

DUNLOP DIARY



From the Church of Scotland, Dunlop

December 2014

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Minister: Rev Dr David Donaldson

**The Manse
Dunlop
Tel 483268**

Dear Friends,

As we in Dunlop Kirk begin celebrating this great season of Advent on Sunday, 30th November, the First Sunday in Advent, we rejoice in the coming into the world of the Light of the world, Jesus Christ. I hope that everyone in the village of Dunlop and beyond will feel that you are welcome in church. You are warmly invited to all of our Advent and Christmas Services and events. Our Morning Services through this season of Advent will be in church at 11.30 a.m. On Wednesday, 10th December, at 7 p.m., we will be switching on the lights outside the church hall, where there will be a Christmas crib scene. I hope you will join us for that.

In the evening of Sunday, 14th December, at 6.30 p.m., we will be holding our Christingle Service in the church. This is a candle-light Service, suitable for all ages. On Thursday, 18th December, at 1.30 p.m., Dunlop Primary School will be holding their Nativity Service in the church, and on Sunday, 21st December, we will be holding our Christmas Family Morning Service.

On Christmas Eve, our Crib Service for families, young children, and people of all ages, will be at 3.30 p.m. in the church. Our Carol Bonanza beginning at 6.30 p.m. will be in the church hall, and our Christmas Eve Service in the church will be at 11.30 p.m.

Finally, on Christmas Day, we will be celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ at our Family Christmas Day Service in the church at 11.30 a.m.

Please join us if you can for this great celebration of peace and of joy.

I hope that you will have a very happy Christmas, and a good New Year.

Best wishes,

David Donaldson.

Christmas Eve Crib Service

**A special take-part nativity for all the family
3.30—4.30pm followed by mince pies and hot
chocolate
Everyone is most welcome**

**On Sunday 21st December at 11:30 in the Kirk, we will be
celebrating the birth of Christ with our Nativity Play.**

**This year everyone will be involved so whether you are 0 or
90 or somewhere in between, come and join us as we think
about the real meaning of Christmas.**

January	Readers	Flowers
4th	Roy Wyllie	Jennifer Wallace
11th	Beverly Kirk	Anne Young
18th	David Clement	Sheena Kerr
25th	Marilyn Bell	Elaine Moffat

Dunlop Alzheimer's Circle of Friends

A very sincere thanks to everyone who helped and encouraged us at our first Musical Minds. It was a wonderful afternoon, and was greatly enjoyed by everyone who came. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 8th January, in church hall from 2pm-4pm. A very warm welcome will be given to anyone who comes along to join us. We would be grateful for help in putting out the tables and clearing up each month

Susan Shorrocks 482109 and Jean Spence 428593

**Keep up to date with what's happening
and Like us on Facebook! "Dunlop Church"**

Welcome Teams

December	January
Annette Brown	Alan Young
David Clement	Fred Dinning
Elizabeth Garrity	Liz Dinning
Jennifer Hunter	Kristeen Hare
Alistair Martin	Jim Mundell
David Mitchell	Fiona Thomson
Anne Sinclair	Anne Young

Creche Rota

30th Nov & 7th Dec Elaine Davison & tba
14th Dec Linda Gillon & tba
21st & 28th Dec Linda Gillon & Jennifer Smith
4th Jan Jennifer Smith & Christine Wallace
11th & 18th Jan Christine Wallace & tba
25th Jan Netta Howie & tba

Deaths:

30th October: Mr. Alan 'Zippy' Ronaldson.

16th November: Mr. Robert Cantley.

23rd. November: Mr. Jimmy Miller.

Baptism: 16th November: Evie Aileen Dunlop.

