

DUNLOP DIARY



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Welcome back,

and I hope you all had a pleasant summer, whether you stayed here in Dunlop or ventured further afield for your holidays. Now that the children, and their teachers and other staff, are back at school, all the other groups and organisations which have had a break are starting up again, and village and parish life picks up the pace.

Our Sunday School started back at the end of August, with a full programme of crafts and activities linked to each week's Bible readings. Children and adults alike will be thinking about the same readings each week, and I hope that this will encourage chat and discussion between the generations after church. Over the summer, inspired by the beautiful stained glass windows we have in the church, the children worked with a team of volunteer helpers to create colourful crafts and a "stained glass window" of their own which will be displayed in the church for the next few weeks.

Our lives in faith and in community are very much about coming together to do things, and to share experiences, skills and gifts. All ages come together in church every Sunday morning to do just that in our weekly worship, with time for chat and companionship over a tea or coffee after the service.

From September onwards, there will be another opportunity for worship - a chance to meet less formally to think and talk about what the Bible has to say to us about our daily living, and how that affects the way we respond to the many and varied challenges faced by our world today. These services will differ from our usual Sunday worship in two key respects - we won't be singing, although we may sometimes listen to music, and there will be the chance to talk during the service about the scriptures and how we think about them. Discussion will be very much encouraged, but is not compulsory! These services will last around 20 - 30 minutes, and will include times of listening, silence, speaking, prayer and contemplation. The first of these monthly meetings will take place in the Rear Church Hall at 6.30pm on Wednesday, 6th September. It would be lovely to see you there!

Wishing you peace, joy and hope,

Alison

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School classes have resumed for children aged 3 – 11.

We have an exciting new scheme of lessons to follow each week called

'spill the beans', and it incorporates stories, games, drama and activities for all the age groups. However, we urgently need helpers to assist the teachers.

If you feel you could lend a hand for perhaps the odd Sunday, please give your name to Alison, Beverly or any of the teachers. We would be very grateful as we cannot take a class by ourselves. It is the safeguarding rule that there must be 2 adults present with each group of children.
Beverly Kirk, Sunday School Superintendent (01560 484947)

CHURCH ROTAS

Welcome Teams

Date	Flowers	Readers	September	October
Sept 3rd	Christine Reid	Michael Moss	Jimmy Howie	Sandy Hutchison
10th	Irene Kerr	Alison Howie	Douglas Bell	Lynn Davidson
17th	Marlyn Thom	David Clement	Marilyn Bell	Jess Duncan
24th	Bill McLatchie	Brian McGaw	John Campbell	Irene Kerr
			Alison Howie	Margaret Robb
			Isabel Kerr	Roy Wyllie
Oct 1st	Harvest	Beverly Kirk	Andrew Pinkerton	Sheila Wyllie
8th	Jeanette Picken	Simon Gill	Linda Pinkerton	
15th	Netta Howie	Sheila Wyllie		
22nd	Fiona Walker	Mike Blyth		
29th	Susan Shorrock	Elizabeth Garrity		

Creche Rota

3rd, 10th, 17th Sept	Greer Thompson
3rd	Anne Sinclair
10th Sept	Amy Donnelly
17th Sept	Alison Howie
23rd, 30th Sept	Annette Brown

Church Services:

Morning Worship every Sunday morning at 11:30am.

Crèche and Sunday School meet in the church at 11:30am.

Wednesday Evening Service – first Wednesday in the month

starts 6th September 6.30pm in rear Church Hall (see front page)

– ALL WELCOME

The Congregational Board and Kirk Session will meet on Wednesday 6th September, 7.30pm in the rear Church Hall.

Harvest Thanksgiving Service in October

Sunday, 1st October, will be our **Harvest Thanksgiving Service**
and on Saturday, 30th September the Church will be open from 2pm to 3pm
to receive donations of fruit, flowers, plants etc.

The Conveners are Christine Reid, Sadie Reid and Margaret Robb.

DUNLOP W.R.I.

WEDNESDAY 27th SEPTEMBER

Old Fashioned Afternoon Tea

By Mrs Valerie Howe

Competitions: 3 Pieces of Tray Bake (any one kind)
1 Matinee Jacket (given Pattern)
Nancy Miller Trophy 1 Fruit Loaf

FRIDAY 29th September

ANNUAL CATERED WHIST DRIVE

in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

The next meeting of the **Dunlop Alzheimer's Circle of Friends Musical Minds** will be on Thursday, 14th September 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, Bill and Andy will provide the music. Contact Susan Shorrock 482109 or Jean Spence 428593



Welcome back to your favourite local cinema's new season! We have a few things in store for you, including 'Last Night of the Proms', the return of the Filmclub, participation in the 'Into Film Festival' in November (Into Film encourages engagement in film with 5 to 18 year olds), and also a special screening as part of BFI's 'India on Film'....

