

Weather



The 2012 Atlantic Hurricane season has been the third most active on record with 19 named storms so far. "Sandy" caused havoc on the American eastern seaboard while "Tony" was in the Azores area at the end of October. The letters X, Y and Z are not normally allotted names but in view of the fact the season does not finish until the end of November, I can see someone is going to have to invent some new names.

The annual migration of fieldfares and redwings from Scandinavia seems to have been a disaster this year. I suspect South easterly gales in the North sea a few weeks ago were to blame for disorientating and exhausting the birds. I first heard some on the 21st October, later than normal, and more in the next 10 days but fewer than normal.

Astronomically, the pre dawn sky before the clocks changed, was the one to see with the constellation Orion very prominent, Jupiter almost overhead and Venus resplendent in the southeast. On the 27th of November Saturn passes very close to Venus and if you look a little to the left through binoculars you may spot Mercury.

George Watt

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY



For Ballantrae Residents in the
COMMUNITY CENTRE
On WEDNESDAY 12th DECEMBER

At 5pm

Persons aged 60yrs or over, plus their Spouse/partner, are
invited

ALL WISHING TO ATTEND PLEASE PUT NAMES ON
LIST IN SCOTMID CO-OPERATIVE

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CHRISTMAS FAIR



Come along and support your local teenagers

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Girvan Academy's Christmas Fair

on

29th Nov 6pm -8.30pm

Variety of stalls, including local traders



Barrels of Water

The Sunday school teacher was carefully explaining the story of Elijah the Prophet and the false prophets of Baal. She explained how Elijah built the altar put wood upon it, cut the steer in pieces and laid it upon the altar. And then Elijah commanded the people of God to fill four barrels of water and pour it over the altar. He had them do this four times.

"Now, said the teacher, "can anyone in the class tell me why the Lord would have Elijah pour water over the steer on the altar?"

A little girl in the back of the room raised her hand with great enthusiasm. "To make the gravy."



Bible songs

Noah: "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head"

Adam and Eve: "Strangers in Paradise"

Lazarus: "The Second Time Around"

Esther: "I Feel Pretty"

Job: "I've Got a Right to Sing the Blues"

Moses: "The Wanderer"

Jezebel: "The Lady is a Tramp"

The Three Kings: "When You Wish Upon a Star"

Jonah: "Got a Whale of a Tale"

Samson: "Hair"





Prayer



Heavenly Father, As we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy every day, we think of how they have followed in the footsteps of your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Please hold our servicemen and women in your strong arms. Cover them with your sheltering grace and your presence as they stand in the gap for our protection.

We also remember the families of our troops. We ask for your unique blessings to fill their homes, and we pray your peace, provision, and strength will fill their lives.

May the members of our armed forces be supplied with courage to face each day and may they trust in the Lord's mighty power to accomplish each task. Let our military brothers and sisters feel our love and support

In Jesus name Amen

Remembrance Day War Cake

The War Cake is to symbolize the type of foods eaten in times during the war when luxury foods weren't too accessible. War Cakes may vary depending on the personal recipes, but traditionally they are very heavy, dark, and made with less eggs, less milk, and less sugar.

Ingredients:

Combine and boil for 5 minutes only:

1 lb (about 2 cups) raisin

1 cup water

1 cup dark brown sugar

1/4 cup lard

1/4 cup butter

1 tsp each cinnamon, ginger, ground cloves

1/2 tsp salt

Let cool to lukewarm, then sift together and add:

2 cups flour

2 tsp baking soda

You can adjust the flavour of the cake Pour into a well-greased pan, about 8" square.

Bake at 170°C/ 325°F for about one hour, or until a toothpick inserted into the middle of the cake doesn't come out sticky



The Sunshine Club



This month we have been learning all about Jonah and the Whale. We've made some pictures for the wall, and played a "Find Jonah" game. We've been talking about what we do if someone asks us to do something, and we don't want to do it – just like Jonah, who ran away when God told him to go to Nineveh. Our library is now all set up and we've been borrowing books to read at home. This month we have chosen to learn about the Wise and Foolish Builders and then we will be starting our Christmas activities. Please pop in and see our

PAWS FOR THOUGHT



Well it seems that I have a lot to learn! There have been so many interesting things this month – some good and some not so good! Firstly, I've noticed that it seems to be dark in the garden a lot more often. I used to have a great routine of having a wee play in the garden in the evenings, but now it's too dark and I don't really like the dark. I'm a bit of a fearty. I got the biggest fright of my life last week too – something called Halloween happened. I don't really know what it is, but mummy came into the kitchen with a different head on and I was so scared that I did a pee pee on the floor! I was terrified – then she took her head off and that was better. I've also been learning about holidays. Holidays are when I go in the car for a very long time (I don't like this, I get car sick), then when I get out there are lots of new smells and interesting walks. I went to Beaulieu to see my grandparents while Dougie went to Glasgow to be with our other grandparents and have a peaceful week without me. I was really pleased to see him, but I don't think the feeling was mutual. Mummy says there are still lots of things to learn, and the first thing I've to learn is that cushions are not for destroying, and neither are my beds. I've still got a habit of de-stuffing things whenever I get the opportunity. I think Mummy still has a lot to learn too – I may be little, but I'm a Westie, and Westies are always the boss!

