



## Poppies

Red poppies are associated worldwide with remembrance of those who have died so that we might be free. In 1918 an American Moira Michael wrote a poem "We shall keep the faith" and in this poem she promised to wear a poppy to honour our dead and thus began the tradition of wearing a poppy in remembrance. The white poppy was first produced in 1933 by the Co-Operative Women's Guild. The Guild stressed that the white poppy was not intended as an insult to those who died in the first world war but that the white poppy symbolises belief that there are better ways to resolve conflict than killing people.



### Ballantrae WRVS

welcome Ballantrae residents to

### Senior Citizens' Christmas Dinner & Entertainment

to be held in the

Community Centre on **Wednesday 9th December at 5 pm.**

Any person aged 60 years and over, with spouse/partner is invited to attend. Transport can be provided.

Please add your name to the transport list in the post office.

Supported by Voluntary Action funds



A Sunday School teacher who had her class watch commercials to see if they could use them to come up with ways to communicate truths about God. Here's what they said:



**God is like.**

**Alka-Seltzer:** Try him, you'll like Him

**Tide:** He gets the stains out that others leave behind.

**A Ford:** He's got a better idea.

**Hallmark Cards:** He cared enough to send the very best.

**Bayer Aspirin:** He works miracles.

**Alberto Vo-5:** He holds through all kinds of weather.

**Coke:** He's the real thing.

**The Post Office:** Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet, nor hail will keep Him from His appointed rounds.

**Scotch Tape:** You can't see Him, but you know He's there.

**Soap:** Aren't you glad you've got Him? Don't you wish everybody did?

**General Electric:** He brings good things to life

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Copies of Life and Work the Church of Scotland's national magazine, are available from Margaret McKissock.

## Weather



For a few days in the first three weeks of October, early risers were rewarded by not only seeing the very bright planet Venus, but also Mercury and Saturn. In the same easterly direction on the 16th they were joined by the last slither of the "old" moon. In the last week, on the 26th and 27th, the moon and Jupiter were near to each other, this time in the evening.

On a nature note a Jay was seen at North Garphar on the 6th while a few thistle thrushes were seen and heard throughout. No sign as yet of the usual fieldfares and redwings.

As to the weather, it looks as though October will turn out to have had below average rainfall, so there was plenty opportunity for getting gardens tidied up for the winter.

There was a slight ground frost early on the 12th, and again on the 17th when ice on the car and the bird water dish was noticed for the first time.

George Watt

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## A Prayer for Remembrance and for Peace

*Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers as we remember and give thanks for all who have made the ultimate sacrifice, and laid down their lives for others in two world wars and in the many continuing wars and conflicts. Lord we ask that you watch over all our service men and women as they carry out their duties throughout the world, be with and comfort their families and friends who worry for their safety. Heavenly Father above all else we earnestly pray that You bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

## SHOE BOX APPEAL 2009



Last uplift date 8th November.

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 “Best before “date JULY  
10th, **NO CHOCOLATE.**

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

Olga and Dennis Tinsley would like to thank everyone for their good wishes on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.



Congratulations to Adam and Michelle Oellermann on the birth of their son Daniel on the 19th September

## The Lord is My Shepherd



A Sunday School teacher decided to have her class memorize Psalm23, one of the most quoted passages in the Bible. She gave the class a month to learn the chapter.

John was so excited about it but he just couldn't memorize the Psalm although he practised and practised. The day came for the class to recite the Psalm before the congregation. When John's turn came he stepped up to the microphone and proudly said “The Lord is my Shepherd and that's all I need to know!”

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**Benefits ...**Working for God does not pay much, but His retirement plan is out of this world!

### S.W.R.I



Will meet on **Monday 2nd**  
Nov.

Talk on willow & basket making  
by Jeff Forrest.

New members welcome to  
attend our monthly meetings.

### Newsletter



Items for next news letter should be in by 30th November.

## The Sense of Advent



Christmas. We all know about it. It happens every year. But have you truly experienced it in a multi-sensory way? No? Well here's your chance.

‘The Sense of Advent’ will creatively reflect on Christmas using our five senses: sight, hearing, touch, smell and taste.

This will happen over three Sunday nights, 29<sup>th</sup> November, 6<sup>th</sup> December, and 13<sup>th</sup> December, starting at 7:30pm in the Manse. On the first night, we will look at Sight and Hearing, on the second night it will be Touch and Smell, and on the last night it will be Taste. You don't have to be creative to come, just be open to use the senses that we use every day of our lives.

If you can come to all three nights that is great, but if you can only come to one or two of the nights, it is fine.

For more information please speak to the Minister.

## Film Night



The first film night was a good success and the second film night is on 27<sup>th</sup> November, where we will be showing ‘Bolt’ at 6pm followed by ‘Crocodile Dundee’ at 8pm. (Film Certificates: Bolt is a PG and Crocodile Dundee is a 15.)

All children must be accompanied by an adult. Sweets and refreshments available. Donations at the door.