9th Sept - Last night of the Proms

Come dressed up, bring your instrument of choice, and enjoy the show!

15th Sept at 7.30pm - Hidden Figures (PG)

This is the true story of a team of female African-American mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program. This is a heartwarming and crowd-pleasing take on what were overlooked - and crucial - contributions from a 'hidden' group of women. Oscar, Golden Globes and Bafta nominated.

4th Oct at 7.30pm (Film Club) - Moonlight (15)

Moonlight uses one man's story to offer a remarkable and brilliantly crafted look at lives too rarely seen in cinema. Winner of 3 Oscars (including Best Picture) and Best Picture in the Golden Globes.

New for 2017/18, we are selling the 'Dunlimited' card, which, for £65, gives you free access to *all* film club, mainstream, and children's films (at least 19 films, any additional special screenings will be offered at a reduced rate for members).

In addition, we are also selling film club membership separately, for £25, which includes the 6 film club films, plus the BFI India on Film screening.

Both memberships allow you to book your (new and comfy!) seats online in advance.

Payment can be made in advance or when you come to the film.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



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Bereavement Support Group
*For parents whose child has died
at any age and from any cause.*

We offer an opportunity to talk about your loss in a warm and caring environment with others who have also experienced the death of a much-loved and precious son or daughter.

All are warmly welcomed.

Please do get in touch for more information, plus details of venue and time.
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The Compassionate Friends
National Helpline: 0345 123 2304
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OPEN SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

The church will be open every Sunday afternoon from 2pm – 4pm from 7th May until 29th 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. This will also be open on Sunday afternoons.

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

You will be very welcome and, as always in Dunlop, tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

A GUIDE to the HERALDRY in the Windows of Dunlop Kirk

Last year we were fortunate to have Leslie Hodgson, Dipl. Arch., FSA Scot, prepare a detailed guide on the Heraldry of Dunlop Kirk's stained glass windows. There are seven heraldic windows (termed 'Armorial Windows' in the Stained Glass Windows booklet) plus another small shield at the very top of the Henderson window.

The guide gives a very informative and detailed description and interpretation of these heraldic windows. It has involved a huge amount of research by Mr Hodgson and we are very grateful to him for providing us with this mine of information.

Copies of the Heraldry Guide will be available in the church on Ayrshire Doors Open Day on Sunday, 3rd September and when the church is open on Sunday afternoons until the end of October from 2 – 4pm.

28th Annual Ayrshire Doors Open Days on 2nd and 3rd September

(Organised by Kyle and Carrick Civic Society)

Throughout September, free access is available to hundreds of fascinating buildings across Scotland. All are of architectural or cultural interest and many are not normally accessible to the generally public. Last year, more than 6,500 people visited the 50 Ayrshire venues open to the public. The full programme is available on www.doorsopendays.org.uk.

Dunlop Kirk will be participating on **Sunday 3rd September** from 1-4pm. The church is a 'B' listed building with 27 outstanding stained glass windows to appreciate. Adjacent to the Church are the Clandeboyes Hall and the Hans Hamilton Tomb, both 'A' listed buildings. Tea and coffee will be available and guides will be on hand to show visitors around the church and churchyard.

Everyone is very welcome to join our morning services at 11.30am and the church is also open every Sunday afternoon until the end of October, from 2-4pm.

Dunlop Gallery...September exhibitions

If you haven't had time to see Marsha Burke's Thursday Art Group exhibition, get along to the Conservatory Cafe, where it will be on display until the 6th of September.

After that, it will be the turn of the Wednesday Art Group, run by Gillian Park. Their open evening will be held on Friday the 8th of September in the Conservatory Cafe, from 7 till 9, when you can come along, enjoy a glass of wine, and chat to the local artists.

The Tuesday Art Group, run by Liz Osborn, will be exhibiting their work from Friday the 29th of September till Thursday the 19th of October. They won't be holding an open evening, but you can see the show on it's opening day at the Conservatory Cafe when it opens for lunches on the 29th.

All these exhibitions can be viewed when the Hall is open for events and during Cafe hours on Thursdays, Fridays, and the first Saturday of the month.

For further details, please contact Ellenor (07811095600), or Shiona (07506951620).