



Paws for Thought

I hope you all had a nice October. I was away on holiday for 10 days and had lots of adventures. I'm trying not to be too hurt that my family didn't take me with them when they went on a last minute holiday to the Lake District for a week – I'd have liked it a lot, but I wasn't allowed to go. I did get rather worried when I heard mummy phoning lots of kennels to see if they had space – my prayers were answered, they were all full! This meant that I was allowed to go and stay with my cousins in Glasgow instead!

My cousins are Bob and Genny – you may have seen them at the Ballantrae Gala Day. They are Greyhounds, which means I can run underneath them! They are a bit too fast for my liking when we were out walkies – I only have short little legs! They like to wear clothes – they even have pyjamas! Every day I went to my Auntie Aileen's work with her (she didn't trust me in her house, I can't think why?). She works in an electrical shop – talk about a great holiday! I spent a week curled up next to a lovely warm halogen heater, surrounded by massive televisions. Auntie Aileen had even trained her boss to feed me toast and treats, and the customers would come over and tickle my tummy. I even got the credit for selling a 42 inch plasma screen TV! I sat in front of it and smiled until the customer bought it. That reminds me, must talk to Auntie Aileen about my wages.....

Till next time

Dougie



SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY
 For Ballantrae Residents in the
COMMUNITY CENTRE
 On
WEDNESDAY 8th DECEMBER
 At 5pm
 Persons aged 60yrs or over, plus their Spouse/partner, are invited
ALL WISHING TO ATTEND PLEASE PUT NAMES ON LIST
IN SPAR.



Weather

Tropical storms and hurricanes have been prevalent as usual this year in the Caribbean with the worst being noted for the amount of rain. Apparently the deadliest hurricane on record struck the area 230years ago and devastated many of the islands and much of the Royal Navy.

The tempest killed about 22,000 people over six days as the hurricane rampaged through the Eastern Caribbean along the Lesser Antilles chain of islands. The full fury of the storm began on October 10th with an assault on Barbados that lasted two days and almost obliterated everything on the islands. The wind was so deafening that people could not hear their own voices. Nearly every tree and house on Barbados was destroyed and 4,500 people killed. The storm then tore through Martinique, St Lucia, St Eustatius, Puerto Rico and Santo Domingo (The Dominican Republic).

The hurricane also wrecked the British Navy which was fighting the Spanish and French fleets for control of the Caribbean during the American War of Independence. However, the British Admiral George Rodney had taken a calculated risk before the hurricane season began to split his fleet in two — Half went to New York with Rodney and the rest remained in the Caribbean. When Rodney returned later to St Lucia, he found 8 of his 12 warships had sunk, along with most of their crews. However the French also suffered huge naval losses when the storm blasted their colony of Martinique. A fleet of 40 ships was lost with about 1,000 sailors killed in the harbour at St. Pierre, and another 4,000 drowned at sea.

George Watt

 **S.W.R.I**
 Next meet on Monday 6th
 December
 Louise Nelson on Stained glass
 windows.
 Old and new members will be
 given a warm welcome.

News Letter



Items for next months
 news letter should be in by
26th November.

 A man was brought to the hospital, and quickly taken in for coronary surgery. The operation went well and as he regained consciousness, he was reassured by a Sister of Mercy who was waiting by his bedside. 

 “Mr Smith you’re going to be just fine,” said the nun.
 “We do need to know, how you intend to pay for your stay here. Are you covered by insurance?” “No sorry, I don’t have any insurance,” the man whispered. “Can you pay cash?” persisted the nun. “I’m afraid I cannot, Sister.” “Well do you have any close relatives?” the nun asked. “Just my sister in New Mexico,” he volunteered. “But she’s a humble spinster nun.” “Oh I must correct you, Mr Smith. Nuns are not spinsters; they are married to God.” “Wonderful,” said Mr Smith. “In that case, please send the bill to my brother-in-law.” 

Two Christians have lived very good, and also very healthy lives. They die, and go to heaven. 
As they are walking along, marvelling at the paradise around them, one turns to the other and says “Wow, I never knew heaven was going to be as good as this!”
“Yeah,” says the other. “And just think, if we hadn’t eaten all that oat bran we could have got here ten years sooner.”



Ballantrae Film Nights

12 November at 6pm - Furry Vengeance &
8pm - The Magnificent Seven

26 November at 6pm - How to Train Your Dragon &
8pm - Avatar



Ian White Concert

Here is a date for your diary: Ian White will be giving a concert in Girvan North on **8th February 2011**. Ian White has written many hymns and songs over the last 25 years.



From our Prayer Correspondent



For reading and meditation :- Isaiah 60 v 19-22

The days are drawing in, we need the lights on earlier each day so that we are not in darkness.

In our spiritual life we all struggle with dark times when we feel alone.

