

DUNLOP DIARY



From the Church of Scotland, Dunlop

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Dunlop
Tel 483268**

Dear Friends,

I hope you are well. We are glad to be back in the church now for worship. There is still work to be done on the church. The Board has already approved the fitting of new doors and extra doors, at a cost of about £5,000, to help eliminate the draughts. We are in negotiation with East Ayrshire Council and other organizations on the matter of providing disabled access and another room for the Sunday School and as a vestry. We still have to decide on a number of issues, including the question as to whether or not we retain the pulpit. I am delighted that everyone in the congregation is being so understanding, encouraging and positive in dealing with these difficult issues; it is good to know that everyone is showing such Christian grace to all the folk who are devoting so many hours to trying to get things as we need them.

As we travel through this season of Lent, we look forward to Holy Week and to Easter itself. As you know, we alternate with Caldwell in hosting the Holy Week Services, and so this year the Services are in Caldwell. Everyone is warmly invited to our Holy Week and Easter Services:

Monday, 25th. March, at 7 p.m.: Holy Week Service in Caldwell Church.

Tuesday, 26th. March, at 7 p.m.: Holy Week Service in Caldwell Church.

Wednesday, 27th. March, at 7 p.m.: Holy Week Service in Caldwell Church.

Thursday, 28th. March, at 7 p.m.: Maundy Thursday Service with communion in Caldwell Church, followed by a cup of tea.

Friday, 29th. March, at 7p.m.: Good Friday Service in Caldwell Church.

Easter Sunday, 31st. March: 6 a.m. Dawn Service at Jimmy and Alison Howie's, "Oakholme," Newmill.

Easter Sunday, 31st. March: 8.30 a.m.: Early Morning Service, with breakfast, in Dunlop church hall.

Easter Sunday, 31st. March: 11.30 a.m.: Easter Morning Service in the church, followed by a short Communion Service.

Best wishes,

David Donaldson.

Sunday Morning Services:

Sunday, 3rd. March: Preacher: The Minister. Reader: Marilyn Bell Flowers: Anne Sinclair

Sunday, 10th. March: Preacher: Rev. Iain Roy. Reader: Roy Wyllie Flowers: Sandra King

Sunday, 17th. March: Preacher: The minister. Reader: Anne Sinclair Flowers: Margaret Hunter There will be a baptism.

Sunday, 24th. March: Palm Sunday. Preacher: The minister. Reader: John Kitson Flowers: Louise Hutcheson

Sunday, 31st. March: Easter Sunday. Preacher: The Minister. Reader: Mike Blyth Flowers: Bertha Horne

Welcome Teams

March

Sandy Hutchison
Lynn Davidson
Jess Duncan
Irene Kerr
Andy Kyle
Janette Miller
Roy Wyllie
Sheila Wyllie

April

Annette Brown
David Clement
Elizabeth Garitty
Jennifer Hunter
Alex King
Sandra King
Alastair Martin
David Mitchell
Anne Sinclair

Creche Rota

March 3rd Pamela Young & Greer Thomson
March 10th, 17th 24th Amy Donnellan & Elizabeth Kitson
March 31st, April 7th, 14th Ruth Wilson & Elizabeth Wallace

Baptisms:

10th. February: Belinda Alice Mackenzie Macnab.

10th. February: James Campbell Thomas Howie.

W.R.I.

WEDNESDAY 27th MARCH

DUO OF MEALS

By Mrs Christine Kyle

Competitions: 3 Fruit Scones
A Knitted Scarf

The Guild

Tuesday, 5th. March: The choir "Achoired Taste" in the church. All donations for tickets will go to the Guild Project "Comfort Rwanda."

Tuesday, 19th. March: Irene McMillan speaking on Dundonald Castle. Also our AGM.

Tuesday, 26th. March, at 7 p.m.: Holy Week Service in Caldwell Church.

