



To make you smile

A man was caught in a flood and two men came by in a boat to rescue him, but he waved them away shouting “No the Lord will save me”!

One hour later another boat came along but again the man said “No the Lord will save me”. Eventually a helicopter arrived but the man insisted “The Lord will save me”.

Unfortunately the man drowned and at the Pearly Gates he asked St. Peter, “Why didn’t the Lord save me?”.

St. Peter replied ---- “For crying out loud — He sent 2 boats and a helicopter, what more do you want?!!

From the Sunday Groups



Q: What’s black and white and makes lots of noise ?

A: A Zebra with a set of drums

Q: Why do cows wear bells?

A: Because their horns don’t work !



GOING ON LINE

Worth a visit to keep up to date with events

<http://www.christianweb.org.uk/forums/>

<http://www.christianweb.org.uk/bible/>

S.W.R.I.



New members welcome to attend our monthly meetings.

Next meeting on the 3rd March

78th birthday party.

Newsletter



Items for the April should be in by 26th March. The *Newsletter* costs approx. £400 per annum to produce. Donations towards the cost may be left in a suitably marked envelope in the offering plate at any time, or given to the minister or any office bearer

Chocolate cake



125g / 2oz / ½ cup soft margarine

125g / 4½oz / ½ cup caster sugar
2eggs

1 tbsp golden (light com) syrup

125g / 4½oz / 1 cup self raising flour, sieved

2 tbsp cocoa power, sieved

Filling & Topping

50g / 4oz / ¼ cup icing (confectioners) sugar, sieved (strained)

25g / 1oz / 2 tbsp butter

100g / 3½oz white or milk cooking chocolate

A little milk or white chocolate, melted (optional)

Method.

Lightly grease two 18 cm / 7 inch shallow cake tins Place all of the ingredients for the cake in a large mixing bowl beat with a wooden spoon or electric hand whisk to form a smooth mixture.

Divide the mixture between the prepared tins and level the tops.

Bake in a preheated oven, 190c /325f / gas mark 5, for 20 minutes or until springy to the touch. Cool for a few minutes in the tins before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

To make the filling, beat the icing sugar and butter together in a bowl until light and fluffy. Melt the cooking chocolate and beat half into the icing mixture. Use the filling to sandwich the 2 cakes together.

Spread the remaining melted cooking chocolate over the top of the cake. Pipe circles of contrasting melted milk or white chocolate and feather into the cooking chocolate with a cocktail stick if liked. Leave to set before serving

Gillian Taylor

Cooks Tip !

Eat on the day of baking as it does not keep well

Given the thumbs up by the Sunday School

OFFICAL OPENING

Of new **BRICC** Thrift Shop
At 10am.

Followed by a Coffee Morning in BRICC House in aid of refurbishment of new shop on
Saturday 22 March

Adults -£1.50 Children-£1.

Stalls- Baking, Produce, Hamper, Raffle. All Welcome

Used Stamps

As well as used stamps, we also collect old spectacles and used ink cartridges (except Epson).

Poem For Good Friday



Indifference

When Jesus came to Golgotha
they hanged him on a tree,
They drove great nails through
hands and feet, and made a Calvary;
They crowned Him with a crown
of thorns, red were His wounds
and deep,
For those were crude and cruel
days, and human flesh was cheap.

When Jesus came to Birmingham
they simply passed him by,
They never hurt a hair of Him,
they only let Him die;
For men had grown more tender,
and they would not give Him pain,
They only just passed down the
street, and left Him in the rain.

Still Jesus cried, "Forgive them,
for they know not what they do,"
And still it rained the wintry rain
that drenched Him through and
through;
The crowds went home and left
the streets without a soul to see,
And Jesus crouched against a wall
and cried for Calvary.

Maori Bowl



*Report from
Geordie Fergusson on the
handover of the Maori Bowl.*

I spoke briefly about the bowl's
history and how the Kirk
Session had given it to Rangi-
atea Church as a link to
the Church before its disastrous
fire in the 1990's, since when
it has been lovingly restored. I
described how Ballantrae is,
like Otaki, a village by the sea
looking out to other islands.
The bowl was very well
received, with some real excite-
ment and appreciation to the
Session: they have nothing
else wooden left from the
original church. The bowl was
put straight into use as the
handover came just before the
collection. The handover was
covered by Maori Television,
though I didn't see it.

Best wishes,
Geordie



From our prayer correspondent



Dear Father,

We thank you for the precious gift of
each child and the joy that they bring
into our lives, we pray that they will
never know fear or hurt. Save them in
your ever loving arms from the dan-
gers seemingly harmless and innocent
pastimes of computer games, films and
books

Help us as parents and grandparents to
guide and nurture our children in your
way, strengthen us in the ongoing
struggle against the dangers that seek
to overwhelm us.

We pray especially for those children
and young people everywhere who
have no safe guidance in their lives and
who do not know you and the love you
have for them.

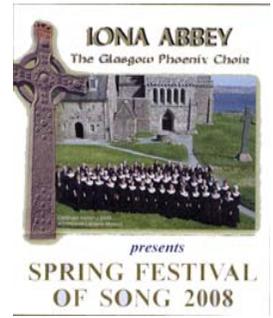
Send someone into the lives of these
children and young people who are
abused or rejected by the adults who
are supposed to care for them, and
open hearts and minds to a better way
of life in you.

