

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

<http://www.ship-of-fools.com/>

Worth a look! Seems to have a bit of everything.

Looking for a book?

Try here.

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A Weatherman of old.

Just across the road from the Church of Scotland building in 121 George Street, Edinburgh, there used to be an office where the Secretary of Scottish Meteorological Society worked. For nearly 50 years until his death on 13th May 1907, this post was held by Alexander Buchan. For long enough I only knew of the name through my father mentioning "Buchan cold spells and warm spells." Unfortunately people from all over the U.K. thought the dates applied to the whole country where as Buchan's investigations used only weather records for the Edinburgh area.

Buchan's achievements were many, including the inauguration of the observatory in 1883, but abandoned in 1904. He was the first in the world to use isobars and to grasp the significance of pressure patterns in relation to weather movements across the Atlantic. His name and work became widely known with the publication in 1867 by William Blackwood and Sons of "the Handy Book of Meteorology," which was accepted throughout the world as the standard textbook on the subject.

Buchan was born in a cottage on the hillside above the village of Kinnesswood, Kinrosshire on 11th April 1829. From 1878 he was a fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and was at one time an elder of St. George's United Free Church, Edinburgh. He died at his home, 2 Dean Terrace Edinburgh.

George Watt

On a dairy farm there were two frogs. One day they were sitting by a bucket of milk. The bucket of milk had a lot of foam on top, and there were lots of flies hovering over it.



One frog said to the other one, "Those flies up there sure look good for lunch. I am going to jump up and grab a hold of the edge of the bucket and have a feast." So that frog jumped up and misses the edge of the bucket and goes curr-plunk right into the milk. Now, it had been a long time since his tadpole days, so he couldn't swim very well. So he starts yelling for help. The other frog thinking that she was smarter than her friend also jumps up to grab a hold of the bucket. But, she also goes curr-plunk right into the milk. Both of the frogs are now paddling in the milk for their life. The first frog gets tired and sinks to the bottom and drowns. The second frog says a prayer and keeps on paddling.

She paddles all day and night. Then the next morning, as the sun began to shine, you could see that little frog sitting on a pallet of butter that she had churned all night. We can learn an important lesson from this story. First, we should never give up. The challenges of life serve to remind us of our need for Christ. Secondly, with God's help through Jesus Christ, we can be better people, we can better realize our goals, and we can be closer to God.

Newsletter



Items for October should be in by 30th September 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

Summer Fair



Our Summer Fair went well again and thanks to the hard-work of Betty Nelson , stall holder and helpers we managed to raise in excess of £2000. Well done and thanks to all who supported this event.



Ballantrae

Luncheon

Club

The lunch club resumes on Wednesday 17th September in the Kings Arms Hotel at 12.15pm. New members welcome. Phone Gladys Clark 831893 for details.

From our prayer correspondent



For reading and meditation: Habakkuk 3 v 17-19

Verse 19 :- The Lord gives me strength. He makes me sure footed as a deer, and keeps me safe upon the mountain.

We are at the start of a new church year. We do not know what is in store for us or how the Lord will use us. One thing we can be certain of, even in our darkest days the Lord will not abandon us.

Great merciful God, Our Father in heaven,
We give thanks for this time of new beginnings,
When we can come back refreshed and ready to be used in your service.
You are our strength and support in times of need,
Help us to be patient when we are bewildered by all the negative things happening in our world today,
Help us to understand when we cannot see an answer to life's problems,
Keep our eyes focussed on you Lord,
and our feet on a sure straight path.
It is always darkest before the dawn, let your light shine for us O Lord.

Amen

With every blessing in the name of Jesus
Pat

*Summer's over ... it was fun
Now it's time to get things done
Catch the bus and be on time
Standing straight in all those lines
Getting homework every day
Do it quick and then go play
Early nights and days so full
Following those school time rules
Do your best and you will see
Life will go by so quickly
For one day when you are grown
Your lessons written all in stone
You will know that in the end
These the best days you will spend
Sharing knowledge doing well
Your future has a lot to tell.*

Used Stamps

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

I am Thankful...

...For the wife who says it's "hot dogs" tonight
Because she is at home, and not out with someone else
...the husband who is on the sofa being a couch potato.
Because he is at home with me and not out at the pub.
...the teenager who is complaining about doing the dishes.
Because it means she is at home, not on the streets.
... the mess to clean up after a party
because it means I have been surrounded by friends.
... the taxes I pay
because it means that I'm employed.
... the clothes that fit a little too snug
because it means I have enough to eat.
... my shadow who watches me work
because it means I am out in the sunshine.
... the spot I find at the far end of the parking lot.
because it means I am capable of walking.
... all the complaining I hear about our government
because it means we have freedom of speech.
... that lady behind me in church who sings off key
because it means that I can hear.
... Lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning and gutters that need fixing
because it means I have a home.
... my huge heating bill.
because it means that I am warm.
... weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day
because it means that I have been productive.
... the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours
because it means that I am alive.
... And, finally, for too much e-mail.
Because it means I have friends who are thinking of me.