Dunlop Kirk – Christmas Services and Events

All warmly welcomed

- Sunday - 30 November at 11.30 am - First Sunday in Advent – Sunday morning worship
Preacher: The minister Reader: Simon Gill Flowers: Morag McNaught
- Sunday - 7 December at 11.30am - Second Sunday in Advent - Sunday morning worship
Baptism. Preacher : The minister: Reader: Anne Sinclair Flowers: Betty Robertson
- Sunday -7 December at 6.30pm - Evening Christingle Service at Caldwell church
- Wednesday - 10 December: 7pm - Nativity Scene 'switch on' at the church hall
- Saturday - 13 December: 2pm-4pm - Sunday School Christmas Party
- Sunday - 14 December at 11.30am - Third Sunday in Advent – Sunday morning worship
Baptism.: Preacher The minister Reader: Mike Blyth Flowers: Jess Duncan
- Sunday - 14 December at 6.30pm - Evening Christingle Service – A family service in the church,
starting at 6.30pm and finishing at 7.15pm.
- Thursday - 18 December at 1.30pm - Dunlop Primary School Christmas Nativity Service
- Sunday - 21 December at 11.30am - Fourth Sunday in advent – Morning worship and Nativity Play
Preacher: The minister Reader: Family service Flowers: Aileen Howie

Christmas Eve:

- Wednesday - 24 December at 3:30pm - 'Crib Service' an informal service in the church for children
- and anyone else who would like to come along.
- 24 December at 6.30pm - The Carol Bonanza at the church hall. Meet there at 6.30pm to
go carol-singing round the village and at 7.30pm in the church
hall for entertainment, mulled wine and mince pies.
- 24 December at 11.15pm - Watchnight Service in the church.
Carols from 11.15pm; service at 11.30pm
The service will be taken by Rev Alan Garrity.

Christmas Day

- Thursday - 25 December at 11.30am - Christmas Morning Family Service in the church.
- Sunday - 28 December at 11.30am - Carols and worship in the church – all age Sunday School
Preacher: The minister Reader: Elizabeth Garrity Flowers: Ann Howatson

We are going to have an **Open Afternoon on Sunday, 18th January**, immediately after our Morning Service, to talk about the children of our congregation and how we should be including them in worship and in all the activities of the church. We hope that people of all ages will come to this Open Afternoon. Soup and sandwiches after church. Please put this date in your diary.

Village Hall Events

Saturday 6 December Christmas Fair 10am till 2pm
Film Club "Love is All You Need" 7.30pm
Sunday 14 December Community Cinema "Meet Me in St Louis" 3pm
Saturday 10 January Film Club "The Lunchbox" 7.30pm
Wednesday 14 January Dunlop and District Community Company AGM 7.30pm
Friday 16 January Community Cinema "Pride" 7.30pm (to be confirmed)
Sunday 25 January Children's Cinema "How to Train Your Dragon 2" 3pm
Saturday 7 February Film Club "The Selfish Giant" 7.30pm

W.R.I.
WEDNESDAY 10th DECEMBER

96th ANNIVERSARY

To Be At Struther

THE CONSERVATORY CAFE will be open as usual on Thursdays and Fridays until Friday, 12th December, when the cafe will close for the Christmas /New Year holidays and will re-open on Thursday, 8th January.

The cafe staff would like to thank all their customers for their support throughout the year and send their Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy 2015.

THE BOARD of Dunlop & District Community Company would also like to thank the many volunteers who work so hard in the cafe and those who help to keep the village hall running for the benefit of the whole community.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish the volunteers a Happy Christmas and a Guid New Year.

ART EXHIBITIONS – DECEMBER AND JANUARY

Christmas Art Exhibition by local artists – until Friday, 19 December

Marsha Burke, Charlie Jamieson, Susan MacColl, Ellen Ostler, Frank Paterson, Shiona Paterson

First Exhibition of 2015 – from Fri 9 January to Wed 4 February

Eoghann MacColl

(Open Evening on 9th January from 7pm – 9pm)

GUILD

DECEMBER

2nd History of Jane Haining in WW2
Morag Reid
16th Party with Sadie Reid

Wednesday Coffee

The Wednesday coffee mornings will have a break in December and January. They will start back on Wednesday 4th February.
Many thanks go to all who help and also those who support us.

