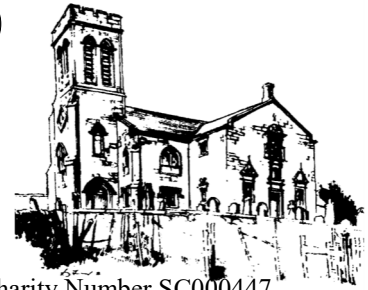


DUNLOP DIARY



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Dear friends and neighbours,

By the time you receive this month's Diary the clocks will have fallen back, the nights will have drawn in, and we'll be hunkering down and cosying in for winter. Hallowe'en costumes will have been put away till next year, pumpkins will have been put out for the birds (and out of reach of hedgehogs), and guisers might have eaten all their sweets! There will be a certain "woolliness" about the parish, red and purple remembrance of the past prompting hope for a peaceful future - for all God's creatures - people and animals alike.

The whole of God's creation - this world and all that lives and grows on it - is the focus of COP26, the Climate Change Conference taking place in Glasgow over the first two weeks of November. It can be easy to feel daunted by the challenges, perhaps a little sceptical with the inevitable politicking, frustrated by the complexity of it all.

I've been taking encouragement and finding inspiration from the opening verses of the Bible which take us back to the very beginning - when God created night and day; sky, land and sea; seeds, plants and trees; sun, moon and stars; fish, birds and land animals. And he created us, men and women in his own image and then he did a most remarkable thing - he entrusted us with this wonderful world he had created - this world that he made and knew to be good.

We can take heart and know hope from the knowledge that we each have our own precious place in God's creation and that we each have our own special role to play in looking after this world - sea, sky and land, plants, people and animals. We look to God in all our choices, remembering the beginning and doing what we can to make sure that He can still look at everything He made and see that it is very good.

May you all know God's blessing in your lives and in your homes, now and always.

Peace, love and hope,

Alison

Rev Alison McBrier

The Congregational Board and the Kirk Session will meet in the church on Wednesday 3rd November at 7pm and via Zoom.

Christian Aid Harvest collection.

The village has raised the wonderful sum of £1563

Thank you to all who gave so generously.

Alison Howie, Christian Aid Convener, Dunlop Kirk.



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

Morning Communion Service, Sunday 31st October 2021 11.30 am
We will provide everything you require to celebrate Holy Communion.

'All who love the Lord are welcome'

Deaths

Mrs Ann Dempster

September 2021

Mr Jimmy Harris

October 2021

Mrs Jean Walker

October 2021

"Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted"

Remembrance Sunday 14th November 2021

Remembrance Service - 11:30am in church and 12:30 at the War Memorial.

Masks and 1m distancing will be required.

Details will be recorded for Test and Protect.

Both services will be lived streamed on YouTube, Facebook and on our website.

Harvest Service.

Thank you to all in the community who donated to our Harvest Service.

We distributed 45 gifts and Stewarton Food bank were delighted with the many bags of food and toiletries.

Margo McMurdo, Session Clerk

DUNLOP ALZHEIMER CIRCLE OF FRIENDS Next Meeting

It was good to see all our friends at the Halloween Party and hopefully you will come to our next event:

Venue: **DUNLOP VILLAGE HALL**

Date: **Wednesday 10th November**

Time: **From 2:00pm until 4:00pm**

We hope all our regular visitors will come along and we send out a warm invitation to anyone to come and join us for music, afternoon tea and a chat.

Friendship always at Dunlop Alzheimer Circle of Friends.

Please contact Susan Shorrock on 01560 482109 for information

Christmas Appeal East Ayrshire Churches Homelessness Action:

This year there will again be a collection for children affected by homelessness at Christmas. As many in the community are still not out shopping, there will be a cash collection to help with gifts for children and the purchase of tinned goods for the residents in temporary accommodation, that is in the hostels and temporary flats throughout East Ayrshire so that they can have a festive meal on Christmas day.

Norman has kindly agreed to have a collection can for the Christmas Appeal on behalf of East Ayrshire Churches Homelessness Action (EACHa).

If you already have gifts prepared, please contact: Margo McMurdo 01560 484824 or Lesley Beaton 01560 484989 and we will arrange collection.

We appreciate the support this appeal always receives from the congregation and the wider community.

