

DUNLOP DIARY



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From the Church of Scotland, Dunlop

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Dear friends and neighbours,

I hope you all had a good summer!

The village has seemed quieter than usual over the past couple of months, which I suspect is down to many of us catching up with travel plans and visits to family and friends which had to be postponed over the past couple of years of pandemic. This past week I've heard of people who are now finally able to go on holidays which were booked in 2019, and of a couple who have been married at their fourth attempt at organising their wedding!

In the Manse I have the lovely Calendar produced by the Dunlop Gallery Committee, and I must admit to feeling quite emotional when I turned the page at the start of August to see that month's photograph by Shona Cooley. Entitled "Silence" it shows empty swings and chute and climbing frame, surrounded by long grass, undisturbed by children's play. A poignant and powerful reminder of all that we have gone through since March 2020.

And so this year's Dunlop Gala was all the more special - such a celebration of community and activity and the freedom to gather, talk, eat and play together - with the grass cut and the silence well and truly banished! I'm delighted to say that the Church Hall is ready to be opened again and once more filled with the activity and chatter of Church and Community Groups alike. The local congregation committed financially to having essential works carried out - rewiring the building and replacing the heating system as well as having the main areas cleaned and redecorated. A huge thank you to those volunteers who cleaned and polished the Hall, and also to the Scout Group who set to with more paint to complete the decoration!

Dunlop Messy Church enjoyed being part of the Gala this year, and we are also looking forward to getting back into the Church Hall for games, crafts, Bible stories and food together - and very definitely no silence! We're hoping to restart on the 3rd Saturday in October, so look out for more information about that in the Diary, posters and social media.

I wish you all every blessing,

Alison

Rev Alison McBrier

Sunday Open Afternoons

With restrictions easing at last, we will be opening the Church on Sunday Afternoons during July, August and until after Ayrshire Doors Open day on 11th September.

Come and visit our peaceful building and take a closer look at the beautiful stained glass windows. 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 where the marble figures of the former minister and his wife have been reinstated.

The Sunday morning service is at 11.30 and the Church will then be open again from 2-4pm. You are very welcome to come along at either time and as always tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

Church Flowers and Readers

Date	Readers	Flowers
Sept 4th	Roy Wyllie	Margaret Robb
11th	Beverly Kirk	Anne Sinclair
18th	Mike Blyth	Alison Howie
25th	Alison Howie	
Oct 2nd	Christine Wallace	Greer Thomson
9th	Marilyn Bell	Netta Howie
16th	David Sinclair	Catherine Glen
23rd	Sheila Wyllie	Susan Shorrocks
30th	Greer Thomson	Jess Duncan

If you are unable to carry out your duties and swap with someone, could you let me know please so that I can advise Alison of the name change? Thanks. Beverly. 0737 551 4384 or kirk1948@icloud.com

Deaths

Mr Robert Clow

April 2022

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

DUNLOP KIRK

**Eulogy to Robert Clow (27 January 1934 to 18 July 2022)
by his brother Dr David Clow**

On 29 July at the funeral and memorial service for Robert Clow (a member of Dunlop Kirk), his brother David gave a very moving and interesting eulogy to Robert. If you would like to hear the eulogy, it is available by clicking on this link which will take you straight to our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Qtffwo2-rQ>

If you find it difficult to access the internet and/or would prefer a printed copy, please phone Margo McMurdo (Session Clerk) on 01560 484824 or email her at margo.mcmurdo@gmail.com

The full text from the letter dated 1900 from Dr Willie Wilson is also available from Margo.

Dunlop Kirk –Services

**Sunday Morning Worship – 11.30 am in the church.
All welcome! Please come and join us.**

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

DUNLOP CHURCH HALL

Dunlop Church Hall is at the heart of our community in more ways than one, and we've missed it since it closed during the pandemic. The local congregation had some essential works carried out earlier in the year so that the Scout Group, Messy Church and other village activities could use the building again.

Many thanks to those who volunteered over the last two weeks. The Hall has been washed, dusted, polished and painted and is looking great! We welcome you all back into the Church Hall! Booking can be arranged now by contacting Brian McGaw 07359 063355.

Tuesday Coffee, Tea and a Chat

On Tuesday 30th August, 10am – 11.30am we invite you to join us for our weekly morning coffee, tea, biscuits and chat in the main Church Hall. Many thanks to helpers and the village hall for starting a Tuesday Coffee Morning when covid restrictions allowed and the church hall could not open. It was much appreciated and we are grateful to the village hall for bridging the gap. It has now been agreed that the weekly coffee will restart in the church hall on Tuesday mornings

All invited – come and have a chat.



**Dunlop Messy Church
Saturday 15th October 2022
4 - 6pm in Dunlop Church Hall.**

**Stories, games, arts and crafts, followed by a meal together.
Children must bring an adult with them!
Come and join in the fun!**

Dunlop Alzheimer's Circle of Friends

Lots of cheerful news for you this month starting with positive feedback for our Games Day at our August meeting. We thought we would try out our new idea of holding a games session and it went wonderfully well. So, many thanks to those who volunteered and to those who came along and enjoyed themselves. We must try that again.

We are also holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday 1st October from 10am – 1pm at Dunlop Village Hall in aid of DACOF. We're sending out an SOS for volunteer bakers and help on the day. There will be a baking stall and raffle tickets, (£1 a strip), on sale. Entry is £3 and includes tea/coffee plus top ups and a plate of goodies.

On Monday 17th October we'll be holding another games day with times to be announced very soon. We have a good selection of games but you're welcome to bring your own along with you. We have board games, card games and even table tennis!

Entrance will be £2 which covers the cost of the hall and tea and coffee will be provided. Please come along and give us a try. There's always fun and laughter when the people of Dunlop get together. We hope to see you soon.

For more information please contact Susan on 07805426041.

DUNLOP & LUGTON

WINTER

LIGHTING

WE (DUNLOP & LUGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL) ARE CURRENTLY FUNDRAISING TO INSTALL PERMANENT WINTER LIGHTING THROUGHOUT OUR LOCAL VILLAGES. WE REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF £20,000+ TO CREATE AN EFFECTIVE & IMPACTFUL STREET LIGHT DISPLAY. WE ARE APPLYING/AWAITING REPLIES FOR OTHER GRANT FUNDING THAT WILL COVER AT LEAST HALF OF THE FUNDS REQUIRED.

WE ARE NOW READY TO START FUNDRAISING FOR THE OTHER HALF. WITH YOUR DONATION, WE CAN BRIGHTEN OUR LOCAL AREA DURING THE DARK, COLD MONTHS. WE AIM TO BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS AND ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO #VISITDUNLOP.

INSTALLING PERMANENT FIXTURES WILL SAVE LONG-TERM INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS AND ALLOW THE BENEFITS TO BE FELT FOR MANY YEARS THROUGHOUT THE WINTER MONTHS. THE TYPE OF INFRASTRUCTURE WE HAVE DECIDED HAS THE MOST LONG TERM BENEFIT WILL BE SIMILAR TO THE DISPLAYS SEEN IN FENWICK OR BARRHEAD, WHICH STAY AWAY FROM A TEMPORARY CHRISTMAS ONLY DISPLAY. IF WE ARE UNABLE TO RAISE THE FUNDS, UNFORTUNATELY THIS PROJECT WILL NOT GO AHEAD. ANY SMALL AMOUNT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.



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WWW.GOFUND.ME/62B6A9E2**

**CASH DONATIONS WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE
AT PARTICIPATING LOCAL BUSINESSES!**