

## From our prayer Correspondent



For Reading and meditation:- Colossians 4 v. 2 - Devote yourselves to prayer  
Ephesians 6 v.18 - Do all this in prayer, asking for God's help.

Pray on every occasion as the Spirit leads.

God is our supreme ruler and sovereign Lord. When He wants to bring about His purpose here on earth He touches the hearts of praying people. He puts into the hearts of his children a burden for powerful intercessory prayer. We are his prayer warriors and His army we are the bridge over which prayer flows.

Sovereign Lord, you do not act alone but use your children to carry out your purpose hear on earth, You have touched the hearts of praying people

Your instructions are that we pray on every occasion

We are weak Lord but you are strong

Strengthen us for the task you have given us

You reveal yourself to us, thank you Lord

Wake your church up to the power of prayer and the changes it can bring about

Thank you Lord for igniting that spark in our hearts.

Amen

With love in Jesus name -- Pat Thackray

### Ballantrae Lunch Club

Ballantrae lunch club resumes on Wed. 16th Sept. In the Kings Arms at 12.30pm.

We are looking for new members. Anyone interested please contact Gladys Clark—831393 or Jack Cowieson —831253



### Thanks

I wish to thank the Church family for flowers, cards and expressions of sympathy received after the sad loss of Sam.

Sarah Stevenson

### Congratulations



To our prayer secretary Pat on her BA Degree from the open university. This was an open degree and involved studying Music, Art, History, Literature and Geography.



Between the 29th of May and the 2nd of July the summer was quite good, and on the 29th of June 25.9C (79F) was reached. There were some good days in July but overall it turned out to be the wettest of the last 13years with 15.9m (6.26ins). August was bound to be better! In fact it was worse with 216.6mm (8.53ins). Only between the 5th and 7th, and again on the 24th and 25th was there any reasonably dry weather which allowed some combining and second-silaging to be undertaken. By the end of the month there was still a lot of both activities to be done - and in worsening field conditions.

I notice that Eskdalemuir to the northeast of Lockerbie had their wettest August on record and their records go back nearly 100years.

George Watt

### A Sure Cure



Three ministers in the south were having lunch in a restaurant. One said "since summer started I've been having trouble with bats in my loft and attic at church. I've tried everything--noise, spray, cats--nothing seems to scare them away."

Another said " me too. I've got hundreds living in my belfry, I've even had the place fumigated, and they won't go away."

The third said, "I baptized all mine, and made them members of the church... Haven't seen one back since!!!"

### 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. Thanks to all who have donated

# WORDSEARCH Animals in the Bible

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

BEAR  
CAMEL  
DONKEY  
GAZELLE  
GOAT  
HART  
HORSE  
IBEX  
JACKAL



LEOPARD  
LION  
MOLE  
MOUSE  
NIGHTHAWK  
OSTRICH  
SHEEP  
UNICORN  
WOLF



A teacher was giving a Torah lesson, telling the story of Lot's wife. He explained that as Lot's family left Sodom, his wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt. One young child says, "Adults have to be careful. The other day my Mother looked back as she was driving the car and turned into a telephone pole."

May I ask a question?' Ben asked. Of course, ask your question,' replied the Sunday school teacher. 'Well, the Bible says that the children of Israel crossed the Red Sea,' continued Ben, 'also that the children of Israel built the temple, the children of Israel did this and the children of Israel did that. Didn't the grown-ups ever do anything?'

# SHOE BOX APPEAL 2009



# Malawi



Desirable items for the boxes are : hats, gloves ,sock, toothbrush and 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 ie boy, girl, man, women, family and state ages of recipient.

On Tuesday 28th. July, 2009 at Alloway Parish Church Hall 1008 boxes were packed into a container bound for Malawi, with a further 100+ boxes having to be sent via the Raven Trust Container as the Presbytery container was packed full to capacity.

Fifty five of these boxes were from Ballantrae Church and I thank you all once again for your continued support and enthusiasm for the Presbytery Link with Malawi..

We will hear in due course of the arrival of the container and of the great excitement when it is opened and the contents distributed.

Thank you all once again for your tremendous effort.

Meg Peacock



### Thanks

I would like to thank everyone for their kindness, flowers, cards and good wishes during my convalescence.

