

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.



GOING ON LINE Hear how Bible names are pronounced

<http://netministries.org/bbasics/bbwords.htm>

Find out about
Christian Aid week
<http://www.caweek.org/>

CHILDRENS CORNER

The Kingdom of Heaven is Like...

Read Mathew's gospel 18: 12-35

Fill in the missing words

1. Peter thought that if he forgave his brother times it was enough
2. But Jesus said "Until Times seven", which meant always
3. The Kings servants owed him ten Talents. Which was a lot of money
4. The King took on him, forgave him the huge debt.
5. The servant who had been forgiven went to his , who owed him only 100 pence.
6. He asked for time to pay , but he was thrown into
7. Our Heavenly, like the King, forgive all our sins.
8. We must therefore — all our friends who sin in small ways against us.



Thousand	seventy	Father	fellow-servant
Pity	forgive	prison	seven

QUOTES FROM 11 YEAR OLD'S SCIENCE EXAMS

- A. Water is composed of two gins, Oxygen and Hydrogin. Oxygen is pure gin. Hydrogin is gin and water.
- B. When you breathe, you inspire. When you do not breathe you expire.
- C. Three kinds of blood vessel are arteries, vanes and caterpillars.
- D. Rhubarb: a kind of clery gone bloodshot.
- E. Vacuum: A large, empty space where the pope lives.
- F. Dew is formed on leaves when the sun shines down on them and makes them perspire.

Newsletter



Items for June should be in by 28th May 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

Thanks to all who have already Donated

***Dear God,
So far today I've done alright.
I haven't gossiped,
I haven't lost my temper,
I haven't criticised or moaned.
I haven't been snappy,
grumpy,
nasty, selfish or over indulgent.
I'm very thankful for that.
But in a few minutes, Lord,
I'm going to get out of bed,
And from then on I'm going to need a lot of help.***

Used Stamps

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



The Senior Citizens Summer outing is to Largs on Weds. 4th June.

The sheet for names will be in Spar after our Coffee morning.

S.W.R.I.



New members welcome to attend our monthly meetings. Next meeting on May 5th. Business Night to be held in BRICC House

MANSE

Thanks to all who are keeping the manse grass cut
And the garden tidy.





THIS MONTH IN GOD'S GARDEN

The elder's creamy yellow flowers start appearing in May and bloom through June into July.



Elderflower Cordial

30 elderflower heads
 6 pints (approx 3litrs.) boiling water
 2lb (900g) caster sugar
 1pkt citric acid (available at chemists)
 2 unwaxed oranges
 3 unwaxed lemons

Gently rinse over the elderflowers to remove any dirt or wee creatures. Pour boiling water over the sugar in a very large bowl. Stir well and leave to cool. Add the citric acid, the sliced oranges and lemons then the flowers. Leave in a cool place for 24hrs stirring occasionally. Strain through some muslin and bottle. To serve cordial: dilute to taste with fizzy water. Elderflower cordial can be used in other recipes such as gooseberry fool, and in vinaigrette – mix with vinegar a touch of mustard, salt, pepper and a light olive oil, this can also be used as a marinade for chicken. The cordial can be used to make sorbets and ice creams or used to sweeten and flavour the fruit for a crumble.

From our prayer correspondent



For reading and meditation, NKJ Isaiah 44, v.1-8

“For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, and floods on the dry ground”(v.3).

Heavenly Father, Almighty God, Lord Jesus, let your Grace flow over us, Fill us with that life giving water, that we may never again be thirsty, restore and fill us with the Holy Spirit. Lord we pray for a revival in your church here on earth, let it begin with us in our small corner of your world. Let your refreshing spirit fill us with joy, give us a deep desire to know more of you.

Bend down Heavenly Father and revive the dying embers of our faith, Set us alight so that we will burst into flame and blaze out to others. Help us Lord to obey you and do your will, Fill us with the desire to come together in prayer for your kingdom so that your church will once again be ablaze for you.

With Blessings in the name of Jesus.

Pat



Weather

As far as I can ascertain, none of the local branches of the Stevenson clan are related to the poet and author Robert Louis Stevenson, but his father Thomas was! He was a civil engineer and when the Cleric-Scientist the Rev. Charles Higman Griffith, rector of Stratfield Turgis in north Hampshire, was asked to monitor nine constructions for measuring air temperature, it was found that the one resembling a white beehive on stilts and made by Thomas Stevenson gave the best results. So in 1871 the Stevenson Screen became the standard thermometer shelter, and remains so today in most countries of the world.

George Watt



note the meteorological assistant!!



Christian Aid Week

will be from the 11-17th May. Ballantrae has always given valuable support to the envelope collection and we ask for the same again. The envelopes will be distributed within the next week or two. Christian Aid continues to work in many poor countries and is at the forefront in helping the poor.

Offering Prayer

(written by Robert Watt 55-60yrs ago)

Dear Lord accept these gifts
We freely give to thee.
That they may aid thy work
And more may learn of thee.

So use our offering, Lord,
Thy Kingdom to expand,
Until Thine own great name
Is praised in every land.

A child came home from Sunday school and told his mother that he had learned a new song about a cross-eyed bear named Gladly. It took his mother a while before she realised that the hymn was really “Gladly the cross I bear”.



Q. Who ate the first Aspirin?
A. Moses had two Tablets.

Q Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?
A. Because Noah was standing on deck.



