

From our prayer Correspondent



For Reading and meditation:- Luke 18-v 1-8

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to teach them that they should always pray and never become discouraged. (v.1.)

Prayer is the lifeblood of the church. Despite all the discouragement that come against us all we need to persist in prayer, not only for the needs of the world and everything that is happening at this time but for the spiritual restoration of all God's people throughout the world.

Lord of Lords, King of Kings, we bring our prayers before you,
You give us so much, we give so little in return,
In the apathy that surrounds us to help us to come together in prayer
That we may see the revival and restoration of your church
We pray that the Holy Spirit will manifest Himself and dwell in our hearts,
Filling each of us with renewed vigour and urgency, help us to be persistent in
our prayers as we cry out to you night and day for your kingdom to be
restored.

Amen

To God be the Glory-- Pat Thackray

Film Night



We are holding our first film night on Friday 23rd October. We are showing two films that night. At 6pm we will be showing 'Wall-E' which is a Disney animated film about a robot. This is a family film and has a certificate rating U. And at 8pm we will be showing 'Mamma Mia!' which is based on various songs by Abba, and has a certificate rating PG. We hope to have film nights once a month and if you have any suggestions for future films to show, please let the Minister know. Please note that all children attending will need to be accompanied by an adult.



Congratulations

to Dennis and Olga Tinsley
who celebrated their Diamond
Wedding on 24th September

Thanks to everyone for
congratulatory cards and good
wishes on gaining my B.A. Degree
with the Open University.



A couple of weeks ago, Southeast Australia had a dust storm. While this seemed to be unusual for Sydney, it is a more common phenomenon for Iraq and the Gulf States in association with the local north westerly wind called Shamal.

Nearer to home we had at last some decent weather during September—not a lot of sunshine, but below average rainfall.

In the last 13 years only 1998 and 2002 were slightly drier. The second week was completely dry and this allowed the harvest to be finished as well as the second silage crop. In the last week one farm even managed to get a third cutting.

The highest temperature was only 20,9c (70F).

George Watt

There was a minister who liked to drink, but since his congregation was tee-total, he kept this a secret. There was a local farmer who knew of the minister's secret vice. After the Fall apple harvest, he offered the minister a jug of apple jack, with one provision: the gift had to be acknowledged from the pulpit. The minister agreed and took the jug of hard cider. 

The next Sunday, the farmer was in church looking forward to the minister's public acknowledgment of the gift. During the announcements the minister said that he would like to thank Farmer Jones for his gift of a bushel of apples and the "spirit in which it was given."

Barney

A four year old was at the doctor's for a check up. As the doctor looked down her ears with an auroscope, he asked, "Do you think I'll find Big Bird in here?" The little girl stayed silent. Next, the doctor took a tongue depressor and looked down her throat. He asked, "Do you think I'll find the Cookie Monster down there?" Again, the little girl was silent. Then the doctor put a stethoscope to her chest. As he listened to her heart beat, he asked, "Do you think I'll hear Barney in there?" "Oh, no!" the little girl replied. "Jesus is in my heart. Barney's on my underwear."

SHOE BOX APPEAL 2009



Desirable items for the boxes are :
hats, gloves ,sock, toothbrush
toothpaste, (all items must be
new).

Further suggestions

Toiletries (**no talcum powder**)

New Clothes

Miscellaneous ; New make-up

Sewing equipment, Household

candles, Screwdrivers/pliers &
kitchen utensils.

New stationery

Small toy

Sweets “Best before “date JULY
10th, **NO CHOCOLATE.**

Please state who the box is for i.e.
boy, girl, man, women, family
and state ages of recipient.

Going On Line



If you want to help the environment
take a look at

<http://www.ecocongregation.org/scotland/>

Another interesting site worth a
look!

[http://www.christiantoday.co.uk/article/
parlment.commemorates.200.years.of
scottish.bible.society/24240.htm](http://www.christiantoday.co.uk/article/parlment.commemorates.200.years.of.scottish.bible.society/24240.htm)

Fairtrade



Fairtrade day to be held in
Saint Leonards Church Ayr
on Saturday 10th October
10am-4pm
Teas/coffee available.

Malawi

Dear friends,

During the last year the following amounts were received for the
Presbytery Malawi Fund;

Tea Sundays (August 08 - August09)	£347.80
Donations	£ 83.40
Gala evening service (05.07.09)	£ 38.80
Malawi open night (22.05.09)	£ 80.00
Total	£550.00



A cheque for this amount was sent to Mr. George Kitcheman,
Presbytery Treasurer and a letter of thanks and acknowledgement has been
received.

On the 28th. July 2009, 1200 packages were shipped to Malawi, 55 of
which were from Ballantrae, a further 126 items were sent via the
Raven Trust at Strachur and the cheque sent by us will go towards the
£8000.00 shipping costs.

We have already packed 10 boxes towards the next shipment and I thank
everyone once again for there continued support and
enthusiasm.

Meg Peacock.

A little boy was overheard
praying:

“Lord if you can’t make me a
better boy, don’t worry about it.
I am having a real good time
like I am.”



Newsletter



Items for next news letter should be
in by 29th October.
Comments, criticism or suggestions
are always welcome.

Why did God create man before woman?

