

Paws for Thought



Dear Friends,

Have you ever used a foot spa? One of those machines that you put water in and it vibrates and massages your feet. The perfect thing after you've been on your feet all day. Now imagine using a foot spa when you have 4 feet. It's just not possible! I call it discrimination against 4 legged creatures – when will someone invent a foot spa for dogs!!

The reason I was in need of a little relaxation was that last month I completed a sponsored walk to raise funds for the Youth Group in Ballantrae. We walked from the Harbour to the Bennane and back. It was a very cold day, but it was nice to have a long walk. I wasn't too sure about some of the others who took part. There was another 4 legged friend who kept running up to me and woofing. I maybe said a few things I shouldn't back to him – but he was off a lead and I wasn't so I was a bit grumpy anyway. Thank you to everyone who sponsored me. I raised over £80 – and £1 more than Daddy raised! He says I cheated because I have 4 legs, but I said it's actually a disadvantage as it means I have 4 sore feet instead of 2!

Till next time

Dougie 



Leprosy Mission

I will be happy to take any donations for LEPRAs during February. I appreciate all the support you have given to LEPRAs over the years. If anyone would be interested in reading the latest copy of LEPRAs news please ask me.

Penny Savage



Thanks

Lorna would like to thank everyone for all the lovely cards, gifts, visits and good wishes received during her recent unfortunate accident. The kindness and love shown to my family and I, has been truly remarkable.

Thank you (Fourways, Ballantrae)



Something Different!

My only remaining contact with my Edinburgh/Haddington days is Mrs Frances Ritchie who is the wife of the late Rev. Joseph Sil-lars Ritchie M.B.E. M.A.(1907-1996).Over the last 2yrs. Mrs Ritchie and her family have been working on Joe's Memoirs which he dictated 30yrs. ago when they first moved to Edinburgh after his retirement from the West Church, Haddington. Mrs Ritchie has sent me a copy of his memoirs when he was an Army Chaplain throughout the Second World War. I have not managed to read them all yet because I keep reading over again the part dealing with the bombing of the liner Lancastria in the Bay of Biscay on June 17, 1940.

The incident was all hushed up at the time because of low morale following Dunkirk, but it is reckoned that over 3,000 lives were lost and to this day it represents the greatest maritime disaster in British History and was the largest single loss of British forces during World War 2. One of the few survivors was Joe. Eventually he was rescued and was landed in Plymouth. From there he made his way to London, and while waiting for his train to Scotland he was arrested for being a spy. He was taken to Scotland Yard and imprisoned, but after requested phone calls to the war office and the Royal Army Chaplains Department, he was freed. He managed to catch the last train and arrived in Edinburgh at four in the morning. He goes on "It was noon before I arrived home in Dunfermline. I opened the door and Mother saw me. She turned so pale; then when she knew me she wept and embraced me."

On June 12th 2008, Joes birthday, over 40 relatives of those who died or survived the sinking of the Lancastria attended a special ceremony in the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh and were presented with a beautiful medal by Alex Salmond, First Minister.

George Watt



Jim would like to thank everyone for his cards, good wishes and presents given to him on his 80th birthday.

P.S. Still young at heart

What kids say about Angels



Angels don't eat, but I think they drink milk from Holy Cows. Everyone has it all wrong. Angels no longer wear halos. I don't remember why, but scientists are working on it.

My guardian angel helps me with science, but no good for maths. It's hard to become an angel. First, you have to die. Then you go to heaven and go through flight training. And then they make you agree to wear those angel clothes

Angels have lots to do and they keep really busy. Like when you lose a tooth, an angel comes in through the window and leaves money under the pillow. Then when it gets cold outside, they go south for the winter.

Angels live in cloud houses. These are made by God and His son, who is a really good carpenter.

What I don't understand about angels is why, if someone is in love, they shoot arrows at them.

When an angel gets angry, he takes a deep breath. Then he counts to ten. When he lets his breath out, there's a tornado somewhere.

All angels are girls because the boys didn't want to wear dresses.



Film Nights



Our last two film nights of the season are on **11th and 25th March**. On 11th we will be showing at 6pm – Despicable Me (animation), and at 8pm – Old Dogs (starring John Travolta and Robin Williams). And on 25th we are showing at 6pm – Marmaduke (about a Great Dane), and at 8pm - ??? (still to be decided – please give Stephen any suggestions).



S.W.R.I

Meet on Monday 7th March
81st Anniversary—TBA



News Letter

Items for next months news letter should be in no later than **25th March.**

From Our Prayer Correspondent



For reading and meditation :- Ephesians 6 v 13-18
So put God's armour now! Then when the evil day comes, you will be able to resist the enemy's attacks v 13.

We all have a wardrobe full of clothes for all seasons. Some for the warmer days of summer. Some to protect us from freezing winter weather. None of them will protect us from the wiles of Satan. Only the full armour of God will protect us from him. We need to clothe ourselves in God's Word every single day in order to protect ourselves from the attacks of the enemy.

Father God we pray you will empower us to resist Satan as we fight against the powers of darkness
Help us to put on the whole armour of your word each and every day. Let us stand ready with the belt of truth and your shoes of peace, the breastplate of righteousness and the sword of your word The shield of faith to protect us from the burning arrows and the helmet of salvation to protect our hearts and minds.
Father we thank you for your loving care for the spirit of truth and for your son Jesus

He rules the world with truth and grace.

