

Hot Cross bread & Lemon Pudding

Use up all your left over hot cross buns in this delicious spin on the traditional bread and butter pudding.

Ingredients

4 Stale hot cross buns
200g. Lemon curd
2 large eggs
200ml Double Cream
200ml Milk
1/2 teasp. Vanilla extract
4tbsp Caster Sugar
Little lemon zest



Method

Butter a one litre baking dish.

Cut each bun into 3 slices and sandwich back together with a generous spreading of lemon curd. Arrange buns into dish. They should sit quite snugly.

Whisk egg, cream, Milk and remaining curd, then sieve into a jug with the vanilla extract and 3 tbsp. of sugar. Pour over the buns and leave at room temperature for 30mins. To allow custard to soak into buns.

Heat oven to 160°C/140°C fan or gas mark 3.

Scatter the remaining sugar and lemon zest over the pudding and bake for 30-40mins until top is golden and the custard is set. Stand for 5mins. Then serve with cream or vanilla ice cream and enjoy.

Hot Cross Buns

In many Christian countries, buns are traditionally eaten hot or toasted during Lent, beginning with the evening of Shrove Tuesday to midday Good Friday, with the cross standing as a symbol of the Crucifixion. In the times of Elizabeth I of England, the London Clerk of Markets forbid the sale of hot cross buns and other spiced breads, except at burials, Good Friday, or Christmas. The punishment for transgressing was to give all the forbidden product to the poor. As a result of this, hot cross buns were primarily made in home kitchens. Further attempts to suppress the sale of these items took place during the reign of James I of England/James VI of Scotland.

World Mission Stamp Appeal



Funds from the 2013 Stamp Appeal supported a congregation - Horní Krupá in the Czech-Moravian Highlands.

It has created the "Living Water" project by setting up an educational garden for children, a new summerhouse as a 'nature classroom', various education plots for growing herbs and vegetables, and an insect house.

Over £3,117 was raised.

The 2014 Stamp Appeal will support a safe haven in Greece for women who have suffered domestic violence and their children. This refuge, named Dorcas, is run by the Greek Evangelical Church, a small church consisting of 35 congregations with a total of around 5,000 members. Please continue to donate your stamps to the box in the vestibule.

Arrick Wilkinson
Minister Emeritus Fisherton l/w Kirkoswald

Now, just because a lot is wrong,
Is really no excuse
For grumbling, groaning, looking glum,
And saying life's no use.
If only you would sometimes smile,
You might find life is well worthwhile.
(Found in the 1974 Church magazine)



S.W.R.I

Will meet on Monday 8th April
M. Anderson
Cookery Demonstration



News Letter

Items for May news letter
please no later than
Wednesday 26th April

PAWS FOR THOUGHT



Dear Friends

March was quite an exciting month for your favourite little Westie. I got to meet so many of you at the Crafts for Malawi evenings. It was the first time that I'd been trusted to be in the company of visitors and not shut away in the kitchen and I had a lovely time. I was such a good boy working my way round everyone and working out who had a dog by sniffing their trousers. I also mastered the art of knowing the people most likely to pat my head. I was even a really good boy when the cakes were out. Mummy was so proud of me. Or at least she was until the last evening. Mummy and Daddy were in the porch saying goodbye to everyone and Mummy suddenly realised I wasn't beside her. She ran into the lounge and, well, let's just say I was licking my lips and there was a collection of fresh crumbs at my paws. I couldn't help it. The cake just looked so yummy! Anyway, I was just helping tidy up really and also getting in training for the highlight of the year – the Easter Breakfast!

Till next time

Hamish



Ballantrae Church Guild

Are holding a Coffee Morning
on Saturday 12th April in the Community Hall.

10am to 11.30 am.

Tickets Adults £2-50 Children £1.

Cake Stall Produce Stall.

All Welcome.

The next Guild Meeting will be an open night on Monday 28th
April in the Community Hall
at 7-15pm. There will be entertainment by the Maybole Concert
Party All Welcome.

Please note this will be the fourth Monday of the month instead of the
usual third Monday



PRAYER



How wonderful, how marvellous, is Your love, Lord Jesus!
To think that You were willing to go through that for us!
What a day of rejoicing that must have been when You rose and
realized it was all over--You had won the victory! You had
accomplished Your mission. You had made the way for the world to be
saved. You had gone through the horrors of Hell and death for us, and
it was over. You arose in victory, joy, liberation, and freedom from the
hands of evil men, never to have to go through that again--and You did
it all to spare us the same. Now we can say with the apostle Paul, "O
death, where is your sting? O grave where is your victory?"
As we think of the seemingly terrible defeat that You suffered and how
it resulted in such a tremendous victory, it fills us with wonder and
gives us such hope and peace. Surely You and Your love will see us
through whatever troubles may come our way, from now till eternity!

Amen.

Leprosy 2014



Can I thank the members of the
Congregation who kindly gave a
donation to the annual Leprosy
collection.