Irene Stewart



### Qigong

Classes recommence on Monday 7th September at 3.30pm with a free introductory session in the Community Centre



### S.W.R.I

Next meeting on the **7th September.**  
New members welcome



### Newsletter

Items for next news letter should be in by 30th September.



## CHURCH FAMILY



### Baptism

Andrew William Nelson  
Mirren Watters

### Deaths

Mrs Helen Nicol  
Mr Sam Stevenson  
Mr Roy Lopez  
Mr Archie Blythe



*"I am the resurrection and the life"*

### Meeting

Kirk Session and Board will meet on  
Wednesday 9th September 2009  
7.30 pm in the Vestry



### Young Women's Group

New session will start on  
Thursday 24th September  
Bowling Club at 7.30pm. New members will receive a warm welcome.



### Crèche

Facilities now available during morning service. Anybody wishing their child to attend or if they can help out in any way please see Barbara Ogston (831352)



## CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GUILD



The Summer Rally was held this year on Thursday 4th June in the South Parish Church, Girvan. Several of our members attended. The guest speaker was John Sharpe Ecumenical Accompanier, who spoke about his work abroad.

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Our summer outing this year took place on 15th June, when a number of our members visited Nursery Direct. Members enjoyed the lunch, chat and of course shopping! An enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

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Guild re-dedication service is on Sunday 13th September in church.

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Autumn Rally to be held this year in St. Columba's church, Ayr on Thursday 17th September at 7.30pm. Anyone wishing to attend please contact either Georgina or Penny.

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The Guild will re-start for the new session on Monday 21st September at 7.15pm. Our guest speaker will be Barbara Ogston and her subject will be "Children's Ministry". The first meeting will be in the church and a very warm welcome is extended to old and new members.

## "No moving Parts, No Batteries"

No moving parts, no batteries.  
No monthly payments and no fees;  
Inflation proof, non-taxable,  
In fact, it's quite relaxable;  
It can't be stolen, won't pollute,  
One size fits all, do not dilute.  
It uses little energy,  
But yields results enormously.  
Relieves your tension and your stress,  
Invigorates your happiness;  
Combats depression, makes you beam,  
And elevates your self esteem!  
Your circulation it corrects - without unpleasant side effects

It is, I think the perfect drug:  
May I prescribe, my friend . . . The Hug!  
**(and of course, fully returnable!)**



### 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



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

Oct. 4th  
Lorna Greenhill,  
Florence Brown, Liz Gregg,  
Georgina McKinley &  
Penny Savage.

### Church Cleaning Team

**Sept. 6th.** Robert & Caroline Dalrymple  
**Sept. 20th** John & Janice McIlwraith

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

Sept.	Oct.
6th C	4th B
13th D	11th C
20th E	18th D
27th A	25th E

## Message from the Manse



Dear Friends,

I hope you have had a good summer, had plenty of time to relax and enjoy the lovely weather that we had at the beginning of the summer. Do you remember those hot days? Or has the recent rain blotted them out?

During the summer we have reflected on each of the Fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22, 23). Do you remember what they all were? Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (Can any of you remember what I gave out each week? Please note that I never gave anything for Love.)

This year, from September to June, we will be reflecting on the Gospel according to John. It is important that as Christians, we have a good understanding of the life and work of Jesus. We all need to think about who he is, what he said, and the people he met, in the hope that we will learn more about what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

I hope and pray that throughout this coming year, as a family, we will grow closer to God and to each other. We will do this by developing our knowledge of and our relationship with Jesus, who is our Lord and Saviour as well as being our friend and brother. It doesn't matter how short or how long we have been a Christian, we all have so much still to learn.

Sometimes, God can seem distant, but through Jesus we can get to know him. In 1995, Joan Osborne in her song 'One of Us', asked the question "What if God was one of us?" At the centre of our faith is the answer to this question, for we believe that God was one of us, because Jesus was God and man, as John 1:1, 14 states, "In the beginning the Word (*Jesus*) already existed; the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... The Word became a human being and, full of grace and truth, lived among us."

And so as we work our way through the Gospel of John, I hope we will grow in our understanding of who Jesus is, what he has done for us, and how he expects us to live.

May God bless us in the journey that lies before us.

Stephen



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