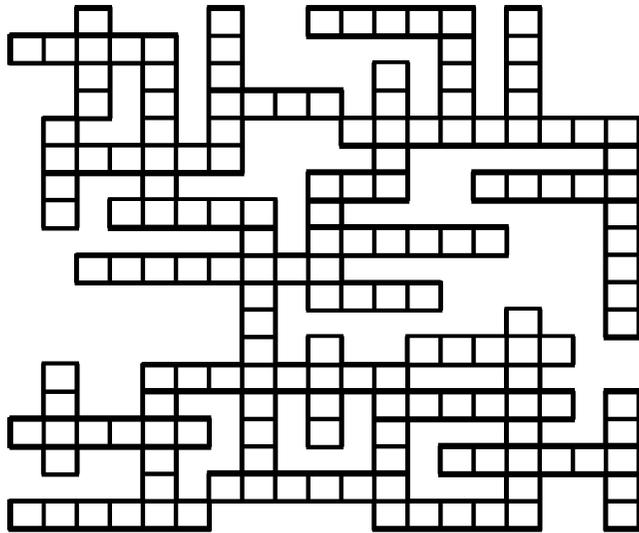


David & Goliath fill-in puzzle



3 letter word **5 letter words** **7 letter word**

God Bread Brook David Goliath
Fight

4 letter-words Giant Jesse Sheep **8 letter words**

Bear Saul Sling Spear Staff Sword Brothers Champion

Five Tall **6 letter words** Forehead Sheapheard

Gath Afraid Armies Battle **9 letter word**

Lion Cheese Cubits Helmet Forty Days

Israel Killed Shield **11 letter word**

Stones Philistines

Peanut Butter / Caramac Traybake

Base

8 oz Digestive Biscuits (crushed)

2 Tablespoons Syrup

4 oz Butter

Line a swiss roll tin with greaseproof paper.

Melt Butter and Syrup together then add digestive biscuits. Put mix-into tin and place in fridge to cool.

Topping

Melt together 6 caramac bars and 300grms of either smooth or crunchy peanut butter. Spread melted mixture on top of the base and allow to cool slightly then place 150gm. Mini pink and white marshmallows on top. (optional sprinkle with peanuts).



Crafts for Malawi
Come and make gifts for the
people of Lwambaza.



Sunday Nights – 16th, 23rd and 30th March 7:30pm in the Manse
All welcome. No craft experience needed.



S.W.R.I

Will meet on Monday 3rd
March
Birthday Party



News Letter

Items for April news letter
please no later than
Wednesday 31st March

PAWS FOR THOUGHT



Dear Friends

Do you ever wonder what dogs dream about? I don't, because I am a dog and I already know. Usually I dream about food, beaches and chasing birds but sometimes I dream about trees. Last week I thought I was dreaming when I looked out the window and saw 25 new trees right outside my house that have been planted by the council. You could say all my dreams came true! I'm not really sure why they are there, but I am looking forward to taking good care watering them and getting to know each one of them.

I did have a bit of a nightmare recently too. I wish it had been a dream, but it wasn't. Mummy and Daddy ran out of food for me! Shocking, isn't it? Can you believe they'd let that happen. I had to wait a whole morning until the nice man from ASDA delivered some for me.

Looking on the bright side, I did get unlimited slices of toast so I shouldn't really complain. In fact, maybe I should hide my food bag. I hear Mummy has ordered some tuna and just maybe it's for me!

Till next time

Hamish



Ballantrae Parish Church Malawi Link

Cream Teas will be held on Saturday 29th. March

from 2p.m. till 4p.m.

in Ballantrae Community Hall

Adults £3.00 Children £1.00.

All Welcome

Any donations to the Bakery sales table will be gratefully received from 12.30pm on the day.

PRAYER



O taste and see that the Lord is good! Happy is the man who takes refuge in him! Psalm 34:8, RSV

Dear Father in heaven, we come to you. With thanks we come to you, for again and again you have helped us. Again and again you have let your light shine out on us so that we could be glad and know that our lives are in your hands. Protect us on this earth, where it is so necessary. Protect us, that the light of true life may shine more and more brightly and we may praise your name with our whole heart. Be with us this night, O God, and touch our hearts with your Spirit.

