

DUNLOP DIARY



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Dear friends and neighbours,

I write this after spending what was a mostly overcast day in Largs, a town I'm sure you all know well. Walking along the prom, I had to step over piles of pebbles and seaweed which had been deposited there by raging waves in recent storms. More storms seemed to be quite literally on the horizon as the sky above the hills at the back of the town was an ominous dark grey, almost black. The surroundings seemed to match my mood as my thoughts were taken up with the terrible situation faced by the people of Ukraine and the increasing threat posed by Putin to that country and potentially the whole world.

Suddenly, the sun burst through the clouds above the sea, making the waves sparkle and illuminating the hills against the dark sky which now formed the backdrop for a vivid rainbow! As I looked at the brilliant colours of the rainbow, I was reminded of two things. First, of God's promise to us all, and to himself, that never again would he let floodwaters destroy all life. Second, of the way the rainbow symbolised love, care and community at the beginning of the pandemic.

We are again facing darkness and danger, this time in the form of warfare. And again we are seeing the ways in which people come together for good - across the world, as nations and governments, as charities and churches, as individuals - friends and neighbours to each other, no matter the distance which might separate us.

I don't know what will have happened in the short time between now and the Dunlop Diary being printed and delivered, but I do know that even on the darkest of days the light still breaks through, that in the midst of storms, we find periods of calm, and that throughout everything God is with us.

As President Zelenskyy of Ukraine said so eloquently, the "night will be difficult, very difficult. But the morning will come".

May we all know the peace which God wills for us all,

Alison

Rev Alison McBrier

THANKS

Norman and all his family would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers and expressions of sympathy following the recent loss of Irene. They would also like to thank all for the sum of £920 for Beatson Cancer Research donated at Irene's funeral.

Church Flowers and Readers

Date	Readers	Flowers
March 6th	Charlotte McGuinness	Anne Sinclair
13th	Anne Sinclair	Carolyn Blyth
20th	Roy Wyllie	Margaret Hunter
27th	David Clement	Bertha Horne
April 3rd	Mike Blyth	Norman Neilson
10th	Alison Howie	Charlotte McGuinness
17th	Christine Wallace	Jess Duncan
24th	Marilyn Bell	Margo McMurdo

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

Mrs Irene Neilson
Mr Sam McCrae

February 2022
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“Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted”

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.

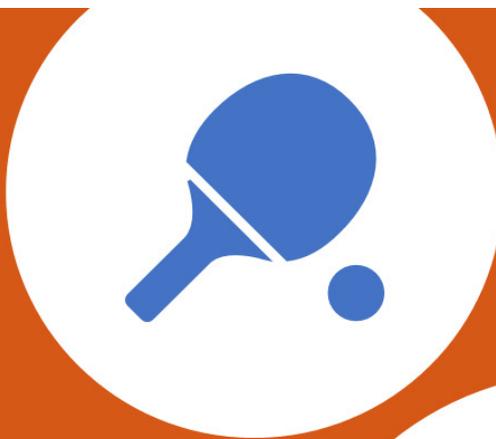
Dunlop and Caldwell, Exploring the Bible, Tuesdays 10.30am via Zoom.

If you want any information on the above or would like to join our email information list, please email Margo contact@dunlopkirk.org.uk

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

New members and guests welcome, first night is free

Dunlop Table Tennis Club



Dunlop Village Hall
48 Main Street, Dunlop KA3 4AN



Wednesdays, 19:30 - 21:30
Tuesdays, 16:30 - 18:30 (for kids aged 8 - 17)

New group from the 11th February 2022
Fridays, 13:00 – 15:00 (over 50s)



Martin on 07403230984



<https://www.facebook.com/DunlopTTC/>



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DUNLOP GALLERY

This month's exhibition is by Linette Penny Gainham. She creates beautiful, intricate tree sculptures, which is something very new for our gallery. If you would like to see the type of work she does, she has a Facebook page, Penney Lane Studios. Her opening night in the Village Hall is Friday the 4th of March, from 7 till 9, and will be available for viewing during cafe hours till the 31st of March. Come along on the 4th and enjoy a glass of wine and get to see these amazing sculptures up close!

