



Paws for Thought

Hello again friends and fans. I say “fans” because I have been hearing that my fame has been spreading across the country! If you know anyone outside the area who reads my articles, let me know and we'll see how far our newsletter travels! Daddy is a bit jealous that people read my article before his, but I think it's quite funny!

May was a busy month. I spent a week in Edinburgh for the General Assembly with daddy. I didn't see much of the Assembly (they wouldn't let me in, apparently tartan dog collars are against the dress code), but I did listen to a lot of it on daddy's computer. Daddy likes the Assembly very much so was recording it from the internet. I can't say I understood much of it, but I did hear my grandpa speak a few times. My 2 grandpas, one of my grannies and my daddy were all at the meetings, maybe one day I'll get to go too.

Apparently they have a “playpen” at the Assembly where all the important people sit – we have 3 playpens in our house so I'd feel right at home.

I mentioned last month that I'd tell you about the Manse garden. Well daddy has been very busy, and my sister and I have been helping him – we are good at digging and watering (though I don't think daddy appreciate my efforts very much). He is growing potatoes, broccoli, leeks, rhubarb, cherries, pears, apples, strawberries, blueberries, raspberries and lots more. He has planted a new hedge to keep me and the children out(!) and has lots more plans. It's certainly keeping him very busy!

Hope you all have a lovely summer. I intend to spend it hiding in the garden under the picnic table with a tennis ball

Dougie



Church Sale of Work

Saturday 24th July 2010 at 2pm

Please support this annual fundraiser. All the usual stalls e.g.

Baking Teas
Books Crafts
Produce & plants Hamper

also featuring Daisy the Cow and other games!

Hall open from 0930 - 1130 to receive donations.



Weather



The frost we had during the first half of May do not seem to have done much damage to the potato crops on both sides of Girvan. Not like the night in 1985 when our own Munro Clark was out during the night watering his crop to stop it from oblivion. Judging by the forecast we may still get some more frost before the month is out -in spite of the temperature reaching 24.8°C (77°F) on the 22nd.

A cold snap around mid May is not so unusual and the blame for this was St. Dunstan. He was the Archbishop of Canterbury from 959 until his death on May 19th, 988. Despite his scholarship and the expansion of the monasteries, legends grew about Dunstan's dealings with Satan. One told how Dunstan in his youth ran a brewery and how, faced with stiff competition from a local cider maker, his beer sales plummeted. In desperation, Dunstan made a pact with the Devil to have a frost strike in late spring each year to ruin the apple blossom of the Cider maker. The Devil kept his word and brought a severe frost every year around the time of St. Dunstan's day on May 19th.

Dunstan was also a skilled blacksmith in his early days, and another story concerned the Devil, who was so enraged by Dunstan's preaching that he visited his forge at Glastonbury disguised as a young women to tempt him. But a gust of wind revealed the Devil's hoofs and Dunstan picked up a red-hot pair of tongs and tweaked the Devil's nose, sending him packing. As a result, blacksmiths put up a horseshoe over their workshops to ward off the Devil, and so began the superstition of hanging a lucky horseshoe over a door.

George Watt

News Letter

Items for next news letter should be in by **26th August**



How Many Books are in the Bible?



OLD TESTAMENT:

How many letters are in the word OLD? 3

How many letters are in the word TESTAMENT? 9

There are 39 books in the Old Testament.

NEW TESTAMENT:

How many letters are in the word NEW? 3

How many letters are in the word TESTAMENT? 9

Multiply 3 by 9 to get 27.

There are 27 books in the New Testament.

Note: This mnemonic works for the Protestant version of the Old Testament

From our Prayer Correspondent



For Reading and Meditation:-Acts 2, v- 1-18(Joel 2,v 28-29.)v-17,
This is what I will do in the last days, I will pour out my Spirit on everyone.

Prayer

Thank you God our Father, for the sacrifice of Jesus the Son

Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit,

Thank you for being real in our hearts,

In a suffering and hurting world we need you now Lord more than ever before,

We need to turn back to you and worship you in spirit and in truth,

To lay our lives before you and do your will, not our own,

Holy Spirit reveal more of Jesus to us, give us a heart for prayer

Enable us to love Him with all our heart, soul and strength,

Lord Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit we surrender to You.



An Email From God

One day God was looking down at Earth and saw all of the evil that was going on. He decided to send an angel down to Earth to check it out. So he called one of His best angels and sent the angel to Earth for a time.

When she returned she told God, yes it is bad on Earth, 95% is bad and 5% is good.

Well, he thought for a moment and said, maybe I had better send down a second angel to get another point of view.

So God called another angel and sent her to Earth for a time too.

When the angel returned she went to God and told him yes, the Earth was in decline, 95% was bad and 5% was good.

God said this was not good. So He decided to E-mail the 5% that were good and He wanted to encourage them, give them a little something to help them keep going.

Do you know what that E-mail said????

You didn't get one either,.....huh?



In loving fellowship Pat.



Ballantrae Open Flower Show

Annual flower show this year will be held on Sat. 21st August in Ballantrae Community Centre.

Show schedules—50p available from chairman—Mr W McKnight or secretary—Mr J Cowieson.