Please spread the word, as we can't advertise the titles of the films on the posters outside of the church.



### 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.



### Used Stamps

As well as used stamps, we also collect old spectacles and used ink cartridges (except Epson).

Please note! All stamps should have a 10mm or more border around the stamp.

## CHURCH FAMILY



### Deaths

Gladys Clark

*"I am the resurrection and the life*

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### Remembrance Services



The Remembrance Service on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November will be at 11:30am in Ballantrae Church, which will be followed by a parade to the war memorial, and a short service there.

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### Prayer Meeting

The prayer meeting will be on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm in the Manse. We will begin by reflecting on a prayer from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Century (at each prayer meeting we will be studying a prayer from each century), we will then discuss the prayer points and then we will pray together. During the time of prayer, we will have times when a person prays out loud and times when we pray silently. It doesn't matter which we prefer, because at the end of the day, we are praying to God and it is only he who needs to hear our prayers. The first meeting went well, and it will be good to see you at the next.



## CHURCH OF SCOTLAND GUILD



The next meeting of the Church Guild will be in the Buffet room on **Monday 16th** November at 7:15pm The theme is "Called to Act Justly" and the invited guests for the evening are members of the Kirk Session. Everyone invited.

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### Young Women's Group



Next meeting on **Wed. 4th** November in the vestry, Mr Tom Lothian, retired policeman **Wed. 25th** November in the church, OPEN NIGHT Sense of Scotland. All welcome. Please come along and support us!

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### Kirk Session/Board

At the last meeting of the Session/ Board it was decided to hold meetings every second month instead of every month. The next Session/Board meeting will be on **Wednesday 11th November.**

*Session Clerk*

## Pumpkin Soup



### Ingredients.

4tbsp. Olive oil  
2 Onions, finely chopped  
1kg. Pumpkin /Squash (peeled, deseeded and chopped into chunks  
700mls. Vegetable or chicken stock  
142mls. Double cream  
4 slices wholemeal seeded bread  
handful of pumpkin seeds (from a packet).

Heat half the olive oil then gently cook the onions for 5mins. Until soft but not coloured. Add pumpkin or squash then carry on cooking for 8-10mins. Stirring occasionally until it softens and turns golden.

Pour in the stock then season with salt and pepper. Bring to the boil and simmer for further 10mins until pumpkin is very soft. Pour in the cream and bring back to the boil, then puree with a blender.

While soup is cooking, slice the crust from the bread, then cut bread into small croutons. Heat remaining oil in a pan, then fry the bread until it starts to crisp. Add the seeds to the pan, then cook for a few mins. more until they are toasted. Reheat the soup if needed, taste for seasoning then serve with croutons and seeds.

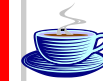
Ideal quick and easy recipe to make as pumpkins are plentiful and cheap at this time of year.

## LISTS AND ROTAS

### Flower Calendar



Just to remind everybody the flower calendar is at the church entrance, anyone wishing to donate flowers should add their name against appropriate Sunday's.



### Tea Duty

**December 6th**

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

### Church Cleaning Team

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

**Nov.23rd** 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.
1st Comm.	6th E
8th A	13th A
15th B	20th B
22nd C	27th D
29th D	

## Message from the Manse



Dear friends,

November always seems to have connections with remembering. Obviously we remember events every month, but the old poem about the 5<sup>th</sup> of November, which begins "Remember, remember the fifth of November, Gunpowder, treason and plot." always seems to emphasize the importance of remembering in this month.

For those of you who know your history, you will remember that it was in 1605 that the gunpowder plot failed, but what many of you may not know is that the following year the King and Parliament commissioned a sermon to commemorate the event. Lancelot Andrews delivered the first of many Gunpowder Plot Sermons, which became an annual custom. Now that definitely wouldn't happen today! I don't think there are many sermons that are commissioned – especially by Queen and Parliament.

And this month we also remember the ultimate sacrifice that members of the armed forces paid in the two World Wars, as well those who have lost their lives in the conflicts since. We will be remembering them and their relatives at our Remembrance services on 8<sup>th</sup> November.

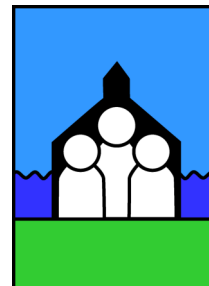
16<sup>th</sup> November is a significant date in my life, because it was the day that you voted to accept me as your minister (I can't believe it's been a year already). While I was sure you would say yes, it was a huge sense of relief when you did. It was one of the many events on the journey to come here that really confirmed to us, that this was where God wanted us to come, which I know even more deeply now.

And lastly, 1<sup>st</sup> November is our Communion Sunday and at communion, we are reminded of all that God has done for us and all that Jesus did to bring us into God's family. God loved the world so much that he allowed his son to die, thereby shedding his blood and breaking his body, so that we might live and become his children forever.

Whatever memories November brings, don't forget all that Jesus did for us on the cross and continue to express your thanks and praise to him.

May God bless you,

Stephen



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