

## 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

[www.actsparl.org](http://www.actsparl.org)

is the website for the Scottish Churches Parliamentary Office

**Interested in church History?**  
Try here.

<http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/sct/ChurchHistory.html>

## Weather

Every now and then, cross winds at different heights produce clouds that form a cross in the sky. Such a sight is said to have appeared in AD832, when a joint army of Picts and Scots under the High King of Alba, Angus MacFergus, invaded Lothian, at that time a Northumbrian territory. Their enemy was a defending force of Angles and Saxons, and the two sides met near the East Lothian village of Athelstaneford. But the night before battle began Angus saw a vision of St Andrew and his cross. The following day Angus saw a cross-shaped white cloud much like the cross of St Andrew, in a brilliant clear blue sky. Despite being surrounded by a larger enemy force, Angus took the cross in the sky as a divine sign and his army won the battle. To commemorate the victory the King vowed that Andrew would be the patron saint of Scotland and the sign of a white cross on a blue background was taken as the national flag, known as the Saltire.

Interestingly a bright cross was reported in the sky during the first world war, in June 1916 over the battlefields of Flanders, there were claims that the sight of a white cross was seen by both sides in the trenches and even caused a temporary cease fire

P.S. There were no contrails produced by aircraft in AD 832! I think.

George Watt

## The Post Office



A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of Asda

As he waited, he was asked by a man, "Son, can you tell me where the post office is?"

The little boy replied, "Sure, just go straight down the street a couple of blocks and turn to your right."

The man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new minister in town, and I'd like for you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to Heaven."

The little boy replied with a chuckle, "Awww, come on; you don't even know the way to the post office!"

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## The package



There was this lady mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

"Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments," answered the lady.

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The Senior Citizens Summer outing is to Largs on Weds. 4th June.



Please put your name on the list in Spar.

## Newsletter



Items for June should be in by 28th May 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 bearer

## Gala Baking Stall



All bakers in the congregation are asked to contribute to this stall. The money raised is for the church funds. Organisation is in the hands of the Guild. Baking may be handed in to Mrs Irene Stewart, 7 Main Street. on or before the 5th July.

Count your garden by the flowers,  
Never by the leaves that fall,  
Count your days by sunny hours,  
Don't remember clouds at all,  
Count your night by stars, not shadows,  
Count your life by smiles, not tears,  
And with joy throughout your lifetime,  
Count your age by friends not years.



The Holiday Club was a great success! 16 young people attended, and we had a great time playing games, singing, doing simple crafts and playing football. We thank God that he helped us to have a fun afternoon. We are also very grateful to the many people in the Church who faithfully prayed, ran the registration, cleaned and prepared the Manse, delivered leaflets, provided food and drinks and helped out on the day. It was thrilling to see God at work, and we have plans for an expanded 5-day programme in the summer.

The summer programme will, however, need a larger team to run things. If you feel able to offer some time (probably during the last week of the summer holidays), we can certainly use you! Please contact Adam or Michelle Oellermann (email [adam@oellermann.com](mailto:adam@oellermann.com), telephone 01465 891247) to discuss how you might be able to get involved.

## From our prayer correspondent

For reading and meditation  
1 John 4 v 7-10



Dear friends let us love another, because love comes from God

Lord it is amazing that you love us, even though we have done nothing to deserve it.

Thank you that you love us so much you sacrificed your beloved Son for our sakes.

You know when we are hurting and send the gentle balm of your healing love to soothe us. When we are happy you rejoice with us, your love for us is endless.

Let the light of your love shine in our hearts today, so that we may share that love with others.

Love changes everything, let it change us, so that we may change others.

Amen

Dwell in the love of Jesus.

*Pat*

### THANKS



Following the death of my brother and Cathies's husband Robert Watt on the 3rd of May, I would like to thank everyone for their kindness and cards to both of us during this rather fragile period.

*George Watt*

## Favourite Hymns of Different Professions



The Dentist's Hymn ... Crown Him With Many Crowns  
The Weatherman's Hymn ... There Shall Be Showers Of Blessing  
The Contractor's Hymn ... The Church's One Foundation  
The Tailor's Hymn ... Holy, Holy, Holy  
The Golfer's Hymn ... There Is A Green Hill Far Away  
The Politician's Hymn ... Standing On The Promises  
The Optometrist's Hymn ... Open My Eyes That I May See  
The Taxman's Hymn ... I Surrender All  
The Gossip's Hymn ... Pass It On  
The Electrician's Hymn ... Send The Light  
The Shopper's Hymn ... In The Sweet By and By  
The Pilot's Hymn ... I'll Fly Away  
The Paramedic's Hymn ... Revive Us Again  
The Judge's Hymn ... Almost Persuaded  
The Psychiatrist's Hymn ... Just A Little Talk With Jesus  
The Architect's Hymn ... How Firm A Foundation  
The Credit Card Telemarketer's Hymn ... A Charge To Keep I Have  
The Zoo Keeper's Hymn ... All Creatures Of Our God And King  
The Postal Worker's Hymn ... So Send I You  
The Waiter's Hymn ... Fill My Cup, Lord  
The Gardener's Hymn ... Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming  
The Lifeguard's Hymn ... Rescue The Perishing  
The Criminal's Hymn ... Search Me, O God  
The Baker's Hymn ... When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder  
The Shoe Repairer's Hymn ... It Is Well With My Soul  
The Travel Agent's Hymn ... Anywhere With Jesus  
The Geologist's Hymn ... Rock Of Ages  
The Haematologist's Hymn ... Are You Washed In The Blood?  
The Men's Wear Clerk's Hymn ... Blest Be The Tie  
The Umpire's Hymn ... I Need No Other Argument  
The Librarian's Hymn ... Whispering Hope

“The talents you have are God’s gift to you.  
What you do to them is your gift to God”.