Amen

With every blessing in Jesus name Pat.



Our Spring Funday Sunday will be on

27th March from 11am to 12:30pm in Ballantrae Community Centre. This is open to children of all ages, whether or not they attend church regularly. Games, crafts, snacks, songs and lots of Springtime fun!



Lunch at the Manse

Thursday **31st March** at 12noon to 2pm in the Manse.
Come along to the manse for food, fellowship and a time of discussion on what Worship means. Everyone is welcome, even if you have never been before.



Church Family

Baptism

Connor James Samuel Ogston



World Day of Prayer

Will be celebrated in Ballantrae Church on **Fri. 4th March 7.00pm.**

This year's service has been composed by the ladies of China. Anyone wishing to attend will be most welcome.

Kirk Session & Congregational Board meet at 7:30pm on **Wed. 9th March** in the Vestry.

The **Stated Annual Meeting** will take place immediately after the service on **27th March 2011.**

Wednesday Worship

Our next Wednesday Worship will be **6th April** at 11am in the church.

Lent Study Group.

Examining the journey to and from the publication of the King James Bible in 1611. It will involve discussion, crafts, videos, etc and will be held in the Manse at 7:30pm on **13th and 20th March, 3rd, 10th and 17th April.** Please come along to all or some of them.



Ballantrae Church Guild



A reminder to members that the March meeting of the Guild will be held in the

Community centre on **Monday 21st at 7.15pm.** This will be the AGM.

Lenten Lunch

Lunch this year will be held on **Sunday 20th march** after church in the Community Centre, served by ladies of the Guild and young wives.

Tickets cost £4 and £2, and can be bought from members of the Guild or pay at the door.

Soup, bread, biscuits and cheese will be served also tea and coffee.

Why not come and enjoy lunch, without having to cook, and a time of fellowship.

SCCT Lenten Meeting

27th March at 7pm in Girvan Methodist Church – will be led by Rev Stephen Ogston. All are welcome

Hospital Visiting

If you know of anyone in hospital who would like a visit from the minister, please could you phone Stephen on 831252.



Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday falls on the 8th march this year. This is also called Pancake day which is the day before Ash Wednesday the start of Lent.

"Shrove" originates from the word "shrive" meaning to be forgiven. On Shrove Tuesday people would confess their sins so they could be forgiven before the season of Lent began.

Traditionally pancakes were eaten to use up any milk and eggs which were forbidden during Lent and would spoil if left over.

Pancakes are so versatile and can be adapted for any meal throughout the day starting with pancakes for breakfast delicious served with rashers of bacon and maple syrup poured over the top.

Scotch pancakes served with your favourite preserve for morning coffee or afternoon tea.

Lunch; savoury pancakes with fillings such as mushrooms, chicken, ricotta and spinach for an Italian twist or even weight watchers leek, mushroom and cheese pancakes.

Finally save the best for last, sweet recipes for dinner. Practically any filling can be used to produce a delicious dessert, banoffee, blueberries or baked rhubarb and ginger but in our house nothing beats the traditional sprinkle of sugar and lemon juice.

LISTS AND ROTAS

Flower Calendar



March

- 6th.** Georgina McKinley
- 13th.**
- 20th.** Y.W.G
- 27th.** O Tinsley



April Tea Duty

Fiona Carle, Diane

Buchanan, Jean Davidson, Marina Dempsey, Janice McIlwraith & Irene Stewart

Church Cleaning Team

- 6th.** Tom & Jean Davidson
- 20th.** Anthea Russell & Marina Dempsey

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

March	April
6th C	3rd A
13th D	10th B
20th E	17th C
27th F	24th D

Message from the Manse



Dear Friends,

This month we begin our Lent study group, which is going to examine the journey to and from the publication of the King James Bible in 1611. I think sometimes we forget that the events leading to the creation of the first authorised English translation of the bible were far from simple and straightforward. And sadly people often paid dearly if they were found with a English translation of the bible, especially William Tyndale who because he translated a lot of the bible into English, was eventually burnt at the stake.

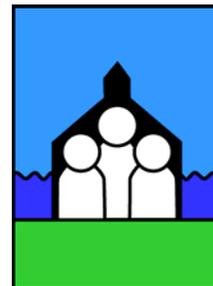
It is definitely true that while we can take owning a bible for granted in this country, there are many people in the world who long for a bible, in their own language, just as people in William Tyndale's time did. Sadly to many people in our country the bible is just another book, but it is far more than that. It is God's words to his people, given to us to help us live our lives and keep us close to God. Paul wrote to Timothy that "all Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching the truth, rebuking error, correcting faults, and giving instruction for right living, so that the person who serves God may be fully qualified and equipped to do every kind of good deed." (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

If someone wants to learn something then they will often read a manual or a textbook on the subject, and to Christians, as Paul says, the Bible is the manual for our lives. The Bible reminds us again and again all God has done for us, no more so than in the account of Jesus passion and resurrection. The Easter story, stands right at the centre of the Bible, as everything contained in it either looks to it or looks back ant it. This is because, it is only through Jesus death that our sins are forgiven, and only because of his resurrection that we have eternal life with God.

A bible that was written in our own language was a treasure in 1611, and it should also be a treasure to us 400 years later in 2011.

God bless,

Stephen



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