



ST COLMON PARISH CHURCH

March 2014

Sunday 9th March

10am – Service with Sunday Club

Sunday 16th March

10am – Service with Sunday Club

3pm – Service – Barrhill Memorial Hall

Tuesday 18th March

7pm – Kirk Session – Kirk Hall

Sunday 23rd March

10am – Service with Sunday Club

Sunday 30th March

10am – Service with Sunday Club

Sunday 6th April

10am – All Age Service

7:30pm – Evening Celebration –
Ballantrae Church

COLMONELL CIRCLE

On 24th March a Sing-a-Long will be led by Alan, Barbara and Gina at 7.30pm in the Kirk Hall and all are welcome.

HOME GROUP

Friday 14th March
at 10:30am,
Jim & Pat Guthrie's
house, Pinwherry

Friday 28th March
at 10am,
David & Margaret
Littlechild's house,
Ballantrae.

A time of worship,
bible study and
prayer. See Stephen
for more information.

The first Sunday of each month is an All Age service and Sunday Club is available for all children over 3 years who come to any other service. All services are followed by refreshments in the Kirk Hall so do join us for coffee and a chat.

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POINTS FOR PRAYER

“Ask and it shall be given to you;
seek and you shall find;
knock and the door will be opened to you”
Luke ch.11 v.9



The annual **World Day of Prayer** is an opportunity for us all to get together to share in an international event. Christians from all around the world will be taking part in the same service of prayer - this year from the women of Egypt. We will be meeting in Ballantrae Church on **Friday, 7th March at 7pm.**

On that same day ie. **Friday 7th March**, a further opportunity to pray together will be happening in St Colmon's Kirk Hall at **10.30am**. This will be an informal “get-together” for coffee and a time of prayer for the work of our church, for any who are sick, and for wider issues.

If transport is a problem for you for either of these events, then contact Claire or myself and we will arrange a lift for you. (Claire: 841644, Pat Guthrie: 841236)

Pat Guthrie, Prayer Promoter

COMMONWEALTH WAR GRAVES

You may notice a new sign on the Church gates which has been put there by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission in recognition of the three Commonwealth War Graves from the First World War.

The Commission's Director for the 2014 - 2018 Centenary, Colin Kerr, explained, “The Commonwealth War Graves Commission's work overseas is well known, but here in the United Kingdom there is little awareness of the graves to be found in a staggering 13,000 locations, that commemorate over 300,000 Commonwealth dead of the two world wars. We believe that is not right and through this initiative intend to do more to help communities, and particularly younger generations, understand the significance of these graves and the sacrifices made. In so doing, it is our hope that they incorporate these places into their learning and commemorative activities and gain a fuller understanding of the war's impact and the on-going importance of remembrance.”

LOCAL CHURCH REVIEW

This is a new form of Local Church Review intended to support our Church in developing our potential as a faith organisation within our community. At the evening meeting we will reflect on key features, assets and relationships within the community in which the church sits and serves.

It is an opportunity to look at where we have been, where we want to be and consider a plan for mission and outreach in our community. Presbytery will then provide appropriate support for whatever we plan.

You are invited to both meetings at 7pm in the Kirk Hall:

Tuesday March 18th to talk about what has changed and our ideas for the future.

Tuesday April 22nd when Rev. Mandy Hickman and Rev. George Fiddes from Presbytery will join us to agree our plan for the next five years.

Please come and help us to plan the way forward for St Colmon.

Dear Friends

Paws for Thought

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 t? 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 

THANK YOU

Our grateful thanks go to Alfred Walker who continues to faithfully administer the Campbell Templeton Trust as he has for the last 25 years.

COLMONELL FILM NIGHT

The next film night will be held on Friday 4th April in the Kirk Hall so look out for details nearer the time.

BARRHILL

Services continue to be held on the third Sunday of each month at 3pm in Barrhill Memorial Hall with refreshments after the service and all are welcome.

Arnsheen Friendship Group

The next meeting will be Thursday 20th March and the entertainment is to be confirmed.

BALLANTRAE CHURCH GUILD

Sunday 16th March a Lenten Lunch will be served in Ballantrae Community Centre from 12.45pm.

On Monday 17th March at 7.15pm Ian Arbon will be talking about "Saving Energy".

FOOD BANK

Please remember those in need in our local area and if you can buy an extra tin or packet when you're shopping it can be left at Church for delivery to the Food Bank.



Saturday 29th March

2pm to 4pm

Ballantrae Community Hall

Entry: £3 / £1



Ballantrae Parish Church - Charity Number: SC008536

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.

MALAWI MOSQUITO NETS

The Presbytery appeal to fund mosquito nets for Malawi has so far raised £11,325.08, equivalent to 1,600 nets and since each net can cover 6 to 8 people many lives will be saved. There are still a few net cards available at £7 each and if you would like to purchase any see Claire.

from your 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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Thanks to Pam Winn

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I'LL BE IN BED SOON AS I FINISH
UPLOADING THIS INSTANT MESSAGE