

from your **Minister**

Dear Friends,

I recently attended the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in Edinburgh. It was a good week and I enjoyed the debates and meeting people. It was great to catch up with friends, especially people that I had studied with or worked with during my training. They are spread around the country and so it was good to see each other and find out how everyone was doing.

On the Saturday my family had a get-together to celebrate a significant birthday of my father. Barbara and the children came up for the weekend, and my sister and brother-in-law came down from North Uist, and we all had a barbeque at my other sister's house just outside Edinburgh. It was lovely to see all the family and the children enjoyed seeing their Aunts and Uncles, as well as their Granny and Grampa.

Times with friends or families are very important in our lives. It is not good for people to live out their existence completely on their own. That is why God created families, but more importantly that's why God called his followers to be a family. The church is both a gathering of friends and a family. It is a time when we join with other people who share our faith. Yet the church is not a collection of strangers, but a time when we gather together as a family. God is the Father of all of us, and so we are brothers and sisters, who have been called to care and support each other as well as celebrate significant events in our individual lives, just as a family would do.

Whatever you do this summer, I hope you remember the family that you belong to and enjoy the time when we gather together.

God bless,

Stephen



ST COLMON PARISH CHURCH

June 2010 Newsletter

What's on this month?

Sunday 6th June
10am - **All Age Service** - St Colmon Church, Colmonell

Sunday 13th June
10am - Service - St Colmon Church, Colmonell— this will be led by the Worship Team.

Sunday 20th June
10am - Service - St Colmon Church, Colmonell
3pm - Service - Barrhill Memorial Hall

Sunday 27th June
10am - **Summer Service** - St Colmon Church, Colmonell

Wednesday 30th June
7:30pm Prayer Meeting at the Manse

Sunday 4th July
10am - **Summer Service** - St Colmon Church, Colmonell

The **All Age Services** are participatory and focus on a theme in a creative way. They can use quizzes and video clips. They are always followed by refreshments in the church hall.

Summer Services are similar in style to the All Age Services. Apart from the services when the minister is on holiday, all the services between 27 June to 29 August will be Summer Services. This summer we will be looking at the story of Joseph (of Technicolor Dreamcoat fame).

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(See Genesis 37:3-36) 01-13-2000
IN JOSEPH'S CLOSET: (FROM RIGHT TO LEFT)
... THE COAT OF MANY COLORS, THE COAT
OF MANY PATTERNS AND TEXTURES, THE COAT
OF MANY FURS, AND THE COAT OF MANY STUDS
AND ZIPPERS



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Announcements

Churchyard seat

South Ayrshire Council Bereavement Services have replaced the bench seat at the southern side of the Church so you can now sit in comfort and admire the view.

Prayer Meeting

The prayer meeting will meet on 30th June at 7:30pm in the Manse. All are welcome.

General Assembly

Our Presbytery Elder, Ann Cashman, accompanied the Minister to the General Assembly in Edinburgh so if you would like to know about the work of the Assembly please speak to Ann or the Minister.

Memorial Tree

You may notice an addition to the trees as you enter the Churchyard. The Kirk Session have planted a birch tree in memory of Mrs Christine Murray, an Elder and our organist for 32 years. We will obtain a plaque and then have a dedication service.

St Colmon Sunday School

There will be a Sunday School starting have summer in St Colmon, more details to follow soon.

Vision meeting

Have you thought of anything you would like to see happening in the Kirk Hall? How it is used, how we could improve it etc.?

Barrhill Film Night

The following films will be shown in Barrhill Memorial Hall on the respective dates at 7pm. 'Alice in Wonderland' - 18th June, 'Nanny McPhee and the Big Bang' - 22nd July and 'Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief' - 20th August.

Interested in joining the Church?

In the autumn there will be a short course running for those interested in joining the church. If you or someone you know would be interested in joining the church, please speak to the Minister.

Kirk Fair Preparation

Preparations have begun for St Colmon's Kirk Fair (on the 7th August) so if you have any ideas / suggestions please get in touch.

Could you help set up, serve on a stall, work in the tearoom, keep the children amused with a game etc?

We can't do it without you, so please think about it.



Paws for Thought

Hello again friends and fans. I say "fans" because I have been hearing that my fame has been spreading across the country! If you know anyone outside the area who reads my articles, let me know and we'll see how far our newsletter travels! Daddy is a bit jealous that people read my article before his, but I think it's quite funny!

May was a busy month. I spent a week in Edinburgh for the General Assembly with daddy. I didn't see much of the Assembly (they wouldn't let me in, apparently tartan dog collars are against the dress code), but I did listen to a lot of it on daddy's computer. Daddy likes the Assembly very much so was recording it from the internet. I can't say I understood much of it, but I did hear my grandpa speak a few times. My 2 grandpas, one of my grannies and my daddy were all at the meetings, maybe one day I'll get to go too. Apparently they have a "playpen" at the Assembly where all the important people sit - we have 3 playpens in our house so I'd feel right at home.

I mentioned last month that I'd tell you about the Manse garden. Well daddy has been very busy, and my sister and I have been helping him - we are good at digging and watering (though I don't think daddy appreciate my efforts very much). He is growing potatoes, broccoli, leeks, rhubarb, cherries, pears, apples, strawberries, blueberries, raspberries and lots more. He has planted a new hedge to keep me and the children out(!) and has lots more plans. It's certainly keeping him very busy!

Hope you all have a lovely summer. I intend to spend it hiding in the garden under the picnic table with a tennis ball.

Dougie 

Signs seen near a church

"Free trip to Heaven.
Details inside"

"Sign broken.
Message inside this Sunday"

"Come in and pray today.
Beat the Christmas rush!"

"Have trouble sleeping?
We have sermons - come hear one!"

"Fight truth decay
study the Bible daily."