

Weather



September 21st was St. Mathews day, a key date in weather lore for predicting the coming months.

“St. Mathew’s day, bright and clear, brings good wine in the next year.”

A fine autumn helps vines develop flower buds which eventually grow into grapes the next year. St Mathew’s day was also feared for a three day spell of windy weather on September 20-22. This may explain another saying: “September blow soft till the fruit’s in the loft,” meaning that September would have quiet settled conditions when the fruit was harvested before stormier weather arrived. The day also marks the autumn equinox when storms were feared by mariners in olden times. When Julius Caesar attempted his first invasion of Britannia near the time of the equinox in 55BC his plans were wrecked by storms when he landed on the English coast and beat a hasty retreat back to Gave (France).

The legend of equinoctial gales might have originated from old Atlantic hurricanes—the peak of the season usually comes around mid September, and although hurricanes cannot survive in Britain’s cold seas, their dying remains can stray near our shores.

In the last week of September 2012, the remnants of hurricane Nadine affected much of the UK, bringing very hot and windy weather. Even before it arrived on the 20th a local deluge affected Prestwick and Monkton areas. 72mm (2.83ins) fell in 24hrs with most of this in the afternoon.

George Watt



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Next meet on Monday
November 5th
In the Community Centre
All welcome come along and be
entertained by the
Glenluce Entertainers

Easy Carrot cake recipe with orange cream cheese frosting



Ingredients

175g (6oz) carrots, coarsely grated
zest and juice 1 large orange
100g (4oz) walnut pieces
225ml (8fl oz) light olive oil
4 large free-range eggs
175g (6oz) self-raising wholemeal flour (or plain wholemeal and 2tsp baking powder)
175g (6oz) self-raising flour
175g (6oz) light muscovado sugar
1tsp grated nutmeg
1tsp ground cinnamon

for the frosting

300g (10oz) full-fat cream cheese
100g (4oz) icing sugar
grated zest of 1 large orange, plus more, shredded, to decorate.

Heat the oven to 150 C, 130 C fan, 300 F, gas 2. Place the cake ingredients into a large mixing bowl and beat until well blended. Place in the cake tin and spread until level. Bake for 1 hour 10 minutes, until firm to the touch and a skewer comes out clean. Cool in the tin for 5 minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack and cool completely.

To make the frosting, beat the cream cheese, icing sugar and orange zest, and spread over the cake. Decorate with the shredded orange



Ballantrae Film Nights



on October 26th October we are showing at 6pm “Puss in Boots” and at 8pm “The Iron Lady”.
And on 9th November we are showing at 6pm “The Muppets” and at 8pm “The War Horse”.

Prayer



Loving Heavenly Father, we come to you with the assurance that you have a special love and concern all children. Father! You know the anxieties within us concerning our children. But from Your Word, we are assured that you love our children more than we do, and we commit all children worldwide into Your loving and protecting hands. Keep them safe from all evil.

Father we are all your children and as children everywhere we at times are frightened by the events in the world, children abducted, children riddled with disease which could be easily treated if money was available, children dying for lack of clean water of food, children exploited as slave labour and children used by evil people as human shields .Lord as we seek the shelter of your protective arm we ask in Jesus name that you watch over children everywhere.

In Jesus name Amen



A single guy decides life would be more fun if he had a pet. So he went to the pet store and told the owner that he wanted to buy an unusual pet. After some discussion, he finally bought a talking centipede, [100-legged bug], which came in a little white box to use for his house.

He took the box back home, found a good location for the box, and decided he would start off by taking his new pet to church with him.

So he asked the centipede in the box, "Would you like to go to church with me today? We will have a good time."

But there was no answer from his new pet. So he waited a few minutes and then asked him again.

"How about going to church with me and receive blessings?"



But, again, there was no answer from his new friend and pet.

So he waited a few minutes more, he decided to ask him one more time; this time putting his face up against the centipede's house and shouting, "Hey in there! Would you like to go to church with me and learn about the Lord???"



YOU ARE GOING TO LOVE THIS

A little voice came out of the box, "I heard you the first time!! I'm putting on my shoes."

The Sunshine Club



I'm sure many of you will have become aware of the Sunshine Club over the last month. At the beginning of the new session we met with the Sunday School and the children decided to rename their group. There are many other changes taking place too, including all the children now meeting together in the vestry where previously the younger children had met in the Manse.

We are working with the children to make the Vestry as child friendly as possible, both in terms of safety but also trying to make it a space where the children have a sense of ownership and feel welcome. Apart from the Kirk Session and Board, the Sunshine Club are the only group who regularly use the Vestry. Over the next few weeks we will be adding new storage furniture and setting up a library so the children can borrow Bible story books.

