



Ballantrae Parish Church

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St Colmon Parish Church



Be still, and know that I am God.

Psalm 46:10

November & December 2019

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From Your Minister

Dear All,

As I write to you I am preparing for the birth of my next child, due to be born in early December. I await the birth with excitement as well as pondering how life might change again.

Very soon the church will travel through the Advent season. This is a time when the church considers what it means for God to break into time and draw near to us. Over the Christmas period we celebrate the greatest birth of all time. We Celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Saviour of the world. Jesus was both fully God and fully human and this is good news because it tells us that God understands fully all the joys and sadness we face in this world. As the days get shorter and we experience the dark nights, may we reflect on the idea that Jesus is the Light of the World. Knowing Him brings joy and peace in our lives and it helps us to rid our lives of everything that is sinful and disrespectful of God; everything that brings darkness.

I hope we can all reflect on the true meaning of Christmas; and ask ourselves if we would be ready for God to break into time once again bringing the world to judgement.

I hope you all have a wonderful and blessed Christmas. Through faith, the birth of Jesus brings Joy to the World.

Rev. Theo Corney

Points for Prayer

“Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called.” 1 Timothy 6v12

A Prayer

I praise you, my mighty and awesome God. Three in one; Creator, Saviour, Spirit. You made all that is, you walk with me, you are with me in every moment. My mind cannot grasp nor my heart understand the wonder that is You.

You are the God who knows me personally. Your love for me transcends anything I can explain. I praise and thank you for the moments when I realise how well you know me, how much you love me, how much you want to be part of my life. Lord, my God, magnificent and awesome, you know me totally. You come by my side and let me know you are there with me.

I thank you in Jesus name, Amen.



Pray for our country in these troubled days of uncertainty and confusion, that wisdom, integrity and common sense may guide those who make decisions on our behalf.

Pray that the Church throughout the land may speak with one voice to proclaim Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world.

Pray for the churches of the Girvan area as they meet together to consider the future plans for this area. Pray for a spirit of love and humility in all their discussions and that this may all be for the furtherance of Christ's church here.

Remember that **we all have an opportunity to pray together** on the last Saturday of each month at 10am in St Colmon church hall.

Pat Guthrie

Ballantrae Church of Scotland Guild



Ballantrae Church Guild have had a great night to start the new session with Rev. Theo Corney's journey to Ballantrae and Colmonell. Our November meeting is a project night about "Journeying together with young mums in Zambia". On December 16th there will be a slide show of birds of the Western Isles by Angus Hogg. All are welcome, we meet in Ballantrae Community Centre at 7:15pm.

Thank-You

A huge thank-you to you all for the care shown, and support given following the sad passing of Hew. The many cards, flowers, phone calls and help in the garden, plus the most welcome gifts of food have been greatly appreciated. And to Rev. Theo for his visits, advice, and wonderful Tribute to Hew.

Janette Sloan
The Haven
Ballantrae

St Colmon Church Gift Aid

Thanks to all who donate through gift aid or any other means as Anne Shankland has been able to claim back an amazing £3999.52.



As Christmas approaches, please remember that if you are shopping online you can fundraise at no extra cost to yourself. Simply go to the Easy Fundraising website to St Colmon Church and then search for the particular shop and the shop will donate a percentage of the purchase price for your goods to St Colmon Church.

This year £ £169.91 has been raised so far.

Crossreach

Thanks to all who donated to Crossreach at our Harvest Thanksgiving service raising £55. Thanks also for all the food that we were able to deliver to the local Food Bank.



Thanks to all who donated £88 to Open Doors' work on behalf of persecuted Christians.

Those who contributed to the petition Open Doors organised on behalf of persecuted Christian women will see their work displayed at Westminster Abbey from 17–24 November. Over 11,000 contributions have been received. Millions of our Christian sisters suffer in silence. They are doubly vulnerable to persecution; for their gender and their faith. They are silenced, stigmatised, abused.

This huge handmade petition helps to make what is invisible visible at a time when the UK Government are holding a conference to discuss their "Preventing Sexual Violence in Conflict Initiative".



Colmonell Circle

A fascinating talk was given by Liz Ottaway about life in Malawi and £160 was donated to Masambiro UK, which will be used to help fund the work of Kunyanja School at Nkhata Bay. To see more about their amazing achievements go to www.masambiro.org.uk

All Circle meetings are held in St Colmon Kirk Hall at 7.30pm and refreshments are served. Donations are welcomed.

28th October Rev Theo Corney will talk about his journey to our Churches.

25th November David Gilmartin will talk about safety at home.

Lost and Found in St Colmon Kirk Hall

Large oblong opaque lidded plastic food box; circular white china plate with moulded detail on rim; black scarf; pair of spectacles.