Alzheimer Circle of Friends – March Meeting

Our next social afternoon for the Dunlop Alzheimer's Circle of Friends will be on **Wednesday 9th March 2022 from 2:00pm until 4:00pm in the Village Hall.**

Music and songs from Eddie

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.

Dunlop and Lugton Senior Citizens Association

The Committee would like to invite you to our Spring Coffee Morning which will be held in the Community Hall on Saturday 26th March commencing at 10am. There will be a baking stall, a raffle alongside our special raffle. Baking donations welcome and can be handed in at the Hall on the morning

We look forward to welcoming everyone old and new. Tickets will be on sale at the door price £2 for adults and £1 for children. Hope to see you on the day.

Margaret True
President

DUNLOP & LUGTON COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

In the past few years, a number of our neighbouring communities in East Ayrshire have produced **COMMUNITY ACTION PLANS** to help them take action to address the problems, needs, and potential of their area. With Covid restrictions being eased the timing is good for Dunlop & Lugton to now prepare its own Community Action Plan.

A Community Action Plan provides a road map for implementing community change and delivery of essential services by clarifying what will be done, who will do it and how it will be done. The plan describes what the community wants to achieve, what activities are required during a specified time period, and what resources (money, people and materials) are needed to be successful.

The first stage is to carry out a survey of as many people as possible who live in the Dunlop and Lugton area and huge thanks goes to those who have already come forward to offer their help in distributing these surveys. (There's still plenty space for more volunteers!) So what's involved?...

- Survey distributors will be responsible for delivering paper copies to every household in their pre agreed list. (Street names/areas of approximately 30 households are currently being allocated).

- Note that online options will also be available.

- Distributors will then collect/check each household on their pre agreed list has completed the survey and report back to the lead.

The survey will highlight things people like/dislike about our local area. With key themes coming out of the surveys our community will be able to see where we can make change for the better and new opportunities are sure to come out.

We are aiming to start the survey process from week beginning 28th March.

A community meeting will be held in advance of this date to allocate street names/areas to distributors and answer any questions. All will be welcome.

When you receive your survey, please don't ignore it. We want as big a range of opinions as possible and the greater the response the easier it will be to identify priorities. All age groups will be encouraged to participate. If you have any further questions you wish to discuss, contact Ruth Wilson on 07891 048 258.

Dunlop and Lugton Poppy Fairies

The poppy fairies are starting to make early plans for this year's poppy displays in the villages.

We have lots of people knitting and crocheting and have built up a good store of poppies.

We would love some more help in the following areas:

1. Practical help putting up and taking down displays on fences and lamp posts and helping to site our war horse.
2. Artistic and creative input. We would love some of our very talented local artists to come on board and help with ideas for new displays and ideas for displays in our local shop windows - all our shops are keen to support the poppy displays and are usually happy to let us "poppify" them, but we have just run out of ideas.
3. A co-ordinator for our wee group who could keep on top of our plans and help make arrangements, organise very occasional get togethers where we have a cup of tea or whatever and toss around some ideas - very informal!

If you can help in any way at all please contact:

Lizann Shuttleton 07900 938379 lizannshuttleton@hotmail.com

Ellenor Ferguson 07811 045600 ellenorferguson@yahoo.co.uk



Dunlop Bowling Club

In association with St John Scotland, Dunlop Bowling Club have recently bought a public access defibrillator. This has been installed on the side of the greenkeeper's hut facing Newmill Road. Access is simple. Dial 999 and you are given a code to unlock box. Then follow instructions. SJS volunteers provide free CPR training following the installation of a defibrillator. In photo at unveiling are Douglas Reid, President of bowling club, Jess Duncan, Chair St John Scotland Ayrshire and Arran branch and Douglas Bell, St John volunteer and bowling club member