Amen



Dear All,

Just a big thank you to those who came to see John and for those who kept asking for those who kept asking me all the time how John was, it meant a lot to me and it was very touching.

Know John has gone I feel totally lost and empty, I have lost so many of my family that I am finding it very hard indeed to cope and now John (is it my fault). I suppose in time things will get easier but for now with Stephen's, God and everyone's help it wont be to painful.

Thank you to Stephen who always came to see John and they had a chat and Stephen always before he left said a lovely prayer for John, which he loved.

Well God Bless

Love you all

Bev xx

Announcements

Evening Celebration
Sunday 2nd March
7:30pm in the Church



Friday 7th March at 7pm in
Ballantrae Church

Wednesday Worship

Wednesday 12th March and 2nd
April 11am in the Church
We will be continuing our look at
Jesus in the Gospel of Luke

Congregational Board and Kirk Session

Wednesday 12th March
7:30pm in the Vestry

Home Group

Friday 14th March at 10:30am
(venue to be confirmed)
Friday 28th March at 10am (venue
to be confirmed)
A time of worship, bible study and
prayer.
See Stephen for more information.



Ballantrae Church Guild



At the last Guild meeting in February the speaker was Mrs Christine Eldridge who spoke about her journey in the church. She studied 3 years at the Bible college but decided at the end she didn't want to be a minister. In her youth she was heckled when she tried to bring the word of God to the shoppers on a Sunday afternoon at the "Barras" in Glasgow. She still has a very hectic life still working in the church.

The next guild meeting will be the A.G.M. on Monday 17th March at 7-15 pm. The speaker will be Ian Arbon speaking (Saving Energy) The Lenten lunch is on Sunday 16th March after morning service in the Community Centre Tickets Adults £4 Children £2 or you can pay at the door.

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**

FLOWER LISTS



March.

2nd.

9th. J Maxwell

16th. Eric McIlwraith

23rd.

30th. M Peacock

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



April 6th.

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

Church Cleaning Team

March.

2nd. Meg Peacock & Lorna Greenhill

16th. Robert & Caroline Dalrymple

30th. John & Janice McIlwraith

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

Have you ever been annoyed that someone never got back to you? You may have phoned and left a message on their answer phone, or sent a text or an email. You may have even tried a couple of times to get a response, but still heard nothing back. I am sure it has happened to all of us, and if we are honest, I am sure we have done it to others.

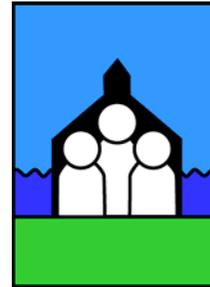
We all know the importance of communication in order to keep a relationship strong. If it just becomes one sided, then the relationship begins to be affected and will eventually breakdown. While it is bad enough for friends not to speak, it is disastrous when it occurs in families. Too often I hear of family members who have fallen out and have refused to speak to each other for years. Sadly, the rifts in relationships are easy to form, but harder to repair, and time makes the rifts wider, if they are not addressed with love and forgiveness quickly.

God has called us to be his children, which means we have the privilege of knowing God as our Father, and as Romans 8:15 says, can call him "Abba, Father". God has welcomed us as his children and has through Jesus demonstrated his love for each one of us. Therefore it is important that we speak to him and spend time with him in prayer.

Imagine what it must feel like when a parent who has cared for years for their child, discovers one day that their child no longer wants to speak to them. I am sure any parent would find that hard to cope with, and I imagine that is how God feels when one of his children no longer wants to speak to him. God still cares for them, and he longs for them to once more speak to him.

Therefore let us make sure that we always take time to speak to God, our loving Father, because through our prayers our relationship with Him is strengthened. And let us do all we can to improve the relationships we have with our friends and family, forgiving rather than letting rifts develop.

May God continue to bless you
Stephen



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