

## Paws for Thought

Dear Friends,

Well March was a very busy month in the manse. There was lots of people to sniff, things to watch and food to beg for – what more could a Westie want? We've had a painter and decorator in for the past couple of weeks. He's been decorating the downstairs toilet and the hall after our flood damage in November. It's been very interesting watching him, even if it is through a baby gate as I (and the children) have been confined to the family room a lot. The best thing about the Painter is that he Dysons EVERYDAY!!! We've also been having study groups and the Lunch at the Manse Group – you'd never guess why I like them coming! I've got them so well trained – they are a clumsy lot! The Study Group like cakes – they have a “Sponge of the Week”. It though that meant I was going to get another bath but it turned out to be much better than that. The Lunch at the Manse group like their sandwiches – salmon has been my favourite so far (but then again I'm not fussy, unless it's lettuce. I hate lettuce.)

April is looking like a good month – mummy is already planning the Easter Breakfast. I think it's very thoughtful that Easter is so close to my Birthday. It's like all my Christmases come at once.

On that note – I'm 11 in the first week of April, all packets of Ham and tennis balls to the Manse please!

Till next time

Dougie



When I was working at Cardiff Weather Centre from 1989 to 1995, I had to be proficient at dealing with the meteorological aspects of two types of incidents, namely nuclear and the spread of airborne pollution due to large fires. Luckily we had not to deal with any “live” nuclear accidents but we had quite a few occasions of large amounts of black smoke. In both cases we had frequent exercises to keep us on our toes.

Following the earthquake off Japan, I can't help feeling there was some complacency beforehand concerning the nuclear power plant—such as having standby generators stored away in a basement which could easily flood.

The crisis at Fukushima comes 25years after the Chernobyl disaster in the Ukraine on April26th, 1986, and the repercussions of that incident still linger in the U.K. Winds spread a plume of radiation over a large part of the northern hemisphere and on May 2nd arrived over the U.K. Serious problems struck when rain over Cumbria, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland washed down some of the radioactive pollution and contaminated the ground. Peat in upland areas kept the material in solution and it became absorbed by gasses. Experts believe that it will take another decade for radioactive caesium to die away.

George Watt



### Leprosy Collection 2011

I would like to thank everyone who kindly contributed to the Leprosy Mission this year. The total raised was £160.00. A cheque has now been sent to the Mission. Sadly Leprosy is still an ongoing problem in many countries and in particular in South American countries. Thank you again.

Penny

### Thank you

I would like to thank everyone, (to many to name) who supported me when Bill died. There was an overwhelming wave of love and comfort, which helped me through those first few days when I was lost.

Thank you also for the many cards and flowers. God Blessing on you all.

Pearl



### BRICC CLUB

### Coffee Morning

**Saturday 23rd April 10am. – 11.30am.**

**BRICC HOUSE Ballantrae**

**Baking, produce, cake raffle, plants, teas.**

**Adult £2 Child £1**

**All Welcome**

## THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND MINISTRIES AND MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS 2011

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
Thank you for supporting the worship, mission and service of the Church through the money you give in your offering. It is important that you know what happens to this money. This letter tells you about your congregation's Ministries and Mission Contribution - the money your Congregational Treasurer sends to the Church Offices in Edinburgh. How does it enable the worship, mission and service of the Church?

The information below shows how the contributions from your linked congregations are used to support Parish Ministries, Mission and Renewal, and general support and services provided for congregations and the councils of the General Assembly. Please note that the cost of your minister is not what he/she is paid. This cost is the total for stipend and employer's national insurance and pension contributions, and is based on a minister with ten years' service.

### Congregations: Contribution

BALLANTRAE	£26,520
ST. COLMON	<u>£17,659</u>
	£44,179
<b>Parish Ministries (86%)</b>	<b>£37,994</b>

The cost of ministry in your parishes is: £39,600

The support you receive from other congregations towards the cost of your ministry is:

**£1,606**

Yours Sincerely

*Gordon D Jamieson* Head of Stewardship



Date for your diary  
Ballantrae Church Summer Fair  
Saturday 30th July 2011



### News Letter

Items for next months news  
letter should be in no later than  
**28th. April**

## From Our Prayer Correspondent



For reading and meditation:- Luke24, v 1-6  
V.2; They found the stone rolled away from the entrance.

Why was the stone rolled away? Jesus could walk through walls and locked doors. He did not need the stone rolled away.  
My belief is that it was God who moved the stone not to let Jesus out but to let the women and the disciples and others into the tomb to see first hand what Jesus had told them was true, That he had risen on the third day.

### Prayer

In despair those first followers of Jesus went to the tomb in the coolness of that first Easter morning Lord,  
Fear mixed with joy, our Saviours alive, Father God help us to remember what Jesus did for us,  
You took our pain, our transgressions and our rejection,  
You suffered so that we could have everlasting life with you.  
You have given us joy, healing and love, as we celebrate Easter Lord Jesus,

We ask that you will come into our lives and live in us.

Amen

A Joyous Easter blessing in Jesus name Pat.

### Advance Notice of our Next Film Night



**Fri.13th May**  
Ballantrae Community Centre  
6pm – Megamind  
8pm – The King's Speech  
Please let people know about  
this, and get it in your diaries.

