

Guess The Elder

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Paws for Thought

Dear Friends,

November is here, and don't I know it!! It's freezing – I've even taken to hiding in the children's play tunnel to keep warm as mummy still refuses to put the heating on!! I'll soon get her trained. I've had a quiet month – but there have been lots of visitors to the house. Sometimes I really think they just come to eat! The study group had different cupcakes every week that were nice but not really my thing. The Lunch at the Manse group, well they know how to look after me!! This month there were 9 adults – who are quite generous to me, but there were also 5 children! Five children under the age of 5 all sitting at a low table eating sausage rolls, sandwiches and cake - I thought it was my birthday all over again!! If I'm really sneaky then I can trip one up and they drop their plate – but usually they manage to do that all by themselves and of course I earn my keep by cleaning up after them!

One improvement on the home front is that now both children are at nursery, mummy has got into a routine of taking me for my morning walk at 9am every day, instead of me having to cross my paws until daddy remembered about me. Mummy understands what a dog needs – grass, smell, trees and lamp posts. I like having a good woof at my friends on the Foreland before catching up with the gossip in the park.

Till next time

Dougie



Weather

October is normally one of the wetter months of the year with over 7ins. of rain on average. This year there has been nearly 12ins. Up until the 29th. It has also been mild with just one ground frost compared to eight last year. On the 13th the traditional migration of fieldfares and redwings from Scandinavia occurred, and a smaller group of thistle thrushes arrived at the same time. Luckily for identification purposes the three birds make distinctive different noises.

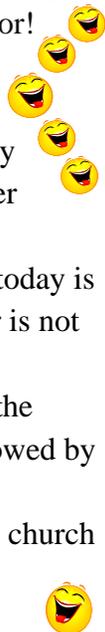
The outer planet Jupiter is now prominent throughout the night, appearing in the east after sunset, then rising high in the sky before setting in the west –north west at dawn.

Now that we have lighter mornings (at least for a time) it is worth recalling that the clock originally put forward by Germany in the First World War, followed soon afterwards by the U.K. In a bid to make factories more productive. Like the introduction of income tax, it was assumed to be a temporary measure but ended up being permanent, although tinkered with over the years. Perhaps we should follow the example of Russia. Last year President Medvedev cancelled daylight saving, which he blamed for stress and illness; “It really disturbs the biorhythm of man and this is annoying to everyone,” he said.

George Watt

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY
For Ballantrae Residents in the
COMMUNITY CENTRE
On WEDNESDAY 7th
DECEMBER
At 5pm
Persons aged 60yrs or over, plus their Spouse/
partner, are invited
ALL WISHING TO ATTEND PLEASE PUT NAMES ON
LIST IN SCOTMID
CO-OPERATIVE

For all of us who are---seniors---
 for all of you who know seniors---
 and for all of you who will be
 seniors. It pays to be able to laugh
 about it when you are a senior!
 'Where Is My Paper?'
 The irate customer calling
 the newspaper offices, loudly
 demanded to know where her
 Sunday edition was.
 'Ma'am, said the employee, today is
 Saturday. The Sunday paper is not
 delivered 'til Sunday.'
 There was quite a pause on the
 other end of the phone, followed by
 a ray of recognition.
 'So that's why no one was in church
 today.'



Ballantrae Annual Dance



The dance is on Friday 2nd
 Dec. 7pm for 7.30pm.
 Tickets £15
 Fiona MacLean
 01465 831385.

Used Stamps



As well as used stamps, we also
 collect old spectacles and used ink
 cartridges (except Epson).
 Please note! All stamps should
 have a 10mm or more border
 around the stamp.

They lie on the table side by side The Holy Bible and the TV guide.
 One is well worn and cherished with pride Not the Bible, but the TV guide.
 One is used daily to help folks decide No, not the Bible, but the TV guide.
 As the pages are turned, what do they see? Oh what does it matter, turn on the
 TV.
 So they open the book in which they confide No, not the Bible, but the TV
 guide.
 The word of God is seldom read maybe a verse before they fall into bed.
 Exhausted and sleepy and tired as can be Not from reading the Bible,
 from watching TV.
 So back to the table side by side lie the Holy Bible and the TV guide.
 No time for prayer, no time for the Word.
 The plan for salvation is seldom heard. But forgiveness of sin, so full and free,
 Is found in the Bible ,not on TV.



From Our Prayer Correspondent



For reading and meditation - Titus ch. 2 v 11-14

In the modern world many people are morally and spiritually
 bankrupt. Jesus Christ and his teachings have little or no relevance for the
 masses. Their God is money, possessions and pleasure as
 Christians we have a hope as to our future despite all that is going on in the
 world today.

Jesus Christ's return is a ray of hope and shines out like a beacon to all be-
 lievers.

Prayer

Lord Jesus you shine like a light in our lives, our hope for the future of the
 world is in you alone.

Kingdoms maybe shaken and destroyed but you remain our stability in an
 uncertain world.

Lead us to fill our life with prayer, strengthen our faith in you, keep us
 strong in our belief.

We pray for our nation and our church in your name.

Thank you Lord that you hear our prayers. Amen

With every blessing in Jesus name. Pat.