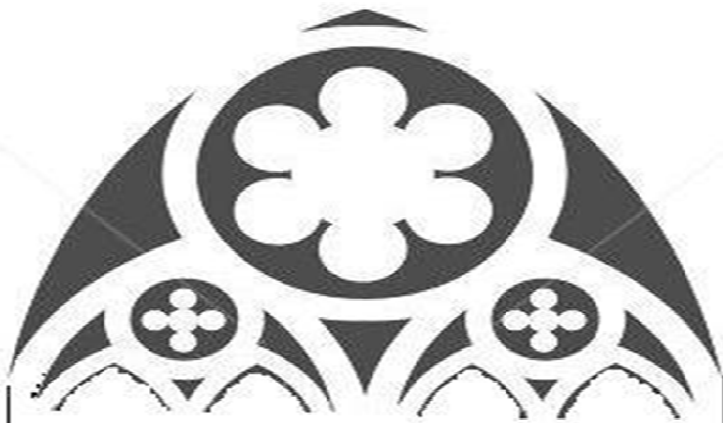
Christmas Appeal East Ayrshire Churches Homelessness Action:

This year there will again be a collection of gifts for children affected by homelessness at Christmas. Could you please mark the gifts for a boy or a girl and with the relevant age range. The gifts are much appreciated by the children of families who find themselves homeless at Christmas time.

There will also be a collection of tinned goods for the homeless hostels in Kilmarnock and Cumnock so that the residents can have a festive meal on Christmas day. Donations of cash to help with the purchase of these goods will also be welcome if you are unable to arrange a children's gift.

Could the gifts please be brought to church next Sunday so that the Minister and Mrs Donaldson can deliver them to Kilmarnock for distribution before Christmas. If you are unable to bring them to church, or would prefer to donate money, please take the gifts to the Manse or contact Jean Donaldson on 01560 483268.

*We appreciate the support this appeal always receives from the congregation and the wider community.
Margo McMurdo, Session Clerk*



SPECIAL EDITION CHRISTMAS CARDS

featuring two of Dunlop Kirk's Stained Glass Windows :

THE BELL TOWER WINDOW

(shining like a beacon as you travel down Main Street on a winter evening)

and

THE RESURRECTION WINDOW

(showing the elements of nature coming to life after winter)

Both windows were designed by the famous

Scottish stained glass artist, Gordon Webster

The cards cost £2 each or £5 for three

(They are also available blank inside for your own message)

To purchase please phone: 01560 484846 or 483231

Also available at the Village Hall Craft Fair on Saturday 6th December

Poppy Scotland Appeal 2014

This year's collection within the Dunlop and Lugton area raised the sum of £1570.86p

I should like to thank those who gave so generously to this worthy cause and also, to thank the volunteers who so willingly gave of their time to participate in door to door collections

Fiona Thomson Area Organiser Dunlop

LODGE DUNLOP CALEDONIA No. 1408
A Way of Life and a Moral Education

The Installation of RWM Elect Bro. Matthew Brown and Office Bearers will be held in the Village Hall on Friday 12th December 2014 at 6.30pm.

Installing Masters:

Bro. Elijah Beattie PM Lodge Thistle No. 127

Bro. James Fulton PM St. Maurs No. 1398

The regular meetings of the Lodge in January 2015 will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Thursday 8th Presentation of Donations to Local Charities

Thursday 22nd Tribute to Robert Burns

Visitors welcome

Donald M. Eckersley PM Secretary

Dunlop Diary Deadline for February 21st January

Tel: 01560 482966 Email: douglasbell@talktalk.net

Dunlop and District Community Company Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 14th January 2015 at 7.30pm

The aim of the Company is to make the Village Hall a focal point for community life. We want the hall to be a place where everyone, from the youngest to the oldest, can enjoy recreation, leisure, entertainment and the opportunity to socialise. But to get something out, you have to put something in. The Village Hall can only be sustained if the community helps. The Hall is run by volunteers, and we are always looking for more! Could you help?

Come along to the AGM and find out the Company's vision for the Hall and how you could help make it happen.

Dunlop & District Community Company

Christmas Fair

Saturday, 6th December 2014

10am till 2pm

In the Café - Teas, Coffee and Lunches

In the main hall there will be stalls selling a wide range of gifts and treats, including *Christmas trees, jewellery, home baking, Christmas wreaths, knitted goods, sweets, Christmas cards, bags and purses, handicrafts and wrapping paper And much, much more.*

25th January 2015 A Musical afternoon and evening event with something for all ages. By popular request, violinist Hector Scott and pianist Anna Mavromatidi are returning to Dunlop Church. Their afternoon programme will be for children, and in the early evening their performance will be for adults.

Posters with further details will be displayed in the New Year and tickets will be available from Fiona Thomson (01560 486715) and Marge Cuthbertson (01560 484524)

Please put the date in your 2015 diary now!