

Ballantrae WRVS  
welcome Ballantrae residents to  
**Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner  
and Entertainment**  
to be held in the  
Community Centre on **Wednesday  
10th December at 5 pm.**  
Any person aged 60 years and over,  
and spouse/partner is invited  
to attend. Transport can be provided.  
Please add your  
name to the transport list in the  
post office.

### SWRI



New members welcome to attend our  
monthly meetings.  
Next meeting on the **3rd November.**

Dr Tom Smith — Travel Talk



### GOING ON LINE

[http://www.homecomingscotland.com/  
default.html](http://www.homecomingscotland.com/default.html)  
Worth a look!

<http://www.bible-knowledge.com/>  
Some interesting stuff!

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### Quiz Night



in  
Aid of Qigong exercise class  
on

**Friday 7th November @  
7.30pm.**

in  
**Ballantrae Community Hall**  
Compare - Penny Savage  
Tickets £2.50 each available from  
M. Dempsey / D Green.  
Prizes, raffle & tea/coffee.



### SHOE BOX APPEAL 2008

Last date for uplift of shoe  
boxes is **Sunday 9th Novem-  
ber.**

Desirable items for the boxes  
are : hats, gloves ,sock,  
toothbrush and toothpaste, (all  
items must be new ).

Further suggestions  
Toiletries ( **no talcum powder**)

New Clothes  
Miscellaneous ; New make-up  
Sewing equipt. Household  
candles, Screwdrivers/pliers &  
kitchen utensils. Small toy  
New stationery Sweets "Best  
before "date **JULY 09, NO  
CHOCOLATE.**

Please state who the box is for  
i.e. boy, girl, man, women,  
family and state ages of  
recipient.

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### Thanks

Thanks goes to those who give  
generously throughout the year  
for the church flowers.



### Many Thanks

*Colin and I would like to thank the  
congregation for their support, kind-  
ness and prayers also the Reverent D  
McNab for his visits and comfort to  
us. This is very much appreciated by  
both of us.*

*Robbie McNally*

### South Carrick Churches Together

Advent Meeting  
30th November 2008  
7.00pm Sacred Heart  
Church,  
Girvan



### A Special Find



A little boy opened the big and old fam-  
ily Bible with fascination, and looked at  
the old pages as he turned them. Sud-  
denly, something fell out of the Bible,  
and he picked it up and looked at it  
closely. It was an old leaf from a tree  
that had been pressed in between the  
pages.

"Momma, look what I found," the boy  
called out.

"What have you got there, dear?" his  
mother asked.

With astonishment in the young boy's  
voice, he answered: "I think it's Adam's  
suit!"

### 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.

### Fact

Dr Jonson, who wrote the first  
English Dictionary, defined oats as  
"A grain fed to horses and to  
men in Scotland." To which his  
very good friend and biographer  
James Boswell responded, "  
That's why in England you have  
such fine horses and in Scotland  
we have such fine people."



## Christmas Fair

In

### Ballantrae Village Hall

In support of the W.R.V.S

Tea & coffee served with country fayre

By the W.R.V.S. Ladies in aid of Senior Citizen's Christmas party.

on

**Saturday 15th November**

from

**11.00am to 4.30pm**

Admission 50p

Come & see a wide variety of hand crafted goods made in S.W.Scotland

Talk to the crafters and perhaps take away a gift to remind you of your visit

## The Inquisitive Mind of a Child



Why are they selling poppies, mummy?  
 Selling poppies in town today  
 The poppies, child are flowers of love for men who marched away  
 But, why have they chosen a poppy, mummy why not a beautiful rose?  
 Because, my child, men fought and died in the fields where the poppies grow.  
 But why are poppies so red, mummy why are poppies so red?  
 Red is the colour of blood, my child the blood our soldiers shed.  
 The heart of the poppy is black, mummy why does it have to be black?  
 Black my child, is the symbol of grief for the men who never came back.  
 But, why mummy, are you crying so your tears are giving you pain  
 My tears are my fears for you my child for the world is forgetting again.



## CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GUILD



At the October meeting Bruce Davidson from East Ayrshire Woodlands, Cumnock, spoke about "Living in a Biosphere". Mrs May Cunningham gave a report on Guild Projects. This year it is supporting Christian Aid in Bangladesh & "the Lydia Project", which helps women in Eastern Europe. Over the last two yrs. Guilds throughout Scotland have raised over £1/2million for various charities.

To our next meeting on **Monday 17th Nov.** We have invited the Kirk Session. There will be a discussion entitled "Think on These Things". This will be chaired by Rev. J. Guthrie.



You will all be pleased to note that when my climatological station was inspected on the 1st of October, my thermometers were all found to be within 1 degree, compared to the inspector's thermometer; and my rain gauge was correctly exposed.