Till next time
Hamish



Announcements

Wednesday Worship

a traditional service lasting 30 minutes. 7th November at 11am

Remembrance Services

Friday 9th November at 11am

Service of Remembrance at

Héronsford War Memorial

Sunday 11th November at 11:30am

Remembrance Service in Ballantrae Church, followed by parade and an

Act of Remembrance at Ballantrae War Memorial.

Congregational Board and Kirk Session

Wednesday 12th November at 7:30pm in the Vestry

Contemporary Praise Evenings

with worship led by

Alan, Barbara and Gina.

Sunday 25th November

at 7:30pm in Ballantrae Church

Elders Lunch and Training

event on Sunday 4th November immediately after church in the Manse until 3:30pm. It is primarily to provide initial training for our new elders, but all elders are asked to be there so that you can share your experiences in our discussions.



Ballantrae Church Guild



Ballantrae Church Guild will meet on Monday 19th of November
Subject:- "A Faith to proclaim" We will also be celebrating the 125th anniversary of the formation of the "Church of Scotland Guild"
All are Welcome.

On October 2nd members planted bulbs to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the guild, helped by Jim, Eric, Raynor, and Stephen. The Guild has accomplished much over the years. Fighting human trafficking, combating domestic, & drug abuse, also flying medicines and help to remote places.

At the October meeting Mrs Jean Ramsay spoke of her visit to the General Assembly, showing parts of a video of the 2011 General Assembly, including the pomp and pageantry of this very special occasion.

Penny Savage also read an article by our National Convener Mrs. Mary Ford

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.



Ballantrae Film Nights

9th November @ 6pm

The Muppets

8pm – The War Horse

30th November @ 6pm

Brave

8pm – The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel”



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The next meeting will take place on Monday November 5th when the Glen of Luce entertainers will be our guests. All welcome.



Items for November news letter by Weds.28th November.

News Letter

November

Although November is the eleventh month in the calendar, the name November comes from the Roman word "novem" meaning nine as it was the ninth month in their Roman calendar

SHOE BOX APPEAL 2012



Desirable items for the boxes are : hats, gloves, sock, toothbrush toothpaste, (all items must be new). Further suggestions

Toiletries (**no talcum powder**)

New Clothes

Miscellaneous ; New make-up Sewing equipment, Household candles, Screwdrivers/pliers & kitchen utensils. New stationery

Small toy

Sweets; **NO CHOCOLATE.**

“Best before “date **July 10th**, Please state who the box is for i.e. boy, girl, man, women, family and state ages of recipient.

Filled boxes can be left in the church at any time last date is the Sunday **11th November.**

Dear Friends,



I was in a house recently and when I got up to leave I realised the surroundings seemed strangely familiar. As I looked from the lounge into the dining room/kitchen it reminded me of the house my Granny used to live in. Then as I looked around the room, I realised that it was almost identical to my Granny's house, and then when I looked into the dining room/kitchen, I realised that it must have been built by the same company at about the same time, because there was very little that was different. A conversation with my mother confirmed this, who told me that my Granny's house had been a kit house, called Weir's Bungalow.

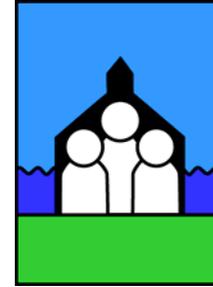
It is strange how sometimes events or surroundings can bring back memories quite clearly. We all know that when we lose someone close to us the grief can take time to settle down, and that for years later, the smallest event or scene or word can cause emotions to resurface, which can often be hard to deal with. For some reason it is often the small things that take us by surprise and bring to mind memories that we thought were forgotten.

This month we are remembering all those who fought and died in the wars that have plagued our country and beyond, and I am sure there will be many people who have memories that they struggle to deal with each year.

Therefore let us remain supportive of family and friends who have lost those closest to them. Let us remember that the pain of loss never completely leaves people, and they need our support throughout their lives. And let us remember that God is always our support, as Psalm 94 verse 17 and 18 says, "If the Lord had not helped me, I would have gone quickly to the land of silence. I said, "I am falling"; but your constant love, O Lord, held me up."

May God continue to bless you,

Stephen



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