Margo McMurdo, Session Clerk

CHILDREN IN NEED

As she has done for the last 40 years June Paxton will again be collecting for Children in Need. There will be collecting buckets at both Nornam's and the Post Office on Friday 19th November. June is also organizing a party on the 19th in Dunlop Bowling Club. Tickets, priced £8 will be available from the bowling club or from June phone 484852.

CRAFT FAIR

Dunlop Friends of the Ayrshire Hospice

The annual **Craft Fair** in aid of the Hospice will take place on **Friday 5th November** in the village hall 7.30 till 9:30pm.

Please come and support the Hospice and the crafters.

Home baking, the raffle and Ayrshire Hospice Christmas Cards will be available along with the craft stalls.

We look forward to seeing you again!

Donation £3 which includes a CakeAway box.

Covid restrictions will apply. Please wear a face mask unless exempt.

DUNLOP GALLERY

If you haven't had the chance, do pop into the Conservatory Cafe for a look at Ellen Ostler and Alan Thomas's wonderful exhibition of photos and felts. Alan has taken pictures of Scottish landscapes, and Ellen has recreated them beautifully in felt artworks. The exhibition runs until Thursday the 11th of November.

Our next show is the big Christmas one! The opening night is Friday the 12th of November, from 7 till 9. Come along and choose from a variety of work from different local artists. Great ideas for Christmas presents! Wine will be served at the table, and we ask that you wear a mask to view the work. The show will run until Friday the 17th of December.

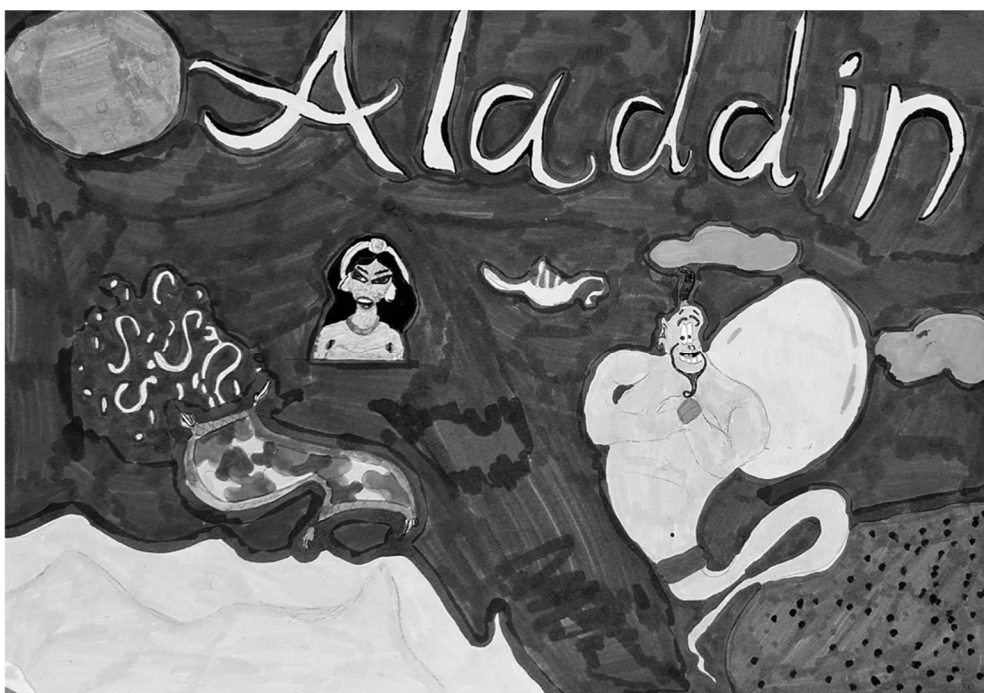
If you have any questions, please phone Ellenor at 07811045600, or Shiona at 07506951620

Christmas Cards Dunlop Kirk

With Christmas fast approaching, why not consider giving one of the beautiful cards (featuring 2 of the most stunning of the stained glass windows) to that special person. £2 each or 3 for £5.

The book with its fascinating detail about all the windows, is priced at £5 and makes a lovely gift, easily wrapped and posted.

Contact Carolyn 01560 484846 or Sheila 01560 480919



Thursday 25th November @ 7:30pm

Friday 26th November @ 7:30pm

Saturday 27th November @ 1:30pm & 6:30pm

Tickets available at www.ticketebo.co.uk/dunlop-players

Or scan the QR Code below

Adults £8

Children £6

Family Ticket £24 (based on 2 adults/2 children)