Youth Together

Youth Together, for young people of Primary 6 age and upwards, will join with the young people in the Stewarton churches for a sleep-over in March, considering homelessness in this country and overseas. Will young people coming to this please meet, with your sleeping bag, at St. Columba's Church hall at 8 p.m. on Saturday, 16th. March. Please ask Margo, Douglas, or Jean for permission slips, and more information. We would like to have more adult helpers for this group, which meets on the third Sunday evening of each month. If you are interested in helping, please contact Margo McMurdo.

FINANCE

The Congregational Board met on 13th February and, amongst other things, approved the annual accounts of the congregation for 2012. A summary of these accounts will be presented at the Stated Annual Meeting, which will be held after morning worship on Sunday 24th February. If you would like to have a copy of the full accounts (16 pages of interesting reading!), please let me know, and I will let you have a copy.

A budget for 2013 was also presented and approved. Costs are estimated to rise by almost £5,500 which is an increase of over 8%. The main reason behind this large rise is that we are required to pay an extra £4,700 to Edinburgh for Ministries and Mission, and there is little or nothing that we can do to avoid this. Small increases in costs elsewhere are expected.

We have balanced the books and paid our way for many years. If we are to continue to do so, we will need to increase our income by at least 7% or £5,000 in 2013. I ask that everybody considers carefully and prayerfully how they can help to achieve this. Please give more if can, either through the weekly collection or by writing to your bank to increase your banker's order. Finally, and most importantly, remember that if you pay tax, giving under Gift Aid adds a quarter to what you give.

David Mitchell, Treasurer.

Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice

Bagpack in Asda on Saturday 13th April 2013

The Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice kindly request your help to raise funds for a very worthy cause, by offering your assistance at the annual Asda Bagpack event.

As funds raised are usually proportionate to the number of helpers available, we hope to encourage as many people as possible to give up two hours of their time. So, please join us on Saturday 13th April 2013 – no previous experience required!!!

If you are able to help, please contact either Andrena Reid on 01560 483696 or any other committee member.

CHURCH RESTORATION

The major contracts relating to the restoration are all now complete and we are getting used to worshipping again in the Church, however it will take time to get everything as we want it and in particular there are four main issues that are currently being addressed.

In the past Dunlop Church was always draughty and although the building is now much better insulated, very little work was done to the external doors and windows as part of the restoration works and the draughts seem worse than ever. Plans are now in place to undertake some improvement works to the doors to reduce the problem.

The pulpit and chancel area has been the subject of quite a lot of discussion, but what to do with it is not an easy decision as there are various issues to consider. The style of worship and the practical issues such as the view of the minister and the use of the space for other purposes have to be considered. At the same time the pulpit is historically important and unless it is reinstated fully as it was before there is a process to be gone through to obtain permission to alter it. It is also important to think about whether it looks right in the space and with the colour scheme we now have. To help reach a decision some different arrangements will be tested over the next few Sundays to see what the reaction is. There is no doubt that a focal point is needed at the front of the church – just what that is needs careful thought.

Responsibility for providing disabled access at the steps up to the graveyard from the Main Street rests with East Ayrshire Council, but at the current time this is a low priority for any capital expenditure. Discussions are taking place, however, and it is hoped an affordable solution can be agreed without too much delay.

Finally, it was always recognised that the conversion of what was the old vestry into toilets would create some issues in relation to how the building could be used, and the first few weeks have shown that there is a need to provide some additional accommodation so that there is a private space, adjacent to the church, that fulfils the functions of a traditional vestry, whether it be for use at baptisms, weddings, as the crèche, etc or just as a space where a Minister can properly prepare before a service. It is not straightforward to extend the church as a number of different permissions are required to build on any part of the ground that is designated as a graveyard, but again discussions with the relevant organisations are underway and proposals for some alternative solutions are being prepared.

Andrew Pinkerton

Dunlop Primary School Extension

When it became apparent, last year, that Dunlop Primary School has an accommodation issue that required to be addressed with some urgency, the Parent Council set up an Accommodation sub-committee. Those parents that volunteered for this committee were Kevin Brown, Avril Speirs, Steven McAulay, Pamela Young, Sandra Gillan, Carol McLennan and Angela Rowley. They took on the task of finding a long-term solution that both the council and parents would agree on.