Schedule contains lists of classes for vegetables, flowers, baking, & young peoples classes etc.

Also entry forms.

Barrhill Film Night



The following films will be shown in Barrhill Memorial Hall on the respective dates at 7pm.

'Alice in Wonderland' - 18th June, 'Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang' - 22nd July and 'Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief' - 20th August.



Glenapp Service

During the months from June to August, there are two communion services in Glenapp Church. Both are at 3pm and the first is on 13th June, with the second one on 22nd August

Prayer Meeting



The prayer meeting will meet on 30th June at 7:30pm in the Manse. All are welcome.

Interested in joining the Church?

In the autumn there will be a short course running for those interested in joining the church. If you or someone you know would be interested in joining the church, please phone Stephen on **01465 831252**.

Sunday School Trip & Prize Giving

The Sunday School trip will take place on Saturday 26th June with the Prize Giving during the service on Sunday 27th June. More details to follow regarding the trip.



Afraid of the Dark

A little boy was afraid of the dark. One night his mother told him to go out to the back porch and bring her the broom.

The little boy turned to his mother and said, "Mama, I don't want to go out there. It's dark."

The mother smiled reassuringly at her son. "You don't have to be afraid of the dark," she explained. "Jesus is out there. He'll look after you and protect you."

The little boy looked at his mother real hard and asked, "Are you sure he's out there?"

"Yes, I'm sure. He is everywhere, and he is always ready to help you when you need him," she said.

The little boy thought about that for a minute and then went to the back door and cracked it a little. Peering out into the darkness, he called, "Jesus? If you're out there, would you please hand me the broom?"





Wet

Wee Sammy said to little Jimmy "My dog saw a sign that said, "Wet Paint" - and so he did!"



Corner

Harry; "Why is it that every time the doorbell rings my dog goes into a corner?"

Larry: "Because he's a boxer."

Remember to Drink Plenty of Fluid

During this hot weather remember to increase your fluid intake - regardless of your activity level. Mock tails are a refreshing and healthy alternative, fun for all the family.



CARDINAL PUNCH

Over ice cubes pour four parts cranberry juice, two parts orange juice, one part lemon juice and ginger ale to top up. Garnish with fruit and serve with straws.

SAINT CLEMENTS

Stir equal parts of orange juice and bitter lemon with plenty of ice. Serve garnished with slices of orange and lemon.

MICKEY MOUSE

Pour cola over ice cubes, than add a scoop of soft vanilla ice cream, top with whipped cream and two cherries, serve with a straw and a spoon.

APPLEADE

Chop up two large apples and pour a pint of boiling water over them. Sprinkle in about a teaspoon of sugar and leave to stand for a few minutes. Strain the liquid and leave to cool. Serve with plenty of ice and garnish with a wedge of apply and a slice of lemon.

To name a few, why not make your own up and let the family name them. A note, all fruit must be extremely ripe, almost to the point it is overripe, but not quite. Keep the mixture refrigerated. Non-alcoholic fruit cocktails is known to provide essential nutrients like vitamins, minerals and amino acids.

LISTS AND ROTAS

Flower Calendar



June

- 6th. M. Peacock
- 13th. The Guild
- 20th Lorna Greenhill
- 27th. Florence Brown



Tea Duty

June 6th

Dorothy Flitter, Margaret Maule & Anthea Russell

Church Cleaning Teem

June 13th. Penny Savage & Liz Gregg

June 27th. Tom & Jean Davidson

If unable to fulfil your given date, please swap with another team. If you can help with the Church cleaning rota, contact **Liz Gregg, tel. 841686**. **Please note church should be cleaned prior to date indicated .**

Sunday Duty Rota

June	July
6th A	4th E
13th B	11th A
20th C	18th B
27th D	25th C

Message from the Manse



Dear Friends,

I recently attended the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in Edinburgh. It was a good week and I enjoyed the debates and meeting people. It was great to catch up with friends, especially people that I had studied with or worked with during my training. They are spread around the country and so it was good to see each other and find out how everyone was doing.

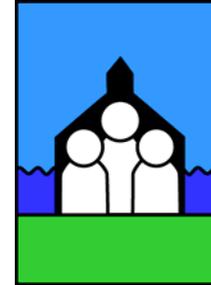
On the Saturday my family had a get-together to celebrate a significant birthday of my father. Barbara and the children came up for the weekend, and my sister and brother-in-law came down from North Uist, and we all had a barbeque at my other sister's house just outside Edinburgh. It was lovely to see all the family and the children enjoyed seeing their Aunts and Uncles, as well as their Granny and Grampa.

Times with friends or families are very important in our lives. It is not good for people to live out their existence completely on their own. That is why God created families, but more importantly that's why God called his followers to be a family. The church is both a gathering of friends and a family. It is a time when we join with other people who share our faith. Yet the church is not a collection of strangers, but a time when we gather together as a family. God is the Father of all of us, and so we are brothers and sisters, who have been called to care and support each other as well as celebrate significant events in our individual lives, just as a family would do.

Whatever you do this summer, I hope you remember the family that you belong to and enjoy the time when we gather together.

God bless,

Stephen



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