CHURCH FAMILY

Deaths:

"I am the resurrection and the Life"

Mrs Elizabeth Scott

Mrs Cissie Wright

Mrs Jessie Wallace



STATED ANNUAL MEETING

The meeting was well attended, and after opening with prayer the business began with a Report from the Session Clerk who thanked Board, Session and Congregation for their support over the year. The Rev. Jim Guthrie was also thanked for the excellent work he is doing during the vacancy. The Treasurer presented the Financial Report, this is in the new form as required by OSCAR. And as required it had been approved by the Trustees. The Finances are in excellent order; a small surplus on the year was reported. The following persons were re-elected to the Board for a further three years:
Mrs Irene Stewart
Mrs Jillian Nelson
Mr Alan McKinlay.
There being no further business the meeting closed with the benediction.

COMMUNION



Sunday 11th May

Kirk session to meet in the vestry at 10.45 am

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GUILD



Ballantrae Branch will meet on Monday 19th — Mrs N Wilkinson— Fair Trade.

The Presbyterian A.B.M is on Thursday 8th. @ 7pm in Ayr Auld Kirk Hall.

Everyone enjoyed the entertainment provided by "Hugh and Friends" from Maybole.

Arrangements will be made for the afternoon of 12th. June when Hillcrest Residents will pay us a visit, and our "outing" will be decided.



SOUTH CARRICK CHURCHES TOGETHER

There will be a service in the Methodist Church Girvan on Sunday 1st June at 7.00pm.

All are welcome



Gift Aid is good news for the Church:

- It increases our giving by 28 per cent (25 per cent from April 2008).
- No minimum contribution is required.
- No particular amount has to be promised.
- There is no fixed term during which contributions must be made. Tax may be recovered retrospectively

All that is required is that the donor must pay UK income tax or capital gains tax, at any rate, at least equal to the amount of tax being reclaimed, and give their offering or donation through offering envelopes or by bank standing order or by cheque to establish the necessary audit trail.

This is a simple form which gives the name of the congregation (or 'The Church of Scotland' if it is a donation through the General Treasurer) and the donor's name and address (including postcode).

The donor signs and dates the form under these words:
"I want the congregation (or 'The Church of Scotland') to treat all donations I have made for the six years prior to this year, and all donations I make from the date of this declaration, until I notify you otherwise, as Gift Aid donations."

For further information contact:
Jillian Nelson on: - 01465831331

LISTS AND ROTAS



Flower Calendar

May 4th. Jean Nelson
11th Jessie brown
18th Fiona Maclean
25th Margaret Maule



Tea Duty

Sunday 1st June

Lorna Greenhill, Florence Brown
Liz Gregg, Georgina McKinley & Penny Savage

Church Cleaning Teams

May

11th Georgina McKinlay & Irene Stewart

25th May & Tom Lothian

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

May	June
4th A	1st A
11th B	8th B
18th C	15th C
25th D	22nd D
	29th A

THE DEFERRED LINKING



Dear Fiends,

The Rev. Dr. John Lochrie retires on the 24th. May this year; the following day Sunday 25th, I shall preach St Colmon, Colmonell, church vacant. The Sunday after that – Sun. 1st. June – the act of linking between Ballantrae and St Colmon will come into effect. As the act says, “The Church at Ballantrae and the Church at St Colmon, Colmonell, shall be the places of worship of the linked congregations. Services shall be conducted at:

St. Colmon, Colmonell at 10am each Sunday

And in

Ballantrae at 11.30am each Sunday.

*Or (“At times to be decided by the minister and Kirk Sessions,
Subject to the approval of the Presbytery.”)*

Services will be conducted at Barrhill on one Sunday per month

And at Glenapp on dates arranged by the minister.....the Presbytery

Will pay for pulpit supply to assist the minister on these Sundays.

My plan on these Sundays will be to rotate the place of worship the visiting preacher attends. So change is on its way and I would simply ask that you bear with us to we see how things work out. Hopefully by the time the new minister comes we will be up and running and in a routine acceptable to all.

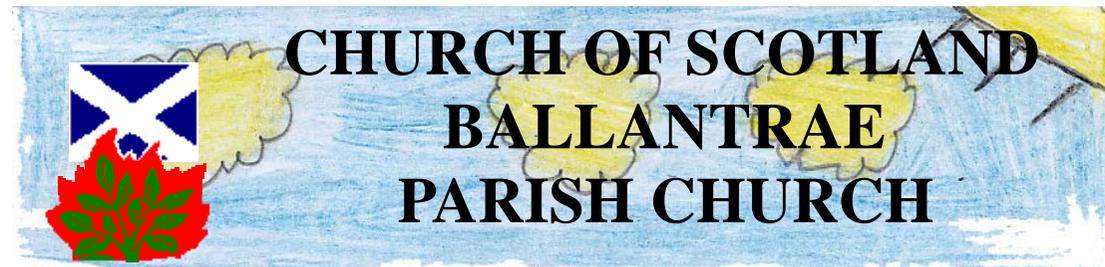
The Presbytery will hold a Service of Linking at Ballantrae Church on Tues. 3rd. June, at 7.00pm. This will be a joint service between Ballantrae and St Colmon’s and hopefully will be well supported by both congregations.

Nobody likes change especially when things seem to work well but the simple truth is we just don’t have the manpower to have a minister in every church. So we have to share. Who knows this might be the beginnings of a new awakening in the church, when the whole membership of the church, minister and people, play their part in the churches’ work and witness.

I do pray so

With every blessing,

The Interim Moderator, Jim Guthrie.



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