

Weather



Last month I mentioned the rook who sits on the power lines near my house, chattering away to himself. I decided to chatter back, so now we get on fine. It was all a case of breaking the secret CAWDE! Sorry!

A news item recently caught my eye—that global warning had levelled out over the last 5 to 10 years. I have often wondered if the “warning” was partly due to instrumental and exposure changes i.e. not 100 per cent “real.” My maximum thermometer is the standard sheathed mercury -in-glass type and is situated four feet above the ground in a Stevenson screen. If there is a sudden change in temperature, it is estimated that it takes about 15 minutes for a thermometer to respond fully. If you used a more sensitive thermometer, such as an electrical resistance one, and put it in a smaller screen, such as attached to the automatic weather station near Glenapp summit, then total changes in temperature would be recorded, not only more quickly but also more accurately. So two different types of maximum thermometers situated side by side would record different values for the same air sample. Thus if the method of measurement was gradually changed in different locations at different times over the years then this would result in any rise now levelling out. Lastly my nephew Allan, now 46 completed the Dublin marathon on Monday 28th October in 3 hours 11 minutes, a personal best, and 751st out of a field of 14,500. So well done him. I have not to tell you about his daughter’s driving test. Something about stalling on the Whitletts roundabout! Puir wee soul.

George Watt

Ballantrae Film Nights



Friday 15th November –6pm Monster University
8pm Song for Marion

Friday 29th November-6pm Despicable Me 2
8pm Oblivion



Prayer



Be patient, then, my brothers, until the Lord comes. See how patient a farmer is as he waits for his land to produce precious crops. He waits patiently for the autumn and spring rains. James 5:7

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer and reveal your hand in our days. May those things be done that bring your future nearer and that let the world see you as the Saviour who can lead us to our Father. Bless your Word within us. May our hearts be strengthened, and may we always live in your presence. We draw our life from your Word, from your promise, and we set our hope on you, our Lord and Saviour. Show your might, Lord Jesus, and carry out the will of God over all the world, so that we may rejoice when we see God's glory appear and his will being done on earth as in heaven.

Amen

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY



For Ballantrae Residents in the
COMMUNITY CENTRE
On WEDNESDAY 11th DECEMBER

At 5pm

Persons aged 60yrs or over, plus their Spouse/partner, are invited

ALL WISHING TO ATTEND PLEASE PUT NAMES ON LIST IN SCOTMID CO-OPERATIVE

Zingy Lemon Cake

Makes a delicious moist cake for an alternative Christmas cake or a special occasion.

Heat the oven to 160C/fan140C/gas3.

Prepare the inside and outside of 23cm tin.

Ingredients

350g. Butter

350g Golden Caster Sugar

6 eggs (beaten)

140g plain flour

280g. Self raising Flour

Zest of 4 lemons, juice of 3 approx 100ml.

For Syrup

Zest and juice of 2 lemons

100g golden caster sugar.



Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy, then gradually beat in the eggs a little at a time (add tbsp of the plain flour if it starts to split). Fold in the rest of the flours and a pinch of salt, followed by the lemon juice and zest.

Spoon mixture into tin and bake for 1hr15mins until golden and well risen, and a skewer inserted comes out clean.

Meanwhile make the syrup by heating the sugar, lemon zest and juice until sugar is dissolved. Leave cake to cool until just warm and then poke holes all over right down to the bottom and pour syrup over, letting it completely soak in after each addition. Leave to cool completely, then either wrap or fill and ice the cake. The unfilled cake will keep well if wrapped in parchment and cling film for up to 4 days, or in the freezer for up to a month.

Butter Cream Filling.

Cream 400g icing sugar and 200g butter then stir in 5tbsp good quality lemon curd.

PAWS FOR THOUGHT



Hi Pals,

During the summer time, I often saw Daddy dress up in strange clothes. However for the last few months he seems to have behaved himself. However on Wednesday this week, I got a shock when I saw him dressed up in strange clothes, wearing a mask and waving a big stick around, which he called a sword. He heard him say to the children that he was a knight, but I would have thought he should have been wearing black if that was the case?!

Saying that, there is a room in the Manse which always seems to be full of strange clothes. My Dad even decided to take some of them on holiday with us when we went to Edinburgh, as he often appeared wearing different outfits. He seemed particularly happy when he was wearing a long red robe and said he looked like a King. I have never seen a king, but I find it strange to think that all kings look like my Daddy!

