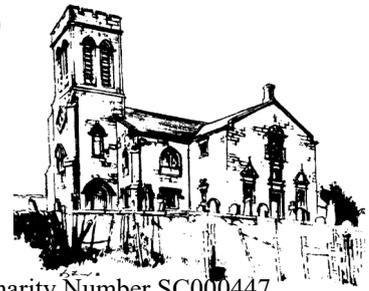


DUNLOP DIARY



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Dear friends and neighbours,

I last wrote for Dunlop Diary in February, when it was sunny as it is today, but icy cold. I'd been for a walk through fields around the village and forced to zigzag to avoid mud which lurked below the thin ice. At that time I shared with you my thoughts on the assurance that God accompanies us through life, with us whether the path is straight ahead and secure under our feet, or whether it is winding and sometimes a bit wobbly.

Since then my own path has been more than a little wobbly as I have been experiencing the darkness and strangeness of depression. I have to admit that there were times when God seemed very far away but when I was able to look and listen for him, I knew he was there with me, in the shadows.

Most of all, he accompanied me through you. Through your listening and understanding, your words and your silences, your visiting and your holding back. I am so grateful to you all for your prayers and support, for the many cards, letters, flowers and food which arrived at the Manse. God was very much present with you and through you. Thank you!

I'm gradually finding my path again, slowly but surely, and will be catching up with the events of village and church life - I missed out on all the excitement of the filming, although I did get to see the pews in the church.

I'll finish now with the words from Philippians 4:13 which were included in one of the cards I received - "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" - in time, and with His and your help!

Peace and love,

Alison

Harvest Thanksgiving Service in September

Sunday, 29th September, 11.30 am will be our Harvest Thanksgiving Service
and on Saturday, 28th September the Church will be open from 2pm to 3pm
to receive donations of fruit, flowers, plants etc.
Christian Aid envelopes will also be available.

The Conveners are Douglas Bell, Marilyn Bell and Margo McMurdo.

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, from 17 September, Tuesdays in Caldwell Vestry 10.30am

CHURCH ROTAS

Welcome Teams

Date	Flowers	Readers
Sept 1st	Christine Reid	Elizabeth Garrity
8th	Irene Kerr	Bob Brown
15th	Marilyn Thom	Sheila Wylie
22nd	Bill McLatchie	Marilyn Bell
29th	Harvest	Alastair Martin
Oct 6th	Jeanette Picken	Carol Fraser
13th	Netta Howie	David Clement
20th	Fiona Walker	Lynn Moss
27th	Susan Shorroch	Communion

September	October
Mike Blyth	Jimmy Howie
Carolyn Blyth	Douglas Bell
David Clement	Marilyn Bell
Carol Fraser	John Campbell
Netta Howie	Alison Howie
Isabel Kerr	Andrew Pinkerton
Mitchell Wilson	Linda Pinkerton

Creche Rota

Sept 1st	Anne Sinclair & Greer Thomson
8th & 15th	Christine Wallace & Netta Howie
22nd	Alison Howie & Netta Howie
29th	Maureen Jackson & Isabel Kerr
Oct 6th, 13th, 20th	Aileen Dunlop & Annette Brown

Deaths

Mr John Howie June 2019
Mr James Craig July 2019
Mr Tom Howie August 2019

“Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted”

GUILD
Tuesday 24th September
7.30pm in church hall
Dedication and Communion

All welcome

30th Annual Ayrshire Doors Open Days on 7th/8th September

(Organised by Kyle and Carrick Civic Society)

On Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th September 2019 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 8th 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.

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.

Alzheimers Circle of Friends

Our next meeting is Thursday 12th September from 2pm till 4pm.

Eddie, Andy & Bill will provide the music.

Come along and join the fun.

Everybody welcome.

Contact Susan Shorroch 482109

S.W.I.

September 25th
Mrs Janette Couser
BAKING DEMONSTRATION

Competitions A knitted hat with pompom
A wedge of cheesecake
Nancy Miller Trophy 3 round shortbread biscuits



Messy Church will be back 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.

Dunlop Messy Church will be on Saturday, 28th September from 4 - 6pm in the Church Hall.

Our Messy Church theme for September will be Harvest and the next day, Sunday, 29th September, we will have our annual Harvest Service in the church. 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 NEWS

Our first exhibition after the summer holidays will be by David Taylor, a local Dunlop artist who lives on Main Street. Many of you will know him, but you might not have had the opportunity to see his work. Well now's your chance!

For more details, contact Ellenor at 07811045600.

OPEN SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

The church will be open every Sunday afternoon from 2pm – 4pm from May until the end of 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 Clandeboyes 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 and a booklet about the wonderful stained glass are on sale.

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

Dunlop Community Hub is hosting a meeting in Merito on Thursday 5th September. Please note the time has changed from 7.30pm to 8.30 pm to accommodate a clash with the Community Council meeting which starts at 7pm. Unfortunately the clash could not be avoided but we hope those who wish to attend both meetings will be able to do so. The aim of the meeting is to discuss community engagement and the future of both Merito and the Community Hub.

DUNLOP & LUGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Hello villagers of Dunlop and Lugton!

We will be holding our next monthly meeting at **7.00pm** on **Thursday 5th September 2019** and are looking forward to returning to our usual venue in the **Village Hall**. As always, the doors are open to everyone and if you are interested in the many issues that affect our community then please come along and join us.

Some news from August

- ongoing pursuit of a number of road matters including the request for extension of anti skid near railway bridge on A735, new road signage, road markings and outstanding repairs

- production company delighted with warm response and co-operation from villagers during filming and donation for benefit of the village to be allocated to organisations through Participatory Budget Scheme

- refurbishment of Dunlop Primary School with proposal for a separate nursery

Minutes of our meetings can be found on the Dunlop & Lugton Community Council website or the notice board in both the Village Hall and outside Norman's shop

Occasionally, items of interest may be shared on local community social media sites

Please feel free to contact me with any enquiries

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Friday night is cinema night! Just as the autumn nights begin to draw in, the Dunlop Community Cinema returns with another Oscar-laden treasure trove of films. Our first film of the season is on Friday 13th September. 'First Man', the story of a monumental moment of human history and the man who was to become the first man on the moon. The exhilaration (and danger) of space exploration set against the backdrop of the sacrifices a grieving Armstrong made on his journey into the history books.

For our next film on 4th October, we remain in the 1960s with 'Green Book', the story of a working class Italian-American bouncer who becomes the driver to a world-class black pianist on a tour of the Deep South. Based on a true story, the odd couple bond as they travel through the states on a road trip beset with humiliations and prejudice. Brilliant performances from both Viggo Mortensen and Mahershala Ali, are what make this road movie something special.

The 25th of October brings another Oscar-winner, 'The Favourite'. A jet-black comedy/period drama set in the 18th century court of the gout-inflicted Queen Anne. Full of intrigue, Anne's court is rife with scheming and manipulation, and serves as the perfect background to the competition that develops for the Queen's affection between her oldest friend and lover, and a young kitchen servant. A rich, dark and sumptuous film, the three female leads (Olivia Coleman, Rachel Weisz and Emma Stone) are deliciously nasty. At the very least you'll come out of this with some interesting insults...

Make the most of your Friday night and join us in the Village Hall. Thanks to our voucher scheme, if you come often enough, and collect 5 'stars', your sixth film is free. So, why not come along and relax with a soothing beverage (alcoholic or non-alcoholic), some popcorn or ice-cream, we look forward to seeing you.

Dunlop Diary Deadline for October is 21st September Tel: 01560 482966 Email: douglasbell@talktalk.net