

Weather



On 23rd May, not only did Stephen, our minister, leave for Malawi (via Glasgow, Amsterdam and Kenya), but also a cuckoo was heard, the first local silage was cut and in the evening the thin crescent of the new moon next to the equally thin crescent of the planet Venus gave a brilliant display in the northwest after sunset. This was the last evening appearance of the two for sometime but on 6th June at about 04.45am Venus will cross the face of the sun. DO NOT look at it, as you would become blind. In any case Venus will appear only as a black spot. This will be the last “transit of Venus” until 2117 (105years). Perhaps one of Stephen and Barbara’s great grand children will be in the pulpit then!

The fine weather in the fourth week in May led to some record – breaking temperatures. On the 25th I recorded 27.8°C (82°F), the highest I’ve had in May in 11years, and the highest since 19th July 2006 when 29.8°C (86°F) was reached. It was the same on the 16th July 2003.

The Atlantic tropical storm/hurricane season has started. This year’s names will be Albert, Beryl, Chris, Joyce, Kirk, Lesley, Michael, Nadine, Oscar, Patty, Rafael, Sandy Tony, Valerie and William. We will never get to K Y Z! These depressions are named when tropical storm status is reached, with sustained winds of 43mph or more. Hurricane status is achieved when the average wind speed in the storm’s circulation reaches or exceeds 74mph.

George Watt

Lwambaza receive gift of banner from Ballantrae Church



Follow Stephens trip to Malawi on facebook.

COFFEE MORNING

In aid of

SENIOR CITIZENS’ CHRISTMAS PARTY

In Community Centre

On Saturday 9th June

10am-11.30am

Adult £2 Child £1 (under 5years free)

STALLS Baking, Plants, Produce, Hamper, Raffle.

Donations for these would be gratefully received



Flower Calendar



Just to remind everybody the flower calendar is at the church entrance, anyone wishing to donate flowers should add their name against the appropriate Sunday’s date.



A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem
A small child replied,
‘They couldn’t get a baby-sitter.’



Paws for Thought



Well I am in a surprisingly good mood these days! Amazing I know, as I'll admit to sometimes being a little grumpy. I was dreading Daddy going away to Malawi, but I have to say I'm being treated like royalty in his absence! No more quick walks round the block for me, oh no. I now get picked up by my chauffeur, travel in style to a sniff-filled location and treated to a lovely walk before I am returned home in time for my dinner. What could be better! I (and mummy) are very grateful to Meg and Eric taking good care of me while Daddy is away. I'll miss our walks when he's back!

I have even discovered that maybe the garden is not too bad after all. There have been some days when I've beaten the family to the garden gate. It's the sunny weather – I do like a nap in the sunshine. I also like to nap in the new porch. I hadn't thought of sleeping there before but now I've discovered it I sneak into it whenever I can.

I guess I should mention Hamish too. He's getting big now, and I'm beginning to like him a bit more. There's talk of us going into kennels together for a couple of nights in the summer, so I guess I'd better get used to him.

Till next time



Dougie

CHURCH SUMMER FAIR



Saturday 28th July 2012 @ 2pm

Please come and give your usual support of our annual fund raiser.
STALLS :- Baking, Books, Crafts, Teas, Hampers and lots of games.
All donations gratefully received. Hall will be open on morning of sale
09.30-11.30 to receive goods



News Letter

Items for September news letter by **Weds. 29th August**

Prayer



Father God we thank you for the event now taking place.
For Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee and her dedication as our Monarch over the last 60years.
For the Olympic Games and the dedication and the skill of all the athletes.
For the Olympic Flame that will be witnessed throughout our land.
Most of all we give thanks for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who strengthens and sustains us through our lives,
He is the only Flame we need to light our path
His the crown of glory, His the triumph.
We put our faith, hope and trust in Him alone knowing that we run the race with our reward of all eternity spent with Him.

Amen

With every blessing in Jesus' precious name.

Pat

Something to make you smile



Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, 'Why is the bride dressed in white?'"
The mother replied, 'Because white is the colour of happiness, And today is the happiest day of her life.'
The child thought about this for a moment then said, 'So why is the groom wearing black?'"



An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male Pallbearers.
In her handwritten instructions for her memorial Service, she wrote, 'They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead.'



