

Weather



On March the 4th 1824, the National Institution for the Preservations of Life from Shipwreck was formed and in 1854 this became the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, or R.N.L.I. It all came through the actions of a retired soldier Sir William Hillary who had settled on the Isle of Man a house overlooking Douglas harbour. He soon learnt of the many local tragedies. A particularly horrendous disaster occurred in 1787, and then in the early hours of October 6th 1822, a severe gale carried the Royal Navy cutter, Vigilant to strike Saint Mary's Rock. Sir William heard of this and rushed to the harbour where a crowd watched the crew of the stricken ship fight for their lives. He offered to pay any man to crew a small boat and rescue the Vigilant. He actually got two boats crewed and in the teeth of the fierce winds, they rowed to the vigilant, got lines from the ship attached to the harbour and pulled the ship to safety. Not only was the crew saved, and in spite of the storm getting even worse, Sir William and volunteer crews went out again and again to rescue more stricken vessels, and eventually saved 97 lives. Hillary was convinced a national lifesaving movement manned by trained crews was needed across the whole British coastline. He lobbied the Admiralty as well as politicians, Philanthropists and anyone else in a position of influence, and eventually the pressure paid off.

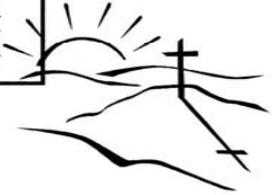
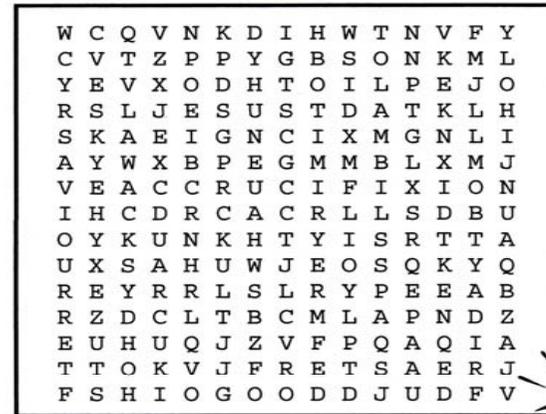
George Watt



Ballantrae Parish Church (Malawi Link) Cream Tea will be held in the Community Centre on Saturday, 16th. March from 2pm-4pm, the cost will be £3.00 for adults and £1.00 for children.

All welcome.

Easter Word Search



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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.



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The next meeting will take place on Monday 4th March. Birthday Party All welcome.



Prayer



Lord,
As we look around at our world today we see people everywhere who have lost hope.
Lord, Restore our hope; Remind us that our hope is in Jesus, In His death and His resurrection.
Lord, We are blind; In every town and city people are groping around in darkness.
Lord, Help us to see the light. May the light of hope shine from us that others may see and desire it for themselves.
Lord, We are impatient. We live in a world of quick fixes; People want it now – “24/7”
Lord, Give us patience.
Grant us excited anticipation as we wait for the fulfilment of hope

AMEN



A four year olds description of Creation

In the beginning, which was close to the start, there wasn't anything except God, darkness and some gas. The Bible says, “The Lord, thy God, is one,” but I think He has to be much older than that
Anyway, God made the world and then He said, “Give me some light,” and somebody gave it to Him. He split an atom and made Eve. Adam and Eve didn't wear any clothes, but they weren't embarrassed because God hadn't invented mirrors, yet.
Adam and Eve sinned by eating one bad apple and they were driven out of the Garden of Eden. I'm not sure what God drove them in because He hadn't invented cars, either.
Adam and Eve's son, Cain, hated his brother as long as he was Abel.
After a while, all of the first people died, except Methuselah, who lived to be, like, a million years old.



PAWS FOR THOUGHT



Hello,

You may remember that last month I left you with a cliff-hanger. Did I or did I not have a disease caused by sleeping too much on cushions? Well apparently I do! I have something called Cushings Disease. I don't think Mummy really cares because she still lets me sleep on the cushions, but I have been a very good boy and have been having my medicine every day. Apparently if you sleep on cushions too long it can make you depressed, hungry and thirsty – Mummy says all these things happened to me but I'm getting better now. Though I might stay a bit depressed, I enjoy the attention.

There has been some Easter study groups happening in the Manse so Mummy has been baking cakes. I'm allowed to join in the groups as I am an adult, but Hamish was thrown out at the first meeting. He was a bit too keen to be welcoming and kept going round everyone saying hello and distracting Daddy. Well I suppose I'd better get back out to the garden and enjoy the nice weather. It's only 4 weeks till the Easter Breakfast so I need to get in training!