The process involved months of data collection and analysis in the first instance, followed by a full assessment of the existing school facilities and then, after many meetings and consultations, a three-phase proposal was put in place. The development of this proposal, which included full plans for extending the school and the relevant costings to support the proposal, was aided greatly as a result of the professional input and services of Steven McAulay and Kevin Brown. Also involved, even though he has no children in the school, was Andy Steele of DAS Designs. Andy is an architect who has experience of designing primary schools, and his input was invaluable.

On the 6th February, a vote was taken in Cabinet in favour of the proposal put forward by the Accommodation Committee. We are all delighted with this result and as a parent and a representative of the Parent Council/Parents Association, I would like to offer our thanks and gratitude for the time, effort and expertise invested in the project by all members of the Accommodation committee, that meant we have achieved the best possible outcome. I feel very lucky that we had these parents who were willing to take on this role. Further thanks also goes to Jennifer Crombie, Head Teacher at Dunlop Primary, for all her assistance and support for the sub-committee.

It is a credit to the members of the sub-committee also, that the relationship with the council members involved in this process has been strengthened tremendously as a result of their professional and open-minded approach to this situation and that the councillors involved have expressed their thanks and delight that it was possible for everyone to work so well together to reach this conclusion.

Lindsay Hamilton

Chairperson, Parents Association and Parent Council.

GALA 2013

This year's Dunlop Gala Day will take place on Saturday 1st June 2013 at Newmill Field. The field will open with the arrival of the Parade at 11.30 am. Entry into the Gala field is as always free.

All the usual attractions will be there to look forward to..... from Bouncy Castles, Aqua Balls, Inflatable Slides, Tea Cups, Tug of War and Children's Races to Fancy Dress and Scarecrow Competitions, Gun Dog Demonstration, Dog Show, Owl Magic,, Mr B Loon,, Hog Roast and numerous side stalls

Our popular free vintage bus service will run on the day every half hour to Dunlop from Stewarton and also Uplawmoor. Why not treat the family to a ride on one of our buses and leave the car at home?

Our Gymkhana will take place on Sunday 2nd June. For more information or an entry form, please contact **Jane 07713 162355**

For more information on taking a stall at the Gala or advertising in our brochure, please contact

Lorraine 07746 958523 or Diane 07963 061033

Village Hall Events Diary for March

March

- Saturday, 2 March - The Saturday Café (12 noon to 3pm)
- Friday, 8 March - The Keynotes Concert (in aid of the Ayrshire Hospice) – from 7.30pm
- Friday, 15 March - Exhibition by local artist, Susan MacColl – until 4 April
- Friday, 22 March - Village Hall Dance - Graham Korn Dance Band – from 8pm
- Sunday, 24 March - Community Cinema “Kung Fu Panda 2” at 4pm

More information on forthcoming events is available on our website: www.dunlopvillagehall.org.uk

Variety Show

by “The Keynotes” (featuring Revd John Campbell)

Dunlop Village Hall

Friday 8th March 2013 at 7.30pm

Tickets £7 (includes Tea, Coffee and biscuits)

Bar

Tickets available from Norman's and the Post Office

A charity fundraiser in aid of the Ayrshire Hospice (with a small donation to the Village Hall)

There are five members of the concert party and the entertainment includes music played on various instruments (keyboard/piano, accordions, guitars, banjo, concertina, trumpet, saxophone and drums), vocals, comedy and a featured magic act (the drummer is a member of the Magic Circle). The music ranges from folk/country to popular light standards. The aim is to provide a relaxed, fun filled, foot tapping occasion to warm the spirit.

Village Hall Dance

Dance the night away with ‘Croc Rock’

Friday 22nd March from 8pm.