### Lunch at the Manse



**8th April at 12 noon** in the  
Manse  
All are welcome for Food,  
Fellowship and Discussion.

## Glenapp Afternoon Service with Communion

10th April at 3pm

All are very welcome



## Easter Services

**Mon.18th April – 7pm** in Girvan  
North

**Tues. 19th April – 7pm** in Girvan  
North

**Wed.20th April – 7pm** in Girvan  
North

**Thurs. 21st April – 2pm –**  
Ballantrae Primary Easter Service  
**7:30pm** – Communion Service in St  
Colmon

(for Ballantrae and St Colmon)

**Fri. 22nd April – 12md @ Stumpy**  
**7pm** – Good Friday Service in  
Methodist Church, Girvan

**Sunday – 7am** – Dawn Service at  
Ballantrae Harbour, followed by  
Breakfast at the Manse

**11:30am** – Easter All Age Service,  
with an Easter Egg Hunt  
for the Sunday School



## Lent Study Group

**The Story of the English Bible**  
Sunday Evenings at 7:30pm in the  
Manse on **3rd, 10th & 17th April**.  
All welcome to some or all of them.  
(Each evening will also feature  
'Sponge of the Week' for those who  
haven't given up chocolate for Lent.)



## Ballantrae Church Guild



Coffee Morning

Ballantrae Community Centre  
**Saturday 16th April** at 10.00am  
Tickets £2 and £1

Stalls include -Baking, Produce/  
plants, Hamper

The Guild would welcome  
donations to the stalls, either given  
to members or on the Saturday  
morning

## Ballantrae Church Guild Open Evening

Ballantrae Community Centre  
**Monday 18th April** at 7.15pm  
Entertainment will be provided by  
"Music Box" a popular trio from  
Kilmarnock

Teas and Coffee will be served by  
Guild members.  
Come and be entertained.



## S.W.R.I.



Colour me Beautiful—A Burns  
**Monday April 4th.**

## Hospital Visiting

If you know of anyone in hospital  
who would like a visit from the  
minister, please could you phone  
Stephen on 831252.

## Something Different Cheddar & Chive Muffins

Makes approx. 8

Pre-heat Oven –190°C gas mark 5

### Ingredients

90ml(3fl oz) Vegetable Oil

250g(9oz) Plain Flour

1/2tsp Salt

1tbsp. Baking Powder

1tsp Caster Sugar

75g(3oz) Mature Cheddar Cheese finely  
grated

2-3 tbsp freshly chopped Chives

1 medium Egg

240ml(8fl oz) milk

Sift flour, salt and baking powder into a large  
mixing bowl. Stir in sugar and two-thirds of  
the cheese and all the chives. Break egg into a  
jug and beat in milk and veg. Oil. Pour egg  
mixture into dry ingredients then stir the  
mixture with a metal spoon until just  
combined. You must not beat or stir the  
mixture too much, it should be lumpy, but  
there should be no traces of dry flour.

Spoon into muffin cases and sprinkle the rest  
of cheese on top. Bake for 20-25mins until  
risen and golden.

Best served warm with a little butter.

A little mustard maybe added to enhance  
flavours



## LISTS AND ROTAS

### Flower Calendar



### April

**3rd.** S Crosthwaite

**10th.** P Savage

**17th.** R Stirling

**24th.** G Goudie



### May Tea Duty

Betty Nelson, May  
Cunningham, Rossi McKinley  
& Meg Peacock

### Church Cleaning Team

### April

**3rd.** Georgina McKinley &  
Irene Stewart

**17th.** 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

### April

**3rd** A

**10th** B

**17th** C

**24th** D

### May

**1st** E

**8th** A

**15th** B

**22nd** C

**29th** D

## Message from the Manse



Dear Friends,

As you may have read from Dougie's article, our hall has been getting decorated over the past few weeks. The process of decorating the hall, initially involved stripping off the woodchip wallpaper that has graced the walls of the hall for many years. I had expected that it would just be the plaster underneath, but instead what appeared as a floral wallpaper, which must have be on the walls before the woodchip (if anyone remembers the floral pattern, I'd love to know when it went up). There was even, in some places, a further layer of paper, which also needed to be stripped off. It was only after all the paper had been stripped away, that the repair work to the walls could take place prior to the hall being painted and wallpapered.

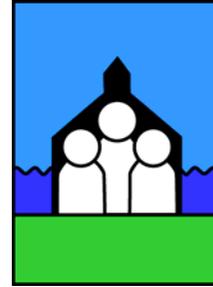
Everything that we do involves a time of preparation before a time of action. It is in Lent that we remember the journey that Jesus took to the cross. In fact his whole three year ministry was a time of preparation which led him towards his death on the cross and his resurrection thereafter. And we know that throughout his ministry, it was always in his mind. He always knew where the road that he was on was going, even if his followers did not.

The weeks of Lent mark our journey towards Easter, and act for many as a time of preparation before Easter, a time to reflect more deeply on all God has done for us. But in fact our whole lives are a time of preparation before we spend eternity with our loving heavenly Father. The hope is that as we walk further along the path that will lead us to our heavenly home, we are becoming more prepared for the time when we will be with God forever. Yes, we will have stumbles along the way. Yes, we may need to strip away aspects of our lives as part of the process. However, the final result is well worth the effort, because just as Jesus was resurrected that first Easter, so we will be, when we reach the end of our time of preparation.

I hope you have a wonderful Easter and remember all God has done for you.

God bless,

Stephen



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