Anyway, till next time

Dougie



Ballantrae Film Nights



in Ballantrae Church on 15th March
6pm – Rango (2011)
8pm – Jesus Christ Superstar (1973)



News Letter

Items for April news letter by **Friday.29th March**

Announcements

Wednesday Worship

Wednesday 13th March at 11am in Ballantrae Church. Midweek reflection. All welcome.

Contemporary Praise Evening

Sunday 3rd March and Sunday 14th April at 7:30pm in Ballantrae Church. Worship led by Alan, Barbara and Gina. All welcome

Jesus in Film

Continues at 7:30pm on 17th and 24th March at the Manse. We will be using clips from films about the life of Jesus to help us reflect on the events from Palm Sunday to Easter Day

Congregational Board and Kirk Session

Wednesday 13th March at 7:30pm in the Vestry

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.

EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday - 24th March

11:30am – Ballantrae
3pm – Glenapp: Lessons and Hymns

Monday - 25th March

7pm – Girvan North

Tuesday - 26th March

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Wednesday - 27th March

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Thursday - 28th March

7:30pm – St Colmon Church, Colmonell - Communion

Friday - 29th March

12 noon – Service at the Stumpy, Girvan

7pm – Girvan Methodist Church

Easter Sunday - 31st March

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



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

Ballantrae Church Guild



Ballantrae Church Guild will hold its A.G.M. in the buffet room in the Community Centre on Monday 18th March at 7-15p.m

Chocolate sponge cake

Ingredients

50g/2oz cocoa powder
6 tbsp boiling water
3 free-range eggs
4 tbsp milk
175g/6oz self-raising flour
1 rounded tsp baking powder
100g/4oz baking spread or soft butter
300g/10oz natural caster sugar

For the icing and filling

150g/5oz dark chocolate, broken into small pieces
150ml/5fl oz double cream
3 tbsp apricot jam
icing sugar, to dust

Preparation method

Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4 and grease and line two 20cm/8in sandwich tins with baking parchment. Put the cocoa powder and boiling water into a large bowl and mix well to make a paste. Add the remaining ingredients and beat again until combined. This can also be done in a food processor, but take care not to over whisk. Divide the cake mixture between the prepared tins. Bake for about 25-30 minutes, or until well risen and shrinking away from the sides of the tin.

Meanwhile, for the icing and filling, measure the chocolate and cream together in a bowl and stand the bowl over a pan of simmering water for about 10 minutes, or until melted. Stir from time to time. Set aside and leave until cool and almost set.

Once baked, remove the cakes from the oven and allow to cool completely. Spread the tops of each cake with apricot jam. Fill the cakes with half of the icing and spread the remainder on top. Draw large “S” shapes over the cake with a knife to give a swirl effect. Dust with icing sugar and serve in slices.

Really chocolaty and easy to make for Easter



Dear Friends,



Throughout Lent the theme for the services is Gardens and we have started by looking at the Garden of Eden, and Adam's role as the gardener within it. The last two gardens that we will look at will be two gardens in which important scenes of the Easter Story take place: the Garden of Gethsemane and the garden of the Resurrection.

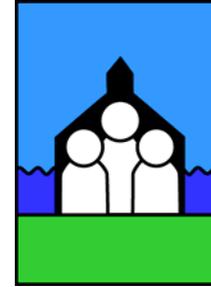
After Jesus and his disciples had celebrated the Last Supper together, they went out to the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus knew that before facing the terrible events of the following day, he needed time in prayer. It was with a heavy heart and many tears that he knelt and poured out his heart to God. He knew what was coming and even though the end result was going to bless the world, he still struggled with the path that was before him.

How often do we turn to prayer when we are faced with a difficult or painful decision? Prayer allows us to talk over with God our thoughts and feelings, knowing that God is with us and is ready to help us. Prayer does not mean that we always avoid the difficult experiences in life, but through it we are given the strength to cope with them. Even though Jesus prayed, he still had to endure the pain and suffering which took him to his death on the cross, however he knew that God was with him.

And then three days later, when he was raised from the dead, he met some of the women in the garden where the tomb was. Meeting their dear friend, who they had thought was gone forever, brought them great joy. That morning the new life that these women witnessed became obtainable for everyone who puts their faith in Jesus. Gardens are places where the theme of new life is strong, especially at this time of year; places which can help us remember the new life that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

May God bless you this Easter,

Stephen



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