The children are being encouraged to choose what they would like to learn about, and have spent the past 3 weeks learning about Daniel and The Lions Den. Our ultimate aim is to make the children feel welcome and important as members of our church family. It's been said many a time that children are the *future* of our church – they are, but more importantly they are the *present* in the church now. Let us all take responsibility for nurturing the faith in our youngest members.

Barbara

St Colmon Church Auction

Saturday 13th October

in Colmonell Community Centre from 2.00pm onwards

This annual event is a great way to spend an afternoon having fun and raising money for St Colmon as well as picking up a bargain or three! Once again we are delighted that Dr Tom Smith has agreed to act as our auctioneer and he has plenty of experience in ensuring that you 'willingly' part with your cash. We look forward to seeing you there!

The fragrance always stays in the hand that gives the roses



Announcements

Wednesday Worship

a traditional service lasting
30 minutes.

10th October at 11am

Communion Sunday

We will be celebrating communion
in the morning service on Sunday
28th October.

Contemporary Praise Evenings

with worship led by Alan, Barbara
and Gina.

Sunday 28th October and Sunday
25th November

at 7:30pm in Ballantrae Church

Malawi Film Night

come and see photos and videos
from Stephen's recent visit to
Malawi.

Friday 12th October at 7:30pm in
Ballantrae Church.

Elders Lunch and Training

Could all elders note that there is
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. If you are able to
attend please let Stephen know prior
to the date.



Ballantrae Church Guild



will meet in the Buffet Room in the
community hall on Monday 15th
October at 7-15p.m.

Speaker:- Mrs Jean Ramsay -
'A visit to the General
Assembly' All Welcome

At the September meeting, Guild
members and visitors enjoyed
hearing Dr. Simon Reid speak of
his trip to Peru in 2006 and his
work with the 'Vine Trust'. He
helped o 'The Amazon Ferry' a
medical ship which calls at small
communities along the shores of
the River Amazon giving help and
medical assistance. He also saw
projects supported by the
Vine Trust.

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.

Malawi Clothes Collection

A huge thank you To everyone who
kindly donated clothes and allowed
us to fill about 40 boxes to send out
to Malawi. The hope is that the
boxes will be in a container that
will be send out in the Spring.

Paws for Thought



Well I've locked
Hamish in his cage and reclaimed
my spot as Paws for Thought
writer this month. I let him write it
last month, but I haven't heard the
end of it since. He's got really big
headed, even for a Westie. It's
actually been quite a quiet month.
I did have one very exciting day
when I got an invitation from a
member to visit her! Daddy had to
come to, as I can't drive, but I
know that it was me she wanted to
see. I even got some cake! Hamish
got left behind in case he disgraced
himself. The Manse has been quiet
too, but I'm sure that will change. I
had my cousins visit us last week.
They are greyhounds, but we
prefer to call them bridges.
Aw well, back to bed I suppose.
Till next time

Dougie



News Letter

Items for November news letter by **Tues. 30th October.**

Tip

So I don't have to mow the lawn so
often, I sprinkle a little whisky on it.
And it comes up half cut!



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 **4th November.**





Dear friends,

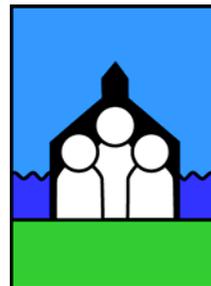
At this time of year, with most of the harvest brought in, we remember with thanks all that God has done for us. Often people forget the amount of effort that is put into growing and producing the food that we enjoy. In cities people can sometimes forget the relationship that we have with the land, and can just take the food from supermarkets for granted. It was Bart Simpson, in the popular cartoon, who said when asked to say a grace, "Dear God - we paid for all this stuff ourselves, so thanks for nothing."

While we do pay for the food that we eat, we must never forget where the food comes from, and all that God has provided us with. In Psalm 65 we read: "God, you take care of the land and water it; you make it very fertile. The rivers of God are full of water. Grain grows because you make it grow. You send rain to the ploughed fields; you fill the rows with water. You soften the ground with rain, and then you bless it with crops."

In Malawi, they value the crops they grow and the chickens or pigs they keep, but above all they know that it is God who looks after them. That is not to say that they do not face hard times, but they are always grateful to God for all the support that they receive. Just as a small kernel of maize grows into a large plant, which can provide food, money or new seed, so we must remember that our small actions can have a large effect in the world. Whether it is the funds we have sent to Lwambaza or the clothes we have been collecting recently, our gifts will make a difference to the people in Malawi.

Therefore, let us always be thankful to God for his generosity to us, and let us be generous to one another so that our gifts will bless people in our community and throughout the world.

God bless,



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