Because you're always supposed to
have a rough draft before creating
your masterpiece.



Thanks

From Mrs Neil for the flowers
received on her retiring from
opening the church for visitors.



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.

Fairtrade Stall



Liz Gregg will have a Fairtrade Stall
in our church on Sunday 18th and also
the 25th October.
So bring plenty of money.

CHURCH FAMILY



Deaths

John Stevenson

"I am the resurrection and the life

Prayer Meeting



There will be a prayer meeting on the Wednesday 28th October at 7:30pm in the Manse. This will be for both Ballantrae and St Colmon and we hope to see as many of you there as possible. The plan at the moment is to have them every month on the last Wednesday of the month, though some months that may not work. If you have any prayer requests please give them to the Minister or put them in the prayer request box at the front of the church.

Kirk Session/Board

At the last meeting of the Session/ Board it was decided to hold meetings every second month instead of every month. The next Session/Board meeting will be on **Wednesday 11th November**

It was also decided to apply to become an *"ECO Congregation"* More info on this when available.

Session Clerk



CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GUILD



Ballantrae branch next meet on Monday 19th October at 7.15pm in the Community Center.

Mrs. Lorna Greenhill—Harvest Celebrations, an evening of floral art. All welcome.

The Guild Coffee morning raised the wonderful sum of £500 and thank you to everyone for their Support.

Young Women's Group



Next meeting on Thursday 7th October Stranraer Police station at 8pm.
Wed 21st October
Mr John McIlwraith, J.P.
Wed 4th November
Mr Tom Lothian, retired policeman

S.W.R.I



Next meeting on the **5th October.**
New members welcome attend our monthly meetings.

Orange Pumpkin Faces



Ingredients

140g. Butter
175g. Plain Flour
50g. Icing Sugar
Finely grated zest orange

Filling

100g. Mascarpone
1tsp. Icing Sugar
25g. Plain Chocolate (melted)

Glaze

50g. Icing Sugar
1 tbsp orange juice

Oven

Fan- 160°C

Conventional 180°C

Gas 4

Beat butter until smooth. Add flour, icing sugar and orange zest, beat together to make a softish dough. Knead into a ball and wrap in cling film. Chill for 1 hour.

Roll the dough to a thickness of about 3mm. Cut 24 circles with a 7.5 cm round plain cutter. Put them on a couple of baking trays. Using a small sharp knife, cut out Halloween faces on 12 circles. Gather up the spare biscuit dough and press into pumpkin stem shapes, trimming with a sharp knife. Press to the top of each biscuit with a knife. Make lines on the face biscuits, to look like the markings on a pumpkin. Bake all the biscuits approx. 15 mins. until pale golden. Leave to set for a while, then cool completely on a wire rack.

Mix the glaze ingredients to a runny consistency, adding a bit more juice if needed. For the filling, beat the mascarpone with icing sugar, then stir in the cooled chocolate.

Spread the filling over the biscuits, then press the 'face' on top - do this just before you want to eat them, otherwise they go soft. Brush with the glaze. Eat the same day.

LISTS AND ROTAS

Flower Calendar



Just to remind everybody the flower calendar is at the church entrance, anyone wishing to donate flowers should add their name against appropriate Sunday's.



Tea Duty

Dorothy Flitter
Margaret McKissock
Margaret Maule & Anthea Russell

Church Cleaning Team

Oct. 12th. Pearl & Bill McKnight
Oct. 26th Georgina McKinley & Irene Stewart

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

Oct.	Nov.
4th B	1st Comm
11th C	8th A
18th D	15th B
25th E	22nd C
	29th D

Message from the Manse



Dear Friends,

As you have read about in this newsletter or heard mentioned, there are two new ventures starting this month: our film night on 23rd October and our prayer meeting on 28th October.

The film nights will hopefully provide a time to gather together and enjoy ourselves and at the same time provide a service to the community. From our Sunday services you will have gathered that I enjoy films, and as it would cost too much to take you all to the cinema, we will just have to bring the cinema to Ballantrae.

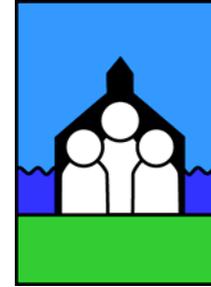
We hope to show films that are current as well as some old favourites. Our current plan is to have them monthly, but we could have them more frequently if there was a demand. Unfortunately, we cannot advertise the titles of the films outside of the church, so please make sure your friends and neighbours know what is being shown. Neither can we sell tickets, however we can ask for donations and there will be refreshments available to buy. I really hope that the first film night goes well and is enjoyed by all who come.

The second new venture is a monthly prayer meeting. This will be for Ballantrae and St Colmon and will be a time when we can bring before God the needs of our people, the issues facing the church and the concerns that we have for the world. Prayer is often underestimated, but it is vital in all that we do as individuals and as a church. It is through prayer that we are united with God and draw close to our heavenly Father, knowing that he cares for us and for the concerns that we have. I hope that many will come to these prayer times in the Manse and that through them God will strengthen our own faith and our church.

We have exciting times ahead. God is going to do great things, as he has in the past. We just need to be faithful to him and enjoy him forever.

God bless,

Stephen



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