We pray these prayers in your Holy
and precious name Lord Jesus
Amen

Will you as members of the church
family pray for children and young
people all over the world.

Pat

Hear the choir
live at
Old Cumnock
Old Church
Cumnock on
Sat. 8th March
@ 7.30pm.



See Meg Peacock
for further information



Weather

In late January and again on 19th
February a heavy fall of snow
affected Jerusalem. This brings
some credence to the hymn "In the
bleak mid-winter - - - snow fell on
snow". We also had up to 3ins. of
snow in the early hours of the 2nd.
Feb. The only local traffic near
Auchenflower between 3am &
7.45am was a cat! A welcome dry
spell with lots of sunshine occurred
between the 9th & 19th and this
allowed local ploughing to get under
way. There was a wonderfully
colourful glow after sunset on the
17th & 18th, and again before dawn
on the following mornings. From the
20th it was back to the wind and
rain.
That's summer for another year, it
must have been a cuckoo after all.

George Watt

World Day of Prayer
Friday 7th March @ 7 pm
in the church.



EASTER SERVICES
21st March
 Good Friday Meditation in
 church at 7pm.
23rd March
 11am. Family Service

KIRK SESSION & BOARD

The congregational records have
 been inspected and all were found
 to be in order.
*Thanks to Rev. Guthrie for taking
 the records for inspection.*

COMMUNION

The service on Sunday 24th
 February was reasonable well
 attended; about 60 people took
 Communion.

*Looking back at our records we
 see that on 6th November 1977
 165 people took Communion.
 What a difference 30 years have
 made!*

**CHURCH OF
 SCOTLAND GUILD**



Ballantrae Branch will meet on Monday
 17th for Annual Business meeting
 including the financial report.

COFFEE MORNING Sat. 29th March
 10 am - 11.30 am.
 Adults £1.50 Children £1.
 All Welcome.

Thursday 13th March a Spring Rally in
 Dundonald church at 2 pm.
 May Nicholson
 “ The Pretchel Trust”
 All interested are welcome to
 Attend

The total raised at the Lenten Lunch
 was £313. A cheque for this amount
 will be paid into church funds. Guild
 members are most grateful to everyone
 who gave their support.



YOUNG WOMENS GROUP

Will meet on Wed 5/03/08

A G M

Thanks

May I through the kind offices
 of the Kirk’s monthly news
 letter, thank the members of
 Ballantrae Parish Church for
 their kind thought and wishes
 for a complete recovery from
 my recent abseil, (without
 ropes) at 22 main St. a couple
 of weeks ago. It is heart warm-
 ing and in many ways helps
 one recover.

Thanks to each and everyone
 for their good wishes. Someone
 up there must surely be looking
 after me. *Bill McKnight*

LIFE AND WORK

Copies of Life and Work the
 Church of Scotland’s national
 magazine, are available from
 Margaret McKissock

Blythswood Care

Is glad to receive donations of
 food, clothes, bedding, bric-a-
 brac and household goods. A
 truck will collect from this area
 on 2nd Tuesday of every month.
 Contact any WRVS member for
 more information.

LISTS AND ROTAS

Flower Calendar



Mar.2nd Y.W.G
 9th G.McKinley
 16th M.Neil
 23rd O Tinsley
 30th *S Crosthwaite*

Church Cleaning Teams



Tea Duty

Sunday 6th April

Fiona Carle Irene Stewart
 Diane Buchanan Jean Davidson
 Janice McIlwraith

Mar.2nd

John & Janice McIlwraith
16th
 Penny Savage & Liz Gregg
30th
 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.

Sunday Duty Rota

March	April
2nd. B	6th. B
9th. C	13th. C
16th. D	20th. D
23rd. E	27th. E
30th. A	

JOURNEY OF FAITH



Dear Friends,

I often think living the Christian life is a kind of journey. Sometimes the way is easy and other times it's very hard. Sometimes all is well and then suddenly - bang - we're right in the middle of it! Where to turn; what to do? This story, in a rather strange way, illustrates the point. We're back in the 1930's.

This letter was found in the notorious desert of Brazil, known as the Amargosa; where temperatures often reach over a 100 degrees Fahrenheit. The letter was found in a tin can tied to the handle of an old pump which offered the only hope of drinking water on a very long and lonely trail. It was very much at the point of no return. The letter read.

"This pump is alright as of June 1932. I put a new suction washer in it and it ought to last for another five years. The washer dries out and the pump has got to be primed. Under the white rock I've buried a bottle of water, out of the sun and cork-end up. There's enough water in it to prime the pump but not if you drink some first. Pour in about a quarter to soak the leather washer. Then pour in the rest quick and pump like crazy. You'll get water; the well has never failed yet. Have faith. When you get watered-up, fill the bottle and put it back under the rock for the next feller

God bless, Desert Pete.

PS. Remember, don't go drinking the water first. Prime the pump, before you do anything and you'll get all the water you need."

When it comes to the question of salvation, the Easter story asks us to put our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. That is a matter not just of trust but of faith also. The Bible promises that His word is faithful and true. The question is, can we trust it. Many would answer 'Yes'. But when it comes down to it it's a personal choice, just like the story in the Amargosa desert. I pray that your choice is the right one and that your journey is with Jesus; the author and finisher of all faith.

With every blessing.

Jim Guthrie,

Interim Moderator.

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