CHURCH SERVICES

Ballantrae Parish Church

We meet every Sunday at 11:30am in Ballantrae Church and children aged 0-12 are welcome to join the **Sunshine Club**.



A service is held in Glenapp Church at 3pm on the first Sunday of each month.

Ballantrae Congregational Board and Kirk Session will meet on Wednesday 13th November at 7:30pm in the church vestry.

St Colmon (Arnsheen Barrhill and Colmonell) Parish Church

We meet every Sunday at 10am in Colmonell Church and children are welcome to join our **Sunday Club**, which features Bible stories and activities and toys for younger children (under-3s must be accompanied by an adult).



On the last Sunday of each month our service is held in the **Kirk Hall**, which has easy access for those with mobility problems.

All services are followed by refreshments in the Kirk Hall.

On the 3rd Sunday of each month a service is held in **Barrhill Memorial Hall**. All are welcome and refreshments are served after the service.

St Colmon Kirk Session will meet on Tuesday 29th October at 7pm in the Kirk Hall.

Sunday at Glenapp: Listening for God

3pm on the first Sunday of each month

Please join us at Glenapp Church on the first Sunday of each month for fellowship, prayer, worship and reflection, as we get to know the Living God more. The service, organised and presented by members of the congregation of Ballantrae Parish Church,



offers an opportunity to experience worship in a warm and beautiful setting that lends itself to stillness and quiet reflection on God's Word, God's world and God's love.

If you would like any more information, please contact Gavin Fairbairn on 07707 286172.



Friday 15th November, 7 for 7.30pm at Woodland Bay Hotel, Girvan.

Drawing Christians together from different Churches to enjoy informal contemporary worship music, excellent speakers, refreshments, fellowship and the opportunity for prayer ministry.

Speakers: Adam Oellerman, Pastor of Milestone Christian Centre.

St Colmon Events—Open to All



Bible Study: First Thursday of each month at 7:30pm in the Kirk Hall. An informal opportunity to discover the treasures of the Bible which are so relevant to our lives today. Tea and coffee provided.



Pot Luck Supper: 2nd Thursday of each month, 7 for 7:30pm in the Kirk Hall. A time of food and fellowship. Please let Claire P know if you are attending for catering purposes.



Coffee, Cake and Chat: In a five-week month, join us at 7:30pm on the fourth Thursday for an informal evening when we may watch a short film, discuss a chosen topic or listen to a talk.



Prayer and Praise: Last Saturday of the Month, 10am in the Kirk Hall. Prayer is essential for our churches, communities and the world around us. All are welcome to join us in the Kirk Hall to worship and pray.



Coffee @ Kirk: Every Wednesday 10am—12pm in the Kirk Hall. Coffee, tea and biscuits for the price of a donation. Books available to borrow or buy. Podiatry clinic every 7 weeks (next on 30th October). Please contact Claire P to make an appointment.



Sat. 23rd November St Colmon Fundraising Auction in the Kirk Hall. Viewing 1pm. Auction 2pm. Auctioneer—Tom Smith. Entry £1 Tea and biscuits 50p. Donations of goods gratefully received.

Remembrance

St Colmon Church:

Do you have photographs of loved ones associated with the armed forces (any nationality or conflict) and would you like to have a copy in the photographic memories exhibition in Church over the weekend? Please contact Claire.

Sat. 9th Nov. 10.30am—4pm St Colmon Church photographic memories exhibition with organ music. Refreshments in the Kirk Hall

Sun. 10th Nov.

9.30am Colmonell War Memorial Act of Remembrance

10am St Colmon Church Service of Remembrance

Mon. 11th Nov.

11am Pinwherry War Memorial Act of Remembrance

Ballantrae Church:

Sun. 10th Nov.

11.30am Ballantrae Church Service of Remembrance

12.30pm Ballantrae War Memorial Act of Remembrance

Mon. 11th Nov.

2pm Heronsford War Memorial Act of Remembrance

Colmonell Baby & Toddler Group

Every Friday 9am to 11am in St Colmon Kirk Hall.

For more details contact Eileen McCutcheon on 01465 881191



CHRISTMAS

Sun. 15th Dec. 7pm Barrhill Memorial Hall
Carols, Readings & Refreshments

Thur. 19th Dec. 7.30pm St Colmon Church
Christmas Concert & Refreshments

Sun. 22nd Dec. 10am St Colmon Church
11.30am Ballantrae Church

Tue. 24th Dec. 11.30pm Watchnight Service
in both Churches

Wed. 25th Dec. 10.30am Joint Churches Christmas
All Age Service in Ballantrae Church

FOOD BANK

Please remember as we look forward to Christmas feasting , there are those who will have little or nothing to put on their table.