The photograph on the cover of the October issue reminded me of the occasional visit my brother and myself made in the late 1940's to Colstoun Mains farm just to the south of Haddington. This farm was the first in Scotland to have a Field Marshall tractor. This had a very distinctive sound, having just one cylinder and a vertical exhaust shaped like a cigar. It was started using a gun cartridge which was inserted into the side of the engine, hit on the head with a hammer, then shot out the side, everyone standing well clear! Soon afterwards a combine harvester arrived which was operated via a linkage from the tractor. The tractor was in fact the second in Scotland. The first being owned by a local agricultural contractor, Wylie's, which was located less than half a mile from my house in Station Road. Previous to this Wylie's operated steam traction engines which would trundle through the town, hauling a thrashing mill, boiler, and a four wheel caravan and a small trailer, bringing up the rear. Quite a sight!

**George Watt**

## Newsletter



Items for December should be in by 30th November The *Newsletter* costs approx. £400 per annum to produce. Donations towards the cost may be left in a suitably marked envelope in the offering plate at any time, or given to the minister or any office bearer



## CHURCH FAMILY

### Deaths

Euan Nelson

*"I am the resurrection and the Life"*

## REMEMBRANCE



Our Remembrance Sunday Service on 9th November begins at 11.30am  
Following the Service there will be brief Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial.

## VACANCY

The Nominating Committee met at Girvan North church on Sunday 19th October to hear Rev Stephen Ogston preaching. After the service the committee met with Mr Ogston and following discussion asked him to preach as Sole Nominee.  
Presbytery have arranged for him to preach as Sole Nominee on Sunday 16th November at 11.30am after which a ballot will be held.

Before the service, speak to God.  
During the service, let God speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.

## YOUNG WOMENS GROUP



The Group started its session on 8th October with two new members. We enjoyed a talk from Prof. Ian Arbon about how we should be reducing the amount of rubbish we create and re-use items as much as possible. It was a very thought-provoking evening. We are always pleased to welcome new faces to the group so contact Claire (831246) if you wish to see our syllabus. Also available at <http://www.ballantraeparishchurch.org.uk/YWG.htm>

### "Open Evening"

We have invited Mrs. Annie Bruce from Stranraer to tell us her experiences of a double transplant and her attendance at the "Transplant Games". Annie also campaigns for people to carry organ donation cards. EVERYONE is welcome at the Open Night on **Wednesday 12th November 2008** at 8pm in Ballantrae Church.

Our other **November** meeting is on **Wednesday 26th** when Mrs. Laura Edwards will show us how to do some Christmas Crafts.

### Used Stamps

As well as used stamps, we also collect old spectacles and used ink cartridges (except Epson).  
Thanks to all who have donated

## Toffee Apples

1 lb (450 g) Demerara (raw) sugar  
2 oz (50 g) butter  
2 tsp vinegar  
2/3 cup (150 ml) 1/4 water  
1 tbsp golden syrup (substitute light corn syrup)  
6-8 medium apples  
6-8 wooden sticks



### Method

Gently heat the sugar, butter, vinegar, water and syrup in a heavy-based saucepan until the sugar has dissolved and the butter has melted.

Boil rapidly for 5 minutes until a drop of the mixture placed in cold water separates into threads which become hard but not brittle.

Wash and dry the apples and impale on the sticks.

Dip each one into the toffee mixture, swirling it around, so that the excess toffee drips back into the saucepan.

Leave to cool on a buttered baking sheet.

makes 6-8

## LISTS AND ROTAS



### Flower Calendar

Nov. 2nd. M McWhirter  
9th. E Scott  
16th. I Stewart  
23rd. M Ollermann  
30th. M Lothian



### Tea Duty

#### December 7th

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

### Church Cleaning Teams

**9th Nov.** May & Tom Lothian

**23rd Nov.** Meg Peacock & Lorna Greenhill

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.

### Sunday Duty Rota

| Nov.      | Dec.   |
|-----------|--------|
| 2nd Comm. | 7th E  |
| 16th B    | 14th A |
| 23rd C    | 21st B |
| 30th D    | 28th C |

## From our prayer correspondent



For reading and meditation Luke 10 v.30-37

**The Good Samaritan** v.33-- But a Samaritan who was travelling that way came upon the man, and when he came upon him, his heart was filled with pity.

We never know when or where or how the Lord will use us. It may be to help a neighbour, work colleague, a child who has been hurt, or someone who is struggling with life, or just to lend a listening ear or a helping hand. The Lord can and does use us in many ways. Let us not be afraid of being a good Samaritan even in this day and age.

Lord of life and love, you set an example,  
Show us what you want us to do each day,  
Open our eyes to see the need,  
Loving Father let us be the one to offer help when people are  
in distress,  
Let us not walk on by and turn our face away,  
Help us all we need to minister in your name,  
To bring help, healing and hope to those in despair,  
You spoke in parables Lord, but your message is clear,  
Go and do likewise.

Thank you Jesus that Your Word stands forever.

Love in His Name

*Pat Thackray*



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***“We will remember them”***