It is at these times that there is one we can turn to, our beloved Saviour Jesus.

He experienced dark times in his life so he understands how we feel.

Our Lord brings eternal light into our lives, He is there when we stumble in the darkness.

Lord, you are the light of the world You called us out of darkness to share your light You dispel the darkness that often surrounds us

The enemy wants us to walk in darkness But you have given us light in our lives May we continue to walk in your light Now and forever.

Amen

The Lord bless and keep you in His light
Every blessing Pat.

As one of the few members of Ballantrae Church who took the trouble to go along to the joint Church Social I would like to give a big thank you to Stephen and all who helped him on a very enjoyable evening. It was nice to meet up with the large number who came from Colmonell and Barrhill and I hope that if there is another Social then Ballantrae will give it some more support.



Margaret Brown

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.



Church Family

Deaths

George Smith

"I am the resurrection and the life"

Church Service



Wednesday Worship

There will be a Wednesday Worship on Wednesday **1st December at 11am** in Ballantrae Church. This is a short service lasting about 30 minutes.



Lunch at the Manse

Our next Lunch at the Manse will be on **25th November at 12 noon** in the Manse. All are welcome for a time of food, fellowship and faith.

The Kirk Session and Congregational Board

The Kirk Session and Congregational Board will next meet on the **8th November at 8pm** in the Session Room.



Ballantrae Church Guild



The November meeting will be held in the community hall on **Monday 15th November at 7.15pm**. Mrs Pat Guthrie will be demonstrating the art of banner making and helping members to construct a banner with the theme "World Day of Prayer" Everyone welcome.

Young Woman's Group Open Night



Pat Duncan from Mercy Ships will be speaking. **24th November at 7:30pm** in Ballantrae Church.

Hospital Visits from the Minister

Due to a recent change of policy by Ayrshire and Arran Health Board, ministers no longer have access to patient lists, which tell them if someone from their parish is in hospital. Therefore if you know that someone is in hospital and would appreciate a visit from the Minister, please either contact your elder or the Minister directly on **831252**.

Sausage Bake

Serves: 4

Cooking time: 35 mins



Ingredients

Change this sausage bake to suit your taste. You could try using different flavoured sausages and varying the veg.

500g potatoes, halved if large
4 cloves garlic
2tbsp olive oil
Medium butternut squash, peeled, deseeded and cubed
400g pack pork sausages
250g cherry tomatoes
200g runner beans, sliced
2tbsp thick balsamic vinegar

Method

Heat oven to 200°C/gas mark 6.
Put potatoes, halved if large, in a roasting tin, add garlic and olive oil and toss to coat. Roast for 15 mins.
Add squash and cook for a further 10 mins.
Add sausages to the tin, toss again and cook for a further 15-20 mins.
Add tomatoes, runner beans and balsamic vinegar and cook for a further 8-10 mins until the beans are tender.

Top Tip

To stop potatoes sprouting in the bag, place an apple in along with the potatoes. It works

LISTS AND ROTAS

Flower Calendar



Nov.

7th. M McWhirter
14th. I Stewart
21st. M Lothian
28th. Guild



December Tea Duty

Fiona Carle, Diane Buchanan, Jean Davidson, Marina Dempsey, Irene Stewart & Janice McIlwraith

Church Cleaning Team

Nov. 14th. Tom & Jean Davidson
Nov.28th. Anthea Russell & Marina Dempsey

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

Nov.	Dec
7th. D	5th. B
14th. E	12th. C
21st. F	19th. D
28th. A	26th. E

Message from the Manse



Dear Friends,

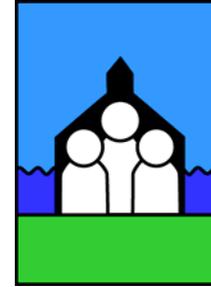
I don't know about you, but sometimes I have the feeling that I have forgotten to do something. Maybe it is because I have so many other things on my mind, or maybe that is just me trying to justify my actions. One of the main things that I keep feeling I have forgotten to do is lock my car. I am constantly pressing the lock button on the remote a couple of times just to be sure. Maybe you are more relaxed and nothing bothers you, but I don't like anything playing on my mind.

Worries are something that we all experience, even if Jesus said that we are not to worry. Remember that Jesus said if God can clothe the lilies of the field and care for the birds of the air, surely he will look after us, who are worth so much more. Small worries can be distractions, but if worries are allowed to grow, they can become paralysing - stopping us from achieving all that God has in store for us.

That is why, despite the storms in life that we face, we need to trust God, knowing that our heavenly Father loves us and always wants what is best for all of his children. God's love is so great that he made sure, through the sacrifice that Jesus paid, that nothing would separate us from his love. It is God's love for us that we celebrate each week as we meet together as God's family.

Therefore let us come to God and leave all worries in his hands, knowing that with Him we can know real peace.

Stephen



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