Lepro still needs our support to
continue their work in many
countries where Leprosy is still a
big problem.

Thank you again
Penny.

BRICC Club



Coffee Morning in BRICC house
Saturday 19th April
10am—11.30am
Adults £2. Child £1.
Usual stalls, baking, fancy good,
produce.
Raffle and Nail game.



EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday – 13th April

11:30am – Ballantrae

Monday – 14th April

7pm – Girvan South

Tuesday – 15th April

7pm – Girvan South

Wednesday – 16th April

7pm – Girvan South

Thursday – 17th April

7:30pm – Ballantrae Church

Communion

Friday – 18th April

12 noon – Service at the Stumpy,
Girvan

7pm – Sacred Hearts Catholic
Church

Easter Sunday – 20th April

7am – Dawn Service at Ballantrae
Harbour followed by Breakfast at
the Manse

11:30am – Ballantrae, with
Sunshine Club Easter Egg Hunt

7pm – Easter Celebration

Wednesday Worship

Wednesday 7th May at 11am in
Ballantrae Church.

Midweek reflection. All welcome.

Evening Celebration

Sunday 6th April at 7:30pm in
Ballantrae Church. Worship led by
Alan, Barbara and Gina.

All welcome

Home Group

Friday 11th March at 10:30am at
Ruth Murray's house, 3 Main
Street, Pinwherry

Friday 25th April at 10am in the
Manse, Ballantrae

A time of worship, bible study and
prayer.

See Stephen for more information.

Local Church Review Meeting

Thursday 1st May at 7:30pm in
Ballantrae Church.

This is a meeting organised by
Ayr Presbytery looking at what
our aims should be over the next
five years. While Elders and
Board members are expected to
attend, all church members are
more than welcome

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**

Count your blessings,
Name them four by four,
And it will surprise you there are
still some more.

Food Bank

The Food Bank is designed to help
individuals and families in crisis
through the provision of emergency
food supplies. Local care professionals
in South Ayrshire refer people, with a
food voucher, to the food bank where
they are given their food supplies, a
cup of coffee and help in finding other
professionals who can help them out of
their crisis. In rural areas Emergency
Food Boxes are delivered directly.
Please consider helping our local food
bank in Girvan by leaving packets or
tins of food in the box at the front of
the Church.

Also if you know anyone who might
benefit from the Food Bank please tell
them it is open

Monday and Friday 10–12am and
Sunday 1-3pm in
Girvan South Church Halls.



Smile



A little boy was attending his first
wedding. After the service, his cousin
asked him, “How many women can a
man marry?” “Sixteen,” the boy
answered. His cousin was amazed that
he answered so quickly. “How do you
know that?” “Easy,” he said “All you
have to do is add it up, like the
minister said , 4 better, 4 worse, 4
richer , 4 poorer.”

FLOWER LISTS



April

6th. P Savage

13th. E Scott

20th. J Maxwell

27th.

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.



Tea Sunday

May 4th.

Betty Nelson, Rossi McKinley &
Meg Peacock

Church Cleaning Team

April.



13th. Penny Savage & Liz Gregg

27th. Tom & Jean Davidson

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.

Letter from the Minister

Dear Friends,



As some of you know, my wife Barbara recently became a volunteer regional coordinator for Home for Good, a new initiative working with families who have adopted or fostered. Home for Good was created from a partnership between Evangelical Alliance, Care for the Family and CCPAS, and aims to change the culture in local churches throughout the UK, in order to make adopting and fostering a significant part of their life and ministry.

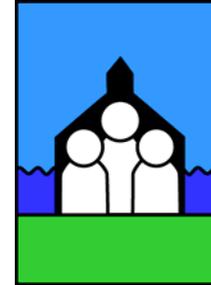
Barbara's role in Home for Good is coordinating support to those who have adopted or fostered, and is part of a team that is being managed by the charity Care for the Family, which has been working to strengthen family life since 1988. Their aim is to promote strong family relationships and to help those who face family difficulties.

One of the reasons why the church exists is to be a place of love and support to all those who are part of it. I often speak about being brothers and sisters and looking after each other, and this must not be seen as an optional extra when we come to church. Of course worship and teaching are important, but I am always shocked when I hear of people who don't know anyone else in a church they have belonged to for years. That is not what church is about, for this is what Paul says, "Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone – especially to those in the family of faith." (Galatians 6:10).

Just like Care for the Family, I hope our church is a place which promotes strong relationships within the church family and supports all those who face difficulties. Rev John Chalmers, the moderator-designate of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland for 2014, recently said that in 2011 when his youngest son John-James was injured in Afghanistan while serving with the Royal Marines, he and his family experienced the Church as a healing and supportive community.

It is my hope that all we say and do continues to strengthen our church family, so that as Jesus said to his disciples, people will know we are Christians by our love for each other.

God Bless
Stephen



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