I hope they don't find a costume for me to wear, or colour my hair like the green sheep I saw on grass pyramids next to the M8 – though maybe if my hair was green I could sneak up on the birds ... mmmm ...

Till next time,

Hamish



Ballantrae Annual Dance



The dance is on Friday 6th.
December in the hall. Tickets
available from Lorna
Greenhill.
£17.00 per person.

S.W.R.I



Will meet on Monday
4th November.
Open Night: Mrs Frilly Ghillie

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

Announcements Remembrance

We will have our Remembrance Service at 11:30am on Sunday 10th November followed by a parade to the War Memorial and an Act of Remembrance there. There will also be an Act of Remembrance at the Heronsford War Memorial at 2pm on Monday 11th November.

Wednesday Worship

13th November at 11am in Ballantrae Church. A short service in the middle of the week.

Evening Celebration

Sunday 10th November at 7:30pm in Ballantrae Church. A time of worship and reflection

Ballantrae Congregational Board and Kirk Session

Wednesday 13th November at 7:30pm in the Session Room.

Home Group

This meets fortnightly for a time of bible study, prayer and fellowship. Please speak to the minister for more information.

News Letter

Items for December news letter please no later than **Thursday 28th November**



Ballantrae Church Guild



The next meeting of the Guild will be on Monday 18th November in the Community Centre at 7-15p.m. We will be talking about 'A Friendship to Build' come along and join us. Hear what other members have to say, if you have any ideas, or wish to comment on anything that has already been talked about feel free to speak out. We are a very friendly Guild. All are welcome.

Elders Consultation

Could all Elders please come to the Consultation Evening on Thursday 7th November at St Colmon Kirk Hall, Colmonell at 7:30pm. Please let John or Stephen know if you are unable to attend.

Malawi Mosquito Net Gift Cards

£7 buys one mosquito net for a family in Malawi, cards available to purchase each week from the minister or from Meg Peacock. An ideal and very valuable Christmas gift.

SHOE BOX APPEAL 2013



Celebrating 20 years!

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 **10th November.**

Please wrap your box and lid
Separately, tick off the checklist
and secure it to the outside of lid.
Secure your box with rubber bands
to allow the box to be checked as
per Custom regulations.

It costs approximately £3,500-
£4000 to send a container overseas
and we value your donation of
£2.50 or more.

FLOWER LISTS



Nov.
3rd. E. Scott
10th. M. McWhirter
17th. I. Stewart
24th.

Flower Fund to which donations of any amount can be given at any time. These should be left in the offering plate in a suitably marked envelope, or given to the minister or any office bearer. If you wish to donate the flowers but don't feel able to arrange them, this can be done for you.



Church Cleaning Team

Oct.
10th. Meg Peacock & Lorna
Greenhill
24th. Robert & Caroline
Dalrymple

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,

When you have a friendship it is always important to keep in touch. To my shame, I have over the course of my life lost touch with people who were at one point close friends. Life can get so busy and sometimes people drift away and contact is lost. I have found Facebook to be great for keeping in touch or at least reading about how friends are doing. However nothing is better than having a face to face meeting, so that you can see and hear how they are doing.

As a church we have a friendship with Lwambaza Church in Malawi, and in May/June 2012, I had the privilege and joy of meeting with some of the congregation there. It was a very full ten days in Malawi, and there was a lot to take it, and so I always hoped that I would be able to return some time. Therefore I was truly pleased when I learned quite recently that I was able to be once more to be part of the Presbytery of Ayr team which will visit Malawi in May/June 2014.

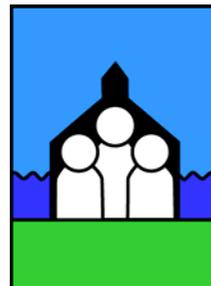
I am glad because it will give me an opportunity to deepen my understanding of Malawi and see the different ways that we can support the churches out there. However more than anything, I see it as an opportunity to meet with people again, who in the short time I was out there, became friends.

We as a church have been linked with Lwambaza since April 2011, and I hope that our friendship will go from strength to strength over the coming years. I recently asked their Interim Moderator (because they are currently without a minister) what we could pray for and he said, "Pray for spiritual growth and understanding and that we will be able to meet all we owe to Presbytery."

Let us continue to pray and support our friends in Malawi, our brothers and sisters in Christ.

God bless,

Stephen



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