CHURCH FAMILY

Marriages



"Whom God has joined"

Ballantrae Church

Caroline Scott to Chris Buckley
on 12th July

Glenapp Kirk

Deanne Elizabeth Hobbs to Robert
Ian McInnes on July 8th.

Rebecca Dawn Fuller to Andrew Peter
Sandham Townsend on July 10th.



Deaths

"I am the resurrection and the Life"
Janey Stewart

New service time

Reminder that Sunday service
now commences at 11.30am due
to the linking with

Kirk Session & Congregational Board

The Board and session will meet
on Wednesday 24th September in
the Vestry at 7:30 pm.



YOUNG WOMENS GROUP

Wednesday 8th October 2008

Mr Ian Arbon : "Environmentally
Friendly"

Wednesday 22nd October 2008

Mrs Annie Bruce "The Transplant
Games"



CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GUILD

**The rededication service for the Guild
& Y.W.G will take place on Sunday the
7th September**

S.W.R.I.



Will meet on Monday 1st Sept. @
7.15pm in the Community Centre, cur-
rent and new members most welcome.

**Mrs P. Evans
Yoga.**



Tablet

Have looked all summer for de-
cent tablet but have found a fool
proof recipe:

Butter a 9x13ins swiss roll tin.

Place 125g(4 1/2oz) **unsalted
butter** in a large heavy based pan
and melt over a low heat. Add 1kg
(2lb4oz) **golden granulated
sugar**, 300ml(10fl oz) full **fat
milk & pinch salt**. Heat stirring
occasionally, until sugar has dis-
solved. Bring to boil & simmer
over a fairly high heat for 8-
10mins, stirring often. Add 300ml
(10fl oz) **condensed milk** (1/2 a
regular can), stir well, then sim-
mer for 8-10mins, stirring con-
stantly. After 8mins, test if it is at
the "soft ball" stage.

"Soft ball" means that when a
little mixture is dropped into a cup
of very cold water, it will form a
soft ball. Remove from heat and
add 1tsp **Vanilla extract**. Using
an electric beater, beat on me-
dium for 4-5mins until it begins to
stiffen a little. Or beat by hand for
at least 10mins.

Pour immediately into the tin and
cool, marking into bars when al-
most cold. Wrap in waxed paper
when tablet is completely cold &
hide from Session Clerk.

LISTS AND ROTAS Flower Calendar



Sept. 7th I. Stewart
14th O. Tinsley
21st S. Crosswaite
28th M. Maull

Tea Duty



October 5th

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

Church Cleaning Teams

Sept. 14th Tom & Jean Davidson

28th. 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.

Sunday Duty Rota

| Sept | | Oct | |
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| 7th | C | 5th | B |
| 14th | D | 12th | C |
| 21st | E | 19th | D |
| 28th | A | 26th | E |



Ballantrae Parish Church hosted a week-long Holiday Club in the last week of the Summer Holidays. Once again we were blessed with a good number of children attending, from 11 on the first day rising to 15 by the end of the week. The Holiday Club was very successful: both children and leaders had a great time, and God kept us safe from incidents and accidents.

This time around, we used the Scripture Union holiday club programme, Champion's Challenge, which was recommended by our Interim Moderator, Douglas McNab. The programme allowed for a very intense schedule, with a wide range of activities - and because things moved quickly, there was no chance to get bored! A typical day at Champion's Challenge included warm-up exercises, singing, crafts, games, drama and teaching time. The programme was designed to be fun, but this doesn't mean leaving out genuine Christian teaching! Over the course of the week, we looked at a number of stories in Luke's gospel, learning about Jesus as our trainer (who teaches us how to live good lives), physio (with power and authority to heal), teammate (who has a place for everyone on his squad), substitute (who died in our places) and winner (who rose again, securing forgiveness and everlasting life for those who believe in him).

These messages were delivered through a combination of engaging drama and video materials. In addition, we were all able to learn the key memory verse: 'Jesus said, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must forget about yourself. You must take up your cross each day and follow me."' (Luke 9:23.

The Holiday Club was a team effort and we are grateful to so many for their help. We would especially like to thank the dynamic and gifted group of volunteers who helped lead the club, providing music, leading exercises, helping with games, providing delicious and healthy snacks, acting in dramas, leading teams and keeping things organised at the Manse. Without the effort of all involved, the club would surely have fallen flat. Our church is truly blessed to have such a wide range of talented, gifted and willing people to call on! We also want to pass on our thanks to the Girvan North Church, who were using the same materials for their holiday club and passed on extra copies of several Scripture Union items, saving us from having to buy them ourselves!

We were also very impressed with the young people who came along. In these times it is the norm to complain about behaviour, manners and ill-discipline when talking about youth - however, the children who came to our club were bright, interested and well-behaved - a genuine pleasure to work with! Most of the children were from Ballantrae, although we did have some holiday visitors - including some from as far afield as Canada!

Finally, we'd like to thank everyone in the church for their prayer and support. Although only about a dozen people were involved in the day-to-day running of the holiday club, we believe that it was a work of the whole church - and that without the faithful prayers and support of so many, we wouldn't have been able to enjoy the wonderful week that we did! As it is, we believe that we've taken another step in developing the church's outreach to young people - and we're excited to find out what God has in mind for the next step!



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