	Christine Reid	Michael Moss
9th	Irene Kerr	Lynn Davidson
16th	Marlyn Thom	Elizabeth Graham
23rd	Bill McLatchie	Bob Brown
30th	Harvest	Elizabeth Garrity
7th Oct	Jeanette Picken	Sheila Wyllie
14th	Netta Howie	David Clement
21st	Fiona Walker	Alastair Martin
28th	Susan Shorrock	Communion

### September

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

### October

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

## Creche Rota

September 2nd, 9th	Annette Brown	and Elma Mitchell
16th	Annette Brown	and Isabel Kerr
23rd,	Anne Sinclair	and Linda Pinkerton
30th	Maureen Jackson	and Elma Mitchell
October 7th,	Aileen Dunlop	and Linda Pinkerton
14th, 21st	Aileen Dunlop	and Isabel Kerr

## Deaths

Mrs Nan Madden August 2018  
*"Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted"*

## Baptisms

Imogen McCabe 17<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
Luke Alexander O'Neil 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
Emma Elizabeth Mary McFarlane 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018

*"Let the little children come to me"*

The next meeting of the **Dunlop Alzheimer's Circle of Friends Musical Minds** will be on Thursday, 13th September, 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. Our musicians will be Eddie and Bill. Contact Susan Shorrock 482109 or Jean Spence 428593

## Safeguarding Training

Saturday 15 September 2018  
100pm-400pm  
Crosshouse Church  
Safeguarding Training for volunteers (ie crèche, Sunday School, Circle of Care helpers) who last attended such training 5+ years ago.

## GUILD

### OCTOBER

9th Dedication and Communion  
Rev Alison McBrier

Church hall 7.30pm

All welcome

### DUNLOP W.R.I.

26th September

Linda Gillon Make-up Master Class  
War Time Group

Competitions A Knitted Scarf  
A Celebration Cake  
Nancy Miller Trophy  
3 Empire Biscuits

**The Congregational Board and the Kirk Session will meet in the rear church hall on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm.**

## **29<sup>th</sup> Annual Ayrshire Doors Open Days on 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

(Organised by Kyle and Carrick Civic Society)

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September, access is available free of charge to many Ayrshire

buildings not normally open to the public. All, in different ways, are significant examples of Ayrshire's cultural and architectural heritage.

**Dunlop Kirk** will be participating on **Sunday 9th September** from 1-4pm. The church is a 'B'listed building with 27 outstanding stained glass windows to appreciate. The Clandeboyes Hall and the Hans Hamilton Tomb, both 'A' listed buildings adjacent to the Church, will be open and guides will be on hand to show visitors around the church and churchyard. Tea and coffee will be available.

Programmes are available locally in the Church, Newsagent and Post Office and also online at [www.doorsopendays.org.uk](http://www.doorsopendays.org.uk).

On any Sunday, you are very welcome to join our morning services at 11.30am and please Note that the church is also open every Sunday afternoon until the end of October from 2-4pm.

### Merito's Update

With the handover of the keys at the end of June, the first steps of turning Merito into a community-owned social enterprise were taken. There is a lot of work ahead before the vision can be fully realised but the initial stages have been encouraging. The Hub team have been working hard behind the scenes and have been very grateful for the help of other local community groups and individuals.

Having retained a working pub and restaurant, the first priority has been to ensure both continue to run well. Plans are afoot for a number of special events, new menus and guest beers whilst the old favourites such as 2 for 1 pizza Wednesday and Sharma's Street Food curry nights will continue.

It is hoped that the Village will continue to support the pub and restaurant whilst the Hub Committee develop plans for the renovation of the upper floor. They will soon be calling on the local community again for their ideas and suggestions and another village meeting is planned. The date will be announced soon and it is hoped that more people will join the team.

The community are also invited to come along to Merito on Saturday 15th September to celebrate the buy-out. The official opening ceremony will be at 11am, followed by cocktails and a finger buffet (the pub will also be open for business!). There will also be activities for kids in the Village Hall in the afternoon, with face-painting, a bouncy castle and games. Pizza and pakora will be served in the evening and if you feel like dancing, the disco will kick off at 9pm. Bingo and a drop in acoustic jam session should soothe your ailments on Sunday afternoon. Pop in anytime and contribute to the cause. Further details on the Merito Dunlop Community Hub Facebook page. .

Cheers,

### **Churches on the Air Event – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

Dunlop Church will participate in the 'Churches on the Air' Event. The annual event is organised by radio enthusiasts who are also active Church members in order to exchange messages of greeting and fellowship between Churches of all denominations throughout the UK. In the last few years we exchanged greetings with over thirty other Churches from various denominations throughout the UK using the special callsign GB0DPK. Contact was also made with a number of stations in Europe and further afield. The event will also aim to demonstrate to young (and not so young!) people a little of the origins and technology of the radio communications we all now take for granted. All are welcome to come and see the station in action. It will be located next to the Church from 10 a.m to 4 p.m.

If you haven't had the chance to see the Dunlop Tuesday Art Group's latest work, it is still on display at the Conservatory Cafe. You can visit any time the Hall is open for events, or when the Conservatory Cafe is open on a Thursday, Friday, and the first Saturday of the month. It will be on display until the 13th of September.

The next exhibition will be by Ian Borthwick. Ian studied Graphic Design and Printmaking at Grays School of Art in Dundee. He currently lives in Glasgow, and has family in Dunlop. The opening night for Ian's show will be on Friday the 14th of September, and his work will be on display until Thursday the 11th of October. Do come along on the 14th, any time between 7 and 9pm, to see his latest work, have a glass of wine, and a chat.

### **MAMAS & PAPAS CHOIR**

The Stewarton based Mamas & Papas Choir is always on the look out for new members, male and female. Our new "season" starts on 6<sup>th</sup> September, so if you've always had a hankering to try choral singing, why not come along to one of our practices and give it a go. You will be made very welcome. No commitment and no audition!! If you would like further details, speak to one of our members, Morag McNaught (0787944255), Liz Dinning (07730922566), Bob Brown (07717220047) or Mike Blyth (07712880179).

### **Community Cinema**

Dunlop Community Cinema ended another successful season on a high note with sing-along to 'The Greatest Showman'. Shown on the eve of Dunlop's Gala Day the sold-out event attracted parents and children alike who raised the roof with their singing.

Over the last year audiences have enjoyed films about forbidden romance, unlikely friendships, power struggles, betrayal, wartime heroism, political intrigue, sexual identity, female empowerment, love, revenge, friendship and pizza. We've shown films from Estonia, Japan, Sweden and India alongside Oscar winners and old-school classics. Meanwhile, our younger audiences have sung along with Trolls, rooted for a wrongfully-imprisoned bear and laughed at a dimwitted superhero in underpants.

We've had a short break over the summer but are looking forward to next season's programme and we hope you are too. Details will be published soon but you can expect the same variety of films, special events and delicious ice-cream. As the nights draw in in the autumn, come to the cinema and wrap yourself in the warmth of a good film.

### **OPEN SUNDAY AFTERNOONS**

The church will be open every Sunday afternoon from 2pm – 4pm from now until 28th October. If you would like to spend some time in a peaceful building or to have a closer look at the beautiful stained glass windows, please come and visit the church.

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 this former minister and his wife have now been reinstated. You can visit both the Hall and the Tomb.

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

If you are out for a walk, please drop in. You will be very welcome and, as always in Dunlop, tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.