

DUNLOP DIARY



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Dear friends and neighbours,

This has been a strange and challenging year for us all, and it has been good to be part of such a supportive and encouraging community.

As we make our way carefully out of lock-down, life is changing again as we work out how to return to some form of normality while keeping ourselves and others as safe as possible. In this issue of the Diary you'll find information about various groups and activities which are starting up again, and over the coming months hopefully we'll be able to participate again more fully in village and community gatherings.

As lockdown eases, we all have to be mindful of the rules, advice and guidance from Government and other statutory and voluntary organisations. We will continue to do things differently and to be flexible as our plans may have to change with very little notice if infection rates increase. With all of this in mind, it is hoped that we will be able to re-open our church building for worship from late September. We can only do this if we comply with the rules and restrictions imposed for our safety by the Government and the Church of Scotland.

This means that services, and the church layout, will be very different from what you are used to. You'll be asked to wear a mask, sanitise your hands before you come into the building, register your details for the Test and Protect Programme and be ushered to your seat via a one-way system, before leaving by a different door at the end of the service. There will be no singing so no choir and no hymns, although we can listen to music. We won't be able to shake hands or have tea and coffee after the service. Pew Bibles and hymn books will have been removed from the sanctuary and we can't give you a printed order of service. If you can, you could print out your own Order of Service, if that's helpful for you, but you wouldn't be able to share that with anyone else.

We will be able to gather, although as a much smaller congregation. We'll be able to see each other, speak to each other and smile with our eyes at each other! We'll be able to spend time in our church building, to contemplate the beauty of the stained glass provided by previous generations to enhance our worship, and we'll be able to gather to hear the Word proclaimed and preached, to pray together, and to reflect on how God is acting with and for His people in His world today. Services will be shorter than before - probably around 30 minutes.

With this issue of the Diary, you will find a Personal Risk Assessment which you might find helpful in deciding what activities you resume as lockdown eases. You will not be required to tell anyone what your personal score is, and our aim is to make church attendance as safe as possible for everyone.

With physical distancing set at 2m, we are able to welcome only 18 people to worship in the church building. Cat Tree Church will continue on-line and by telephone, and I know that many of you are happy to continue to worship on the Cat Tree for some time longer. However, not everyone has been able to be part of our virtual congregation, and those are the people who will be given the first chance to gather again in the building. If you would like to join a service in the church, then please contact me 01560 673686 or Margo McMurdo 01560 484824. If more than 18 people get in touch, then some will be placed on a waiting list and will be invited to attend the next service we hold.

This invitation to join worship as we gather again in our building is open to everyone, whether you have worshipped with us before or not.

As I have always said, and we have often sung in worship, "All are welcome!"

Now for the first time with the proviso, "There may be a waiting list!"

Peace, hope and love to you all,

Alison



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APPENDIX 4 – Assessment 'Tool' for individual and group health risks

The assessment 'tool' below helps you to see how different risk factors may combine to give serious health complications should you catch the COVID-19 virus. It does not include the factors that may make you clinically extremely vulnerable, where you should be following the guidance for those who are 'shielding'. It includes the factors where there is significant statistical evidence but does not include any rarer conditions which you may have, so this only offers a starting point. You may want to discuss the results with your doctor or with those who have expectations about your involvement with church life.

This should be read alongside the full text of the Church of Scotland's "Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Reopening of Church Buildings" which includes guidance about minimising risks in the church context, and other government or local advice about staying safe. We are not claiming medical expertise in sharing this way of scoring your risk but giving a way to show how serious catching the virus may be for you or the groups using your church building(s).

Circle the score next to each one that applies to you and add up your score.

Risk Factor		Score
Age	50-59	1
	60-69	2
	70-79	4
	80 and over	6
Sex at birth	Male	1
Ethnicity	Caucasian	0
	Black African Descent	2
	Indian Asian Descent	1
	Filipino Descent	1
	Other (including mixed race)	1
Diabetes & Obesity	Type 1 & 2	1
	Diabetes Type 1 & 2 with presence of microvascular complications or HbA1c ≥ 64mmol/mol	2
	Body Mass Index greater than or equal to 35 kg/m ² online BMI calculator: http://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-weight/bmi-calculator	1
Cardiovascular disease	Angina, previous heart attack, stroke or cardiac intervention	1
	Heart Failure	2
Pulmonary (lung) disease	Asthma	1
	Non-asthma chronic pulmonary disease	2
	Either of the above requiring oral corticosteroids in the last year	1
Malignant neoplasm (cancer)	Active malignancy	3
	Malignancy in remission	1
Rheumatological conditions	Active treated conditions	2
Immunosuppressant therapies	Any indication	2
Total Score		

A score of under 3 indicates a lower risk, but you should still be following the guidance for staying safe.

A score of 3-5 suggests a greater risk and you should consider ways of reducing your risk by taking additional precautions or avoiding some activities.

A score of 6 or more suggests a high risk and indicates that you should continue to work or participate in church life from your home.

The scoring is based on an article from the British Medical Association website.

