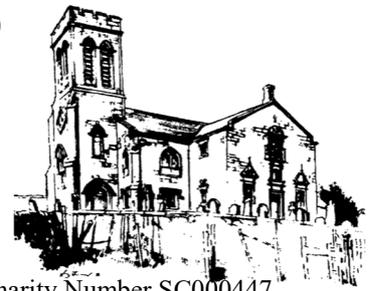


DUNLOP DIARY



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Dear friends and neighbours,

I hope you've all had a good summer - and been able to make the most of at least some of our new found freedoms as COVID restrictions continue to ease. Our lives are still not as they were before and as I write this piece at the end of August, the church continues to wait for updated guidance from the Scottish Government. But it has been great to see groups like our Church Alzheimers Group - Circle of Friends start up again. They have a new logo for this fresh start and are already planning social activities and fun for Hallowe'en and Christmas-time. Although our Wednesday Coffee Mornings haven't been able to restart, I know that many old friends, and new, have been gathering regularly for chat over a cuppa in the Village Hall on Tuesday mornings.

We've also been able to have a cuppa and a chat after worship in the Church on Sunday mornings. We do still have to wear face-coverings, for the moment, but we have our organist, Sadie, back with us, and we have been getting the hang of singing hymns while wearing a mask! We are now equipped for live-streaming of services from the church, and hopefully as time goes on, other groups and organisations will also be able to take advantage of our new technology. It's been a steep learning curve and a special thanks goes to our AV Team who've become broadcasting experts!

Speaking of broadcasting, BBC Northern Ireland will soon be filming in the church and around the village for their series, "Hame" which focusses on the history, culture and tradition of the Ulster Scots. Dunlop will feature in a programme about James Hamilton, son of our first post-Reformation minister, who was a key figure in early 17th century Ulster. I'll let you know when the programme is due to be broadcast as we should be able to watch it on iPlayer.

With the schools back and as we move from summer to autumn, I'm sure we are all relishing the prospect of some stability and normality in our lives.

Whether you are picking up from where you left off, or taking up new challenges, I wish you all God's blessing.

Peace, love and hope,

Alison

Rev Alison McBrier

Village Hall

On Tuesday mornings the hall is open for coffee and chat from 10.00am—11.30am
Open to all who would like a coffee and chat.

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. Will start soon

If you want any information on the above or would like to join our email information list, please phone Margo 01560 484824

Deaths

Dr Iain Kyles

May 2021

Miss Nan Cullen

June 2021

Mrs Betty Corral

August 2021

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

Dunlop Congregation Board and Kirk Session will meet in the church on Tuesday 31st August at 7pm.

Church A/V system

During the pandemic this has been upgraded to allow us to record and live-stream from the church directly to Youtube.

We have 3 PTZ cameras (pan, tilt, zoom) controlled remotely. All microphones can now be controlled remotely also.

We hope that this technology will be of use to the wider community.

Hopefully any amateur film-makers can get involved. It should also make it easier for organisations such as scouts to tackle media badges etc.

For more information contact Margo McMurdo (484824), Douglas Bell (482966)

DUNLOP ALZHEIMER CIRCLE OF FRIENDS Update

We are delighted to announce that Dunlop Circle of Friends social afternoons have restarted.

It was good to see all our friends at the August meeting and hopefully you will continue to come along.

The next meeting is:

Venue: **DUNLOP VILLAGE HALL**

Date: **Wednesday 8th September**

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

Stuart Faulds will be our special guest at our September event. He will be entertaining us with his accordion.

We are also looking forward to our Halloween party on Wednesday 13th October (fancy dress), music from Eddie on Wednesday 10th November and our Christmas party on Saturday 11th December. Please put these dates in your diary.

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

DUNLOP GALLERY NEWS

The exhibition of work by Michelle Winslow's children's art class will run until September the 8th. Catch it if you can at the Conservatory Cafe this week.

After that, it's the turn of two of our local artists, Nina Russell and Nat Denver, to show their latest work.

We will have an open evening on Friday the 10th from seven till nine, the first opening night since lockdown

Dunlop and Lugton Senior Citizens Association

Dunlop and Lugton Senior Citizens Association will be holding their Halloween Coffee Morning on Saturday 30th October between 10am and 11.30 am in the Village Community Hall. Tickets will be on sale at the door and there will be a raffle. We look forward to seeing you there on the day.

Conservatory Cafe

Saturday Cafe open on 4th of September.

There will be some stalls selling crafts and local produce.

We are always looking for new volunteers to help. You are guaranteed a free lunch and some good banter! Please pop in and have a chat or call Daniela on 07833462612.

Dunlop & Lugton Community Council

Good afternoon everyone.

As we move back to a more normal situation, the Community Council is holding its first in person meeting since March 2020.

But this time, it will be different. There is our AGM to go through very quickly then the only agenda item will be The Future of the Community Council.

We have some ideas of our own, but we need your ideas. How can the CC move forwards? It cannot and will not be "more of the same".

So, Thursday 2nd September 7pm in the Bowler's Hall in Village Hall.

Everybody is most welcome. Come along and tell us how we can help you or your organisation and what ideas you have for the whole community for the future.

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