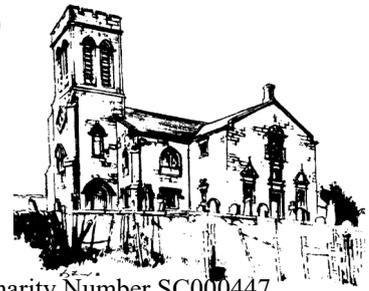


DUNLOP DIARY



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Dear friends and neighbours,

The last time our Dunlop Diary was issued we were all getting ready for Christmas, so as this is our first Dunlop Diary of 2021, I really should wish you all a very belated Happy New Year!

Our lives have been so disrupted over the past 15 months, that it is sometimes difficult to remember not only what day it is, but sometimes even what month it is! However, as we move into summer some aspects of life are beginning to return to a new kind of normality for many of us. We've all, no matter our age or abilities, had to adopt new ways of doing things - the ways we work, socialise, worship and learn have all changed.

For the past few months it has seemed to me that we are in a similar position to the very first Christians who suddenly found themselves having to work out new ways of being - whether their background was Jew or Gentile, whether they were male or female, whether they were wealthy or poor. No matter their circumstances, they had to negotiate a new and different way of being - one which was shaped by their faith in Jesus Christ, and which was very much about how they related to each other in community. They had to decide what aspects of their previous ways of living could be kept, what needed to be rejected and what new things they should do as Christians.

Right now, as we finally begin to ease our way out of lockdown, it does seem that some of our previous ways of living may not return for a very long time if ever, and on a more positive note, some of the new ways we've adopted since the beginning of the pandemic, are here to stay as they bring something good to our lives and communities.

Sunday worship returned to our church building at Easter and it has been a real joy to hear the bell ringing again on a Sunday morning and to see familiar, albeit masked, faces again in our services. Our on-line services will continue and will soon be streamed live from the church on a Sunday morning, with recordings available to be watched at any time.

Unfortunately, I can't yet provide any news about the Church Hall, but I'm glad that the Village Hall are now providing a chance to get together for coffee/tea and a chat on Tuesday mornings, and I know that plans are underway for the Circle of Friends Alzheimer Group to resume towards the end of the summer. You'll find more information in this issue of the Diary about various groups and activities.

As we continue to find our way through this world which is strangely both familiar and changed, I wish you all God's blessing.

Peace, love and hope,

Alison



Christian Aid Week May 2021 collection.

The village has raised the wonderful sum of over £2000.

Thank you to all who gave so generously.

Thank you, Alison Howie, Christian Aid Convener, Dunlop Kirk.

Dunlop Kirk –Services

Sunday Morning Worship – 11.30 am

Our numbers are still restricted so booking is essential.

Please phone Margo McMurdo, Session Clerk by Saturday afternoon.

Our Sunday worship is available online through the Dunlop Church

Facebook page and the Church website <https://dunlopkirk.org.uk>

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 phone Margo 01560 484824

Deaths

Mr David Mundell	January 2021
Mr Jim Crofts	January 2021
Professor Michael Moss	February 2021
Mrs J Biggart	March 2021
Mr James Nesbit	March 2021
Mr Brian Shorrocks	March 2021
Mrs Betty Javes	April 2021
Mrs Jean Spence	April 2021
Mrs Corris Bailie	April 2021
Mrs Diane Morton	April 2021

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

Alzheimer Circle of Friends Update

Now the Covid restrictions are easing and people have had their vaccinations, we are all looking forward to getting back to some form of normality. Shops and restaurants are now open and clubs and societies are also hoping to restart.

Dunlop Circle of Friends is no exception and the committee have been meeting to discuss how we can safely start our monthly social events.

Dunlop Village Hall will be the new venue for our meetings and they are planned to commence sometime in August. The actual date will be announced nearer the time. We hope all our regular visitors will be there and we send out a warm invitation to anyone to come and join us for music, afternoon tea and a chat.

It has been a sad time losing several of our friends and family during the pandemic and they are always in our thoughts.

**Sometimes in our lives
we feel a great deal of pain
because we lose someone special
These feelings we can't explain**

We have missed our meetings and especially all our guests who come along and make the afternoons so special. We have been dreaming of this moment for quite a while now and look forward to seeing you soon.

Friendship always at Dunlop Alzheimer Circle of Friends



*Dunlop Alzheimer's
Circle of Friends*



Don't be shy give it a try! Bowls can be whatever you want it to be, fun, relaxing, social, sporting, for anyone, all ages! For anyone who would be interested in trying bowls we will be offering taster sessions operating within Government Covid guidelines, every Saturday in June from 10.00am—midday. Watch this space for more info. In the meantime if you would be interested get in touch!

DUNLOP & DISTRICT
Community Company



Annual General Meeting

The AGM of the Community Company
will be held on

Thursday 10th June 2021
at 7:30pm in the Village Hall

Dunlop & District Community Company
manage the Village Hall and Playing Field,

**THE COMPANY NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT TO ENSURE
THAT THESE ACTIVITIES CONTINUE TO BENEFIT
OUR VILLAGE.**

***** COVID-19 *****

Under current guidance the capacity of the hall is 30
Therefore attendance at AGM will be limited to 30

Any member wishing to attend must contact

Douglas Bell by email, text or phone

douglasbell@talktalk.net

01560 482966

07780 380 303

www.dunlopvillagehall.org.uk

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DUNLOP GALLERY NEWS

Well, we are delighted to be finally back, and the Dunlop Art Group has been busy over lockdown, creating new work for us to display. See it when you visit the Conservatory Cafe, which is serving delicious meals and cakes again, Thursdays, Fridays, and the first Saturday of the month.

Our next exhibition involves you! It's time to dig out the best of the photos you've taken over lockdown...pictures of Dunlop are what we are looking for, for our 2022 calendar. It would be lovely to get some Dunlop buildings in it as well.

The cost to enter is £5, free for children, and a maximum of 3 photos.

The final date is the 11th of June, and photos can be brought to the cafe with the on-line form (available on the Dunlop Village Hall website) and £5. If you can't make that, they can be delivered in the evening if you phone 07506951620, or 07811045600 to arrange it.

Looking forward to seeing your 2021 lockdown photos, and displaying them in the cafe. Keep snapping

Plant Sale

Hope you already have the date in your diary but here is a reminder.

Plant Sale on Saturday 5th June outside Village Hall 11.00am till 2.00pm

There will be a variety of hanging baskets, living cut and come again salad boxes, many varieties of plants, e.g. tomato, chilli, pepper, courgette, pumpkin, herbs and other veg plants and flower plants, some really lovely and unusual varieties!

All proceeds towards the hanging baskets in Dunlop and Lugton.

Some photos of things to come.

Cash basis only so come prepared.

Conservatory Cafe

The cafe is open for lunch, teas, coffee and home-made cakes on Thursday, Friday and the first Saturday of the month from 11am till 2pm.

Village Hall

On Tuesday mornings hall open for coffee and chat from 10.00am—11.30am

Open to all who would like a coffee, tea and blether.