Risk Stratification tool for Healthcare workers during the CoVID-19 Pandemic; using published data on demographics, co-morbid disease and clinical domain in order to assign biological risk: David Strain, Janusz Jankowski, Angharad Davies, Peter English, Ellis Friedman, Helena McKeown, Su Sethi, Mala Rao
medRxiv 2020.05.05.20091967; doi:

<https://doi.org/10.1101/2020.05.05.20091967>

DUNLOP VILLAGE HALL

The hall will re-open for bookings from 14th September (subject to no government changes). A small number of bookings are being allowed from 31st August. This will let us monitor covid-19 protection systems.

Users will find changes to conditions of let.

Obviously some usual events will not take place.

Dunlop Players have decided not to attempt a panto this year.

The good news is the café is back and working successfully with covid restrictions in place.

Community Cinema

Cinema committee discussed all the current guidelines and practicalities at length. They also referred to the recommendations from the bodies such as Film Hub Scotland that we are affiliated with and a webinar that Sue attended who are advising to wait until January 2021. So it is with a heavy heart that at present they don't feel that we can reopen.

They were all clear that they want to be back in a COVID secure way prior to the end of the year and as soon as is feasible for our patrons and volunteers. They will use this time to focus on updating our social media, electronic booking system etc and relaunch ASAP.

DUNLOP SCOUT GROUP

In February this year, before covid, I attended a meeting of Ayrshire East Scout Association in my capacity as chairman. I was pleased to hear that in the annual census figures Dunlop scout group had become the largest group in East Ayrshire.

This is down to the enthusiasm and hard work of Emma and her team of leaders along with the support of a strong parents committee.

I think the community should accord them all our grateful thanks for their time and effort on behalf of Dunlop youngsters.

Douglas Bell

Chairman

Ayrshire East Scout Association.

DOORS OPEN DAYS 2020 is going digital!

Scotland's biggest free festival of architecture will present its largest ever digital offering this September, as we celebrate Scotland's buildings and stories online, through tours, lectures, DIY learning events and more.

We're responding to current concerns surrounding COVID-19 by making Doors Open Days 2020 more digital so that people across Scotland and the world can continue to safely explore Scotland's buildings, spaces and places. A limited number of venues will still be open for physical visits this year, but we expect most people will enjoy new and cherished Scottish sites from the comfort of their armchair!

All across Scotland, we're harnessing the good will and spirit of adventure of local organisations to create unique content that will inspire, educate and amuse anyone with an interest in buildings. Last year virtual visitors could scale the heights of Paisley Abbey and our Young Advisory Panel staged Instagram takeovers – what digital discoveries will you make this year? We're asking venues and groups to produce a wide range of online offerings, such as Facebook and Instagram Live guided tours, recorded oral histories, webinars, 360-degree tours, virtual exhibitions, question and answer sessions and more. If you're interested in joining in, we have compiled some great [resources and ideas](#) for venues and organisations interested in taking part that will help you take the first steps.

We'll be hosting everything here on the [Doors Open Days website](#), from where you'll be able to explore nooks and crannies in venues large and small across Scotland this September. The Scottish Civic Trust will also be creating a weekly zine highlighting all of the exciting digital events and tours, which will be sent out through Doors Open Days' social media channels and [e-bulletin](#). Make sure to sign up to receive your zine!

Ticket booking systems only for physical access to venues

We only encourage people to access buildings where the venue operators are confident it's safe to do so. The small number of events and buildings that will be open for physical visits will use a ticketing system to monitor and ensure safe access according to the most current social distancing guidelines. Numbers of visitors will be limited and monitored in line with the latest government recommendations appropriate to the Phase of lockdown in Scotland and the requirements of their and our insurers.

Director of the Scottish Civic Trust, Dr Susan O'Connor, said:

We're delighted to encourage our venues to become more digital this year through Doors Open Days - it's the best way to reach a broader range of people with Scotland's unique heritage, both at home and across the world. In particular, we're looking forward to helping our beautiful buildings and places become more accessible to those who wouldn't normally be able to take part in Doors Open Days for physical or cultural reasons. Making the built environment easier for everyone to enjoy is a core part of what we do.

Chair of Scottish Civic Trust, Colin McLean, said:

We at Scottish Civic Trust are excited to support the new direction for this year's Doors Open Days as a digital festival. By taking the festival online we are not only keeping our venues and communities safe, but offering support to organisations across Scotland to develop their digital literacy. We hope that our support will give venues confidence to have a continued online presence, and that digital engagement will become a mainstay of heritage outreach in the years to come.

Chief Executive of Historic Environment Scotland, Alex Paterson, said:

Providing a strong digital platform for this year's Doors Open Day activities is a great way of ensuring people can enjoy different aspects of Scotland's rich historic architectural heritage.

Since the onset of Covid-19, we have all had to adapt to new ways of doing things, with technology playing a key role in helping achieve that, and again, here we see another great example of that in action with this year's event.

I would like to applaud the team at Doors Open Days on their creative thinking here and we at HES are proud to again be part of this fantastic annual celebration of our heritage.