Non—perishable, tinned and dried foods, toiletries and hygiene products etc. can be delivered to Church or dropped off at Milestone Christian Centre, 35a Bridge Street, Girvan on Monday or Friday between 10am and 12noon. Please note that fresh food cannot be accepted.

Save Your Stamps

The Church of Scotland World Mission Stamp Appeal raises thousands of pounds each year and in 2019 the money is being used to support the Chigodi Women's Centre in Blantyre, Malawi.

Please continue to save your stamps and hand them in at church.

Stamps must have a **one centimetre border of envelope** left around them and not be torn or damaged.

What's On: November-December 2019

Mon. 28th Oct.: The Circle: Rev. Theo Corney—"My Journey"
7:30pm St Colmon Kirk Hall

Thurs. 31st Oct.: Coffee, Cake & Chat
7:30pm St Colmon Kirk Hall

Sun. 3rd Nov.: Communion Service

10am St Colmon Church

11:30am Ballantrae Church

3pm Glenapp Church

Thurs. 7th Nov.: Bible Study
7:30pm St Colmon Kirk Hall

REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND

Sat. 9th Nov.: Photographic Memories Exhibition with Organ Music
10:30am-4pm St Colmon Church, with refreshments in the Kirk Hall

Sun. 10th Nov.: Remembrance Sunday

9:30am Colmonell War Memorial Act of Remembrance

10am St Colmon Church Service of Remembrance

11:30am Ballantrae Church Service of Remembrance

3pm Barrhill War Memorial Act of Remembrance

3:30pm Barrhill Memorial Hall Service of Remembrance

Mon. 11th Nov.: War Memorial Acts of Remembrance

11am Pinwherry War Memorial

2pm Heronsford War Memorial

Thurs. 14th Nov.: Pot Luck Supper
7 for 7:30pm St Colmon Kirk Hall

Fri. 15th Nov.: Filling Station
7 for 7:30pm Woodland Bay Hotel

Sun. 17th Nov.:

10am St Colmon Church
11:30am Ballantrae Church
3pm Barrhill Memorial Hall

Mon. 18th Nov.: Ballantrae Church Guild Meeting

7:15pm Ballantrae Hall

Sat. 23rd Nov.: St Colmon Church Fundraising Auction

2pm St Colmon Kirk Hall

Sun. 24th Nov.:

10am St Colmon Kirk Hall
11:30am Ballantrae Church

Mon. 25th Nov.: The Circle: David Gilmartin—Safety in the Home

7:30pm St Colmon Kirk Hall

Sat 30th Nov.: Prayer and Praise

10am St Colmon Church Hall

Sun. 1st Dec.:

10am St Colmon Church
11:30am Ballantrae Church
3pm Glenapp Church

Thurs. 5th Dec.: Bible Study

7:30pm St Colmon Kirk Hall

Sun. 8th Dec.:

10am St Colmon Church
11:30am Ballantrae Church

Thurs. 12th Dec.: Pot Luck Supper

7:30pm St Colmon Kirk Hall

Sun. 15th Dec.:

10am St Colmon Church

11:30am Ballantrae Church

7pm Barrhill Memorial Hall Carols, Readings and Refreshments

Thurs. 19th Dec.: Christmas Concert and Refreshments

7:30pm St Colmon Church

Sun. 22nd Dec.:

10am St Colmon Church

11.30am Ballantrae Church

Tue. 24th Dec.: Watchnight Service

11:30pm in both churches

Wed. 25th Dec.: Joint Churches All Age Christmas Service

10:30am in Ballantrae Church

Sun. 29th Dec.:

10am St Colmon Kirk Hall

11:30am Ballantrae Church

Thurs. 2nd Jan. 2020: Bible Study

7:30pm St Colmon Kirk Hall

Sun. 5th Jan. :

10am St Colmon Church

11:30am Ballantrae Church

3pm Glenapp Church

The Girvan Churches Hub

At an historic meeting in Girvan on Thursday 17th October, Girvan North, South, Dailly and Barr churches agreed to move towards a UNION. This is to meet 'An Instruction' which has come down from the General Assembly via the Presbytery of Ayr. Buildings and property will be looked at later. The Presbytery has been told that the Carrick area must go from having seven ministers to 5 in the near future, with Alloway, Maybole and Girvan being hub centres. The South Carrick area would have a hub centred on Girvan and would serve Girvan, Dailly, Barr, Colmonell and Ballantrae eventually. A plan has to be placed before the Mission Focus Group of Presbytery by June of next year.

Jim Guthrie (Interim Moderator for Girvan South, Dailly and Barr)