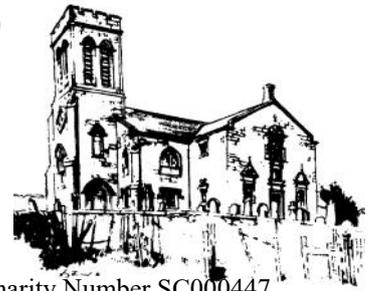


DUNLOP DIARY



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Dear friends and neighbours,

Welcome to February! As I write this we are still in January - the longest month of the year, perfectly summed up by various internet memes. "January was a tough year, but we made it!", "We're now entering the third month of January. We're almost at the end folks!" and my favourite - "I've decided that my 2022 will start on February 1st. January was just a free month trial".

Having said that, I suspect many of us would like the past two years to have been a free trial, which we could return free-of-charge and start over again. Since the beginning of the pandemic, we've been through so many changes, steps forward and steps back, and it does seem incredible that so much time has passed and we're still dealing with all this uncertainty. January 2022 certainly felt like a very subdued month, but it's good to see that life is starting up again after a few weeks of caution.

So welcome to February - a month which always seems to me to pass with lightning speed! A month literally centred around love - as we celebrate St Valentine's Day. May this February be a time of love and renewal, of love and hope, of God's love for us all shown by us all.

Wishing God's blessing on you all, and those you love,

Alison

Rev Alison McBrier

FEBRUARY FLOWERS.

6th Kristeen Hare
13th Janette Miller
20th Margaret Hunter
27th Netta Howie

FEBRUARY READERS

6th David Sinclair
13th Sheila Wyllie
20th Brian McGaw
27th Bob Brown

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

Dunlop Kirk – Services

**Sunday Morning Worship – 11.30 am in the church.
No need to book – please come and join us.
All welcome!**

**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

Deaths

**Mrs June Fitzpatrick
Mrs Mary Dunlop
Mrs Jessie Mitchell**

**December 2021
December 2021
January 2021**

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

Christmas Appeal East Ayrshire Churches Homelessness Action:

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to this appeal.

Dunlop community provided many beautifully wrapped gifts, parcels and bags of food and toiletries, warm hats and gloves. We also raised £330 for the appeal - what a wonderful sum! We appreciate the support this appeal always receives from the congregation and the wider community. Margo McMurdo, Session Clerk

The Conservatory Café is open for Tuesday Coffee 10am until 11.30am.

DUNLOP GALLERY

This month, the children's art class, run by Michelle Winslow, is exhibiting their lovely wintery pictures of polar bears and snowflakes. Do pop in to the Conservatory Cafe to see them, they are delightful!

Our Dunlop Calendars have all sold out now. Many thanks to Craig and Fiona for selling them for us so successfully in the post office. All the profits from the sales go towards the upkeep of the Village Hall.

We are always on the lookout for local artists who would like the opportunity to display their work in the village. If that's you, please get in touch with Ellenor at 07811045600, or Shiona at 07506951620. We'd love to hear from you!

Alzheimer Circle of Friends - February Meeting

We are delighted to announce that the Dunlop Alzheimer's Circle of Friends social afternoons will start on **Wednesday 9th February 2022 at 2:00pm in the Village Hall.**

It will be our **Valentines Party** - love will be in the air with music from Eddie, red roses and delicious cakes, tea and coffee.

We hope all our regular visitors will come along and we send out a warm invitation to anyone to come and join us.

Friendship always at Dunlop Alzheimer Circle of Friends.

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorise one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter.

Little Rick was excited about the task - but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line.

On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was really nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly,

"The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

How very true

The Conservatory Cafe in the Village Hall

The Cafe has re-opened after the enforced break so please come along to the Saturday Cafes on 1st Saturday of the month and to the Thursday and Friday Cafes (11am to 2pm) and enjoy a light lunch or teas/coffees and home baking.

Community Use of Dunlop Diary

Dunlop Diary is a community resource provided by Dunlop church. Any non-commercial organisation in the community can use it to publicise its own events. We reach the parts that Facebook etc don't. Dunlop Diary (in theory) should reach every home in the parish including all those with little internet knowledge. Due to distribution being done by volunteers, it is sensible to look ahead. i.e. if you have an event in June, aim for inclusion in May Dunlop Diary. My contact details are douglasbell@talktalk.net or 01560482966. I prefer copy to be in Word format for text and jpg for photos. Unfortunately, due to cost we only print in black and white.

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