Tickets £8 which includes a ‘fish supper’ or vegetarian pizza from the ‘Chip Box’ in Stewarton

This Kilmaurs group play rock and pop music mainly from the 50s, 60s, and 70s, such as Beatles, Stones, Spencer Davis, Chuck Berry, Status Quo, Small Faces, Elton John, Fleetwood Mac etc as well as soul songs, eg Ronettes, Isley Brothers. They also do some more up to date material such as Ronan Keating and Snow Patrol . After the interval they are joined by Eleanor who brings her own choice of material, eg Adele, Carly Simon.

Please buy your tickets in advance in order to book your ‘supper’.

Tickets from Linda on 484534 and Peter on 482724 or The Post Office or Norman's

Church Treasurer

Our Treasurer, David Mitchell, is about to retire and we would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his many years of service to the church. David has been Treasurer at Dunlop Kirk for over 30 years and has made a tremendous contribution to church life. He was asked to 'help out' in the late 1970's and has been treasurer ever since.

In recent years David has had a particularly difficult and demanding time with all the financial work involved in the major repairs to the church both in 1999/2000 and again with the restoration from 2008 to the present date. He has carried out the work with diligence and discretion at a particularly challenging time for the church. His knowledge and expertise has been invaluable as we worked towards returning the church to active use.

In addition to thanking David for his very significant contribution over all these years, we would like to wish him well in his retirement. We are sure he will now be able to free up more time to spend on the golf course.

David Donaldson (Minister)

An Audience with Jamie Stuart

Best Selling Author of 'A Glasgow Bible'

Wednesday, 6 March at 7.30pm

in Dunlop Kirk

Tickets are a modest £3 (including tea/coffee, shortbread and cake) and are available from Normans, the Post Office or at the door.

This is an excellent opportunity to see Dunlop's restored and refurbished church

Dunlop Parish Church

Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) – Volunteer Training

All church volunteers who work with children and vulnerable adults should undertake specialist training. If you have not attended training for some time – or have never attended training – this is your opportunity to take part. The latest dates are as follows:

Thursday, 14 March from 7pm – 10pm in the Howard Centre, Kilmarnock

Thursday, 21 March from 7pm – 10pm in the Howard Centre Kilmarnock

Sunday, 14 April from 2pm – 5pm at St John's Onthank

This is an important aspect of working as a volunteer. Please contact Jess Duncan on 01560 484050 or the Minister to book a place on one of the above courses.

Dunlop Diary – Distributor required for an area in the village

We are looking for someone to deliver copies of the Dunlop Diary to an area near the centre of the village. It takes about 15 minutes and the Diary is produced 10 months of the year. If you are willing to help, please phone Colin Hunter on 01560 483231.

Dunlop Fun Run

Sunday 19th May

Be part of the fifth and final Fun Run in aid of the Dunlop Church Restoration Fund and mark

Sunday 19th May on your calendar.

This community event is a great incentive to start training and to become fitter and healthier.

The 5k and 10k routes are suitable for both walkers and runners and there is a special 3k for under 13 year olds.

Registration, the start and the finish all take place in Dunlop Park.



Now that Spring is upon us, nearly, we all know that getting out and about and taking some exercise, is a good idea, yes you too! So if you're an adult of any age, could be a prize for the oldest, haven't done any exercise for a while and would like to be a bit more active and get fitter while having lots of laughs come and join us in Dunlop Park and be sure to bring a pal.

To help get us started, East Ayrshire Council's CHIP Team (that's the Community Health Improvement Partnership and not the fatty fried potato!) is offering a FREE 4 week introduction on how to use our new Outdoor Exercise Equipment. It's going to be really easy and a lot of fun, and will only take about half an hour per week. Then you can use the equipment as often as you like and encourage

others to come along too.

We're also looking for a few volunteers to help everyone continue to make best use of the equipment and the rest of the park after the course is completed.

We plan to start within the next 6 weeks so please contact Gerry (484672) or Carolyn (484846) or email dlparkassoc@gmail.com and let us know which days and times would suit you best and we'll get it organised. Go on....do it....NOW

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