Announcements

All Age Service

16th June - All age service with Sunday School prize giving

Wednesday Worship

20th June at 11am in Ballantrae Church
All are welcome for a short traditional service.

Lunch at the Manse

Thursday 21st June at 12noon in the Manse – 1 The Vennel, Ballantrae.
Come and enjoy food, fellowship and faith.

Pastoral & Hospital Visiting

If you know someone who is in hospital or is housebound and would appreciate a visit from the minister, please contact Stephen on 831252.

Fact

The Bible was printed in 1454AD the first book ever printed. And is the best selling book in the world
The Bible was written in three languages: Hebrew, Aramaic, and Koine Greek and first translated into English in 1382AD.

The word “Lord” is mentioned in the Bible 1855 times.

Ballantrae Community Council

The council are looking for people with an interest in the village and are willing to serve on the council. If you think you can help contact

Dr M L McKenna
Chair/sec. of Ballantrae Community Council,
Beachbank House,
Foreland Ballantrae
KA26 0NQ
Telephone:-0146 583 1459
0790 150 6691

W.R.V.S BALLANTRAE BRANCH

If you have ever been a member formerly of any W.R.V.S. branch and would like to renew your membership the above branch will be very pleased to have you join them. They would also warmly welcome anyone in the surrounding area who would like to become a member for the first time. This voluntary work is not onerous and is very rewarding. If you are interested please get in touch with Jean Dunlop (831351), Betty Nelson (831285) or Pat Allsop (831391) or any other W.R.V.S. Member for more information.

Easy Banana Cake



The easiest banana cake to make, just right for using up those very ripe bananas in the fruit bowl! I make this one in a loaf tin then you can cut into slices and spread with butter or not

Ingredients

125g butter
150g caster sugar
1 tsp vanilla extract
1 egg, beaten
2 very ripe bananas, mashed
190g self raising flour
60ml milk
Grease and line a 2lb loaf tin.
Melt butter, sugar and vanilla in a saucepan over a medium heat. Remove from heat and add mashed bananas, mix well. Add beaten egg, mix well. Stir in flour and milk. Pour into prepared tin and sprinkle with a tablespoon Demerara sugar to give crunch topping.
Bake at 150°C fan oven (or 170°C regular oven or gas mark 3) for 35mins. Until a skewer comes out clean. Leave to cool and enjoy.

LISTS AND ROTAS

Flower Calendar



June

3rd. P. Thackray
10th. M. Heap
17th. Guild
24th. L. Greenhill



Tea Duty-July

*Dorothy Flitter,
Margaret Maule &
Anthea Russell*

Church Cleaning Team

June.

10th. Georgina McKinley & Irene Stewart
24th. Tom & May Lothian

July.

8th. Meg Peacock & Lorna Greenhill

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

June.		July.	
3rd	C	1st	A
10th	D	8th	B
17th	E	15th	C
24th	F	22nd	D
		29th	E

Message from your Prayer Correspondent



For reading and meditation:- Isaiah chapter 60 v. 19
Philippians chapter 3 v. 12-14
Mathew chapter 27 v.27-29

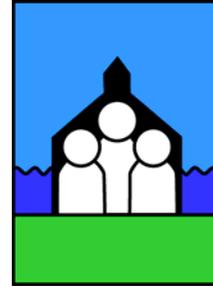
1. I, the lord will be your eternal light.
2. I run straight towards the goal.
3. "Long live the King of Jews!"

There are two momentous events happening this month, one is the celebration of the Queens Diamond Jubilee, 60years on the throne, a fantastic achievement. The other is the arrival of the Olympic torch in Scotland heralding the forthcoming Olympic games, where athletes from all nations will compete for gold, silver and bronze medals, the crowning glory of their career. Crowds will turn out to witness both events over the next few days. These events are something we will never experience again.

Over two thousand years ago there was a momentous event, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ the light of the world was born. His birth was not announced and surrounded by all the media hype that happens in our present day but by a bright star, a heavenly choir and a visit from lowly shepherds and three wise men. His crown was not made of gold but of cruel thorns. There were no accolades for Him. Our Lord triumphed not with fanfares but through his resurrection, our King still reigns today over two thousand years after his birth. Today we are still seeing and feeling the effect of the event.

Jesus Christ is our King with a heavenly crown, He is the Light of the world and will reign not for 60years, but for all eternity.

Pat Thackray



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