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



## CHURCH FAMILY

Deaths:

*"I am the resurrection and the Life"*  
Robert Watt

### New service time

Please note that Sunday service will now commence at 11.30am due to the linking with St. Colmon.

### Service of Linking

**Ballantrae and St. Colmon**

Tuesday 3rd June 2008

At 7pm.

## CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GUILD



The Summer Rally will take place on Thurs. 5th June at 7.30pm in Saint Leonard's Church Ayr Leaving village at 6pm. Ballantrae Branch will meet on the 12th June when they will entertain the residents of Hillcrest. Summer outing on Friday 27th June leaving at 11am

The Communion Service on 11th May was well attended. Several visitor were present, and Rev Guthrie conducted another excellent service



## Malawi



Friends,

The Presbytery Malawi Link Team will be heading off on the 3rd. June for a three week working visit to Malawi. The Group have a great deal to do on this their 3rd. visit to Bandawe, they hope to visit all the Orphanages, Dispensaries and Schools bringing back profiles and lots of photographs to enable our Congregations to see for themselves how our link with Malawi is progressing.

The Team are aiming to assist Ministers, Session Clerks and Guild Representatives by providing training sessions on administration and communication skills, this will enable local groups to find and research community projects.

I thank you all for your continuing support for the Malawi Link and ask you to pray for the safekeeping and success of the Team.

Meg Peacock



Next meeting to be held on the 11th June. Donations for the bottle stall to be handed into Irene Stewart 7, Main St. Ballantrae please.

## Chocolate Blueberry

### Cupcakes

Prep time: 15mins

Cooking time: 20mins

Makes approx 16



### Ingredients

60g. (2oz) cocoa powder  
200ml (7fl oz) warm, boiled water  
125g (4oz) butter softened  
300g (10oz) light brown sugar  
2 eggs, beaten  
180g (6oz) S.R flour  
200g (7oz) blueberries, thawed if frozen  
200g (7oz) icing sugar  
5-6tsp unsweetened blueberry juice drink  
Crystallised violets to decorate.

Pre-heat oven 190 C. fan oven  
170 C Gas mark 5

Sieve cocoa into a small bowl and whisk in the water.

In another bowl beat sugar and butter until pale and creamy, gradually beat in the egg and cocoa mixture. Sieve in the flour and fold the ingredients together along with the blueberries.

Divide the mixture between the cake cases, bake in the oven until risen to the tops of the cases and just firm to the touch. Leave on a wire rack to cool.

For the icing, sift icing sugar into a bowl and bind together with sufficient blueberry juice to form a smooth, icing. Spread over each cupcake and decorate with crystallised violets.

Ideal for the summer fetes.

## LISTS AND ROTAS

### Flower Calendar



June 1st Penny Savage  
8th Meg Peacock  
15th Florence Brown  
22nd Lorna Greenhill  
29th



### Tea Duty

Dorothy Flitter, Margaret McKissock,  
Margaret Maule & Anthea Russell

### Church Cleaning Teams

June  
8th Meg Peacock & Lorna Greenhill  
22nd Adam & Michelle Oellermann

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

June	July
1st D	6th D
8th E	13th E
15th A	20th A
22nd B	27th B
29th C	

Just a few letters of thanks received by Rev. Guthrie after spending the afternoon with P6/7 from Ballantrae primary school, showing them around the church and old graveyard explaining the history of the Kennedy Mausoleum.



# CHURCH OF SCOTLAND BALLANTRAE PARISH CHURCH

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*Dear Rev. Guthrie*

*Thank you very much for showing and telling about our church. It was very nice of you to do it when you could have been doing your gardening, and I thought it was highly interesting. I also thought the bit where you explained about the mausoleum and the Kennedy's were really interesting, you explained everything so clearly thank you very much again hope to see you soon.*

Yours Sincerely

Shannon Sockell P.7

*Dear Rev Guthrie*

*Thank you very much for showing us around about the church and some history about graves and grave stones. I liked looking at the mausoleum and learning a bit about the Kennedy's but also liked the church.*

Yours Sincerely

Arron Thomson.

*Dear Rev Guthrie*

*Thank you very much for the day I really liked it when you took us into the graveyard  
And took us to see the mausoleum I never knew what a skull ment on a headstone*

*Thank you so much*

Yours Sincerely

Gary

*Dear Rev Guthrie,*

*Thank-you very much for showing us around the church and talking to us on such a lovely day it was very kind of you.  
I really liked look at the mausoleum and the cradle roll they two things were my fav thing. Thank you very much we all had a good time.*

*Thank-you*

Yours Sincerely

Jeanna Nelson P.7

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