Who wants to go to heaven?

The Priest walked into a pub and said to the first man he met, "Do you
 want to go to heaven?" The man replied, "I do father."

The priest said, "Then stand over there against the wall."

Then the priest asked a second man, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

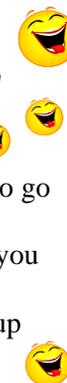
"Certainly, father," was the man's reply.

The priest said, "Then stand over there against the wall."

Then Father Murphy walked up to O'Toole and said, "Do you want to go
 to heaven?" O'Toole said, "No, I don't Father."

The priest said, "I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you
 die you don't want to go to heaven?"

O'Toole said, "Oh, when I die, yes. I thought you were getting a group
 together to go right now."



News Letter

Items for next months news letter should be in no later than

30th November



Wednesday Worship

14th December - 11am in Ballantrae Church
30 minutes service - all welcome.

Lunch at the Manse

Thursday 24th November at 12noon in the Manse
1 The Vennel, Ballantrae.
Come and enjoy food and fellowship.

We will be beginning to work our way through a DVD-based course entitled, "Faith, Hope, Love and Everything in Between".

Congregational Board and Kirk Session

Wednesday 9th November at 7:30pm in the Session Room.

Recipes Required!

We are publishing a new cookbook in the Spring and require recipes. Please write them out, make sure your name is on each recipe, and place them in the box provided in the Church or in the porch of the Manse. You can also email them to ogston@macfish.com. Although all recipes will be gratefully received, we are especially in need of recipes for starters, soups, and main courses.



Ballantrae Church Guild



The Guild will meet on Monday 21st Nov.
"Walk Humbly with God"
Part 1.

National Guild Week for 2011
13th — 20th November

Young Woman's Group



The YWG are holding their Open Night on Wed.23rd November at 7.30pm in the church. Entertainment will be provided by the Jaggy Thistles music group from Stranraer. All are very welcome to attend

Film Nights



25th November in Ballantrae Church
6pm – Cars 2 (U)
8pm – Mother Teresa (PG)



S.W.R.I



Next meet on Monday November 7th
Scottish Night—David Hunter

Blue Poppy Seed Cake



4oz(110g) Blue poppy seeds
8fl oz (225ml) Milk
8oz (225g) Butter or Margarine
8oz light raw cane sugar
3 eggs - separated
8oz (225g) Plain Wheatmeal flour
1 1/4 tsp. Baking Powder

Pre heat oven to 180°C (350°F) or gas mark 4
Line and grease an 8in. cake tin.
Bring the poppy seeds to the boil in the milk, turn off the heat and let them soak for 25mins. in a covered pan. Meanwhile cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add egg yolks, one at a time and beat in thoroughly. Mix flour and baking powder together then fold this into creamed mixture. Stir in the soaked poppy seeds and milk. Whisk egg whites until stiff and fold into mixture carefully. Spoon mixture into the prepared tin and bake for 1hr or until centre feels firm and a skewer when inserted into cake comes out clean. Let the cake stand in the tin for 10mins, then turn onto cooling rack. Something different for afternoon tea or even add strawberries and pouring cream.

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1. Munro Clark 2. Fiona Carle
3. Betty Nelson

LISTS AND ROTAS



Flower Calendar

Nov.
6th. M Maul
13th. M McWhirter
20th. I Stewart
27th. G McKinley



Tea Duty

*Dorothy Flitter,
Margaret Maule,
Anthea Russell & Janice Ross*

Church Cleaning Team

Nov.
6th Georgina McKinley & Irene Stewart
20th. Tom & May 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.** Please note church should be cleaned prior to date indicated.

Sunday Duty Rota

Nov	Dec
6th B	4th F
13th C	11th A
20th D	18th B
27th E	25th C

Message from the Manse



Dear Friends,

This month we are remembering those who have served this country during the wars and conflicts throughout the world. We especially remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice and never returned.

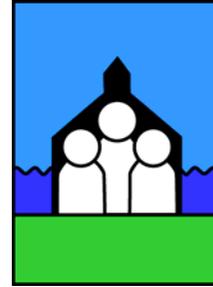
There are many things which we use to help us remember, such as poppies, music, war memorials and silence, however I wonder how many of us use rosemary. This useful herb has long been associated with remembrance, because people believed that it helped to improve the memory. Shakespeare wrote in his play Hamlet, "There's rosemary, that's for remembrance; pray, love, remember:" Whether or not rosemary actually helps our memories, it is a useful herb in cooking and I am sure you many of you often cook with it and some of you grow it in your garden.

There are different ways to improve our memories, and repetition is definitely one of them. The traditions that we follow help us to remember about the past, but they also teach us about the present and help us plan for the future. If we didn't take time to remember the past, we would not learn from it and we would not grow and develop. In Proverbs 19:8 we read: "Do yourself a favour and learn all you can; then remember what you learn and you will prosper."

We must also remember what God has done for us, and because of our appreciation give him thanks throughout our lives. If we forget how good God is to us, then we will not worship him as we should. We owe God more than anyone else, therefore let us always make sure we make time for him each day.

May God bless you, as you remember all he has done for you.

Stephen



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