

**Ballantrae Parish Church  
and  
St Colmon Parish Church  
Newsletter**



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# From Your Minister:

Dear Friends,

The Autumn is now upon us and the nights are very much drawing in. At least we have had a good summer, so ought not to complain about the changes in the weather. Although restrictions are still in place, we have been able to make some steps forward as churches in the last few months. We are pleased to announce that services have restarted at Barrhill Memorial Hall and at Glenapp Church. Bible study with prayer is now held on the second and fourth Thursdays at St Colmon.

A coffee morning is held at St Colmon on a Wednesday and Ballantrae have a coffee morning in the Kings Arms on a Tuesday. So, things are moving forward and for that we are thankful to God.

We look forward to reaching out to and serving the community in the days ahead.

Rev`d Theo Corney

## Points for Prayer— Oct/Nov 2021

We have been living through difficult and challenging times during the last two years, coping with the threat from Covid19, the problems of lockdown, the separation from family and friends, financial strains and no doubt a variety of other personal problems! Throughout this time our Presbytery Prayer co-ordinator has been producing notes to encourage us in our prayer times. The following are taken from Christine Stewart's latest notes which you may find helpful:

In light of the anticipated reduction in the number of Ministers and Churches we need to pray about these critical plans which will surely affect us all. So, let's begin:

Reflect and pray about our own commitment to being active in delivering Mission to our own community.

Ask forgiveness for those areas in which we have failed to reflect the love of Jesus to those around us; and where we have failed to recognise how much we need to take every aspect of Mission to God in prayer.

Invite God to open our eyes to see what He wants us to see.

Reflect on this verse from 2 Chronicles 7,14: "If my people who are called by my Name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land".

Pray for all those who have grown cold in heart and ignore the Lord in their lives, that they will return to Him and serve in His name. Remember that "wickedness" includes shutting out God's call on our lives and living on our own selfish way.

Reflect on the wonder and joy of the blessing God pours on those who trust Him: "The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord turn His face towards you and give you peace".

Pray His blessing on those you know and love.

**We meet in St Colmon's church hall on Thursdays—28th October and 11th Nov. Join us at 7.30pm for a short time of discussion and Bible study followed by prayer. Remember Jesus said; "Whatever you ask in my name I will do it. That the Father may be glorified in the Son".**



Pat Guthrie

# Psal m 23—Expl ained

The Lord is my shepherd—'**That's Relationship!**'

I shall not want—'**That's Supply!**'

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures—'**That's Rest!**'

He leadeth me beside the still waters—'**That's Guidance!**'

For His name sake—'**That's Purpose!**'

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death—'**That's Testing!**'

I will fear no evil—'**That's Protection!**'

For Thou are with me -'**That's Faithfulness!**'

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me—'**That's Discipline!**'

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies—'**That's Hope!**'

Thou anointest my head with oil—'**That's Consecration!**'

My cup runneth over—'**That's Abundance!**'

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life—'**That's Blessing!**'

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord—'**That's Security!**'

Forever! - '**That's Eternity!**'

Author unknown

Contributed by Margaret McNeill



## “FOUND IN A CHURCH PEW”

If after church you wait a while,  
Someone may greet you with a smile.

But, if you quickly rise and flee,  
We'll all seem cold and stiff, maybe.

The one beside you in the pew  
Is perhaps, a stranger too.

All here, like you, have fears and cares.

In fellowship we bid you meet  
With us around God's Mercy Seat.

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*Thank  
You*

Lorna Greenhill would like to thank everyone for their Prayers, Good wishes, Gifts and Cards received since her operation and during her treatment earlier in the year.

Thank you all, it means so much to John and I.

Best Wishes,

Lorna

## What is Church?

### THE LIFE STATION—A Story

On a wild rocky headland, where many ships were wrecked and loves lost, a group of well-meaning people decided to build a Life Station from which a simple boat could be launched in time of need. Work continued over many years. It was hard and at times not too successful but, they managed to see their dreams come true. In time they needed a bigger boat and a bigger station. A campaign was got up to raise funds and many people give to the cause. Eventually, their aims were achieved with a much bigger boar bought and a much improved Station built. Now they could hold functions and even opened a club. So successful had they become that they enlarged the building even further to accommodate bigger and better events. Soon some people suggested changing the Life station's name and its work, so that life saving would become just a part of what they were doing. Some of the older members objected, some even left and after a while some just lost interest.

Then a disaster struck when a giant tanker was wrecked on the headland. There were deaths but many were rescued and brought back to the Station. After a week of coming and going the Station was in a chaotic mess; the stench of oil was everywhere and rescue gear and equipment piled high. Members complained about the state of their club and a vote was taken to discontinue the work of rescue. Half of the committee left and tried to set up another Station but there weren't enough of them and they failed. Now, no lives are saved off that wide rocky headland.

#### **The Bible says:**

**“Where there is no vision the people perish”.**



**The Church is the only organisation that exists not for itself but for other people.**

Ballantrae Church had their Harvest service on Sunday 3rd October with donations being collected for Christian Aid and Girvan Foodbank. Thank you to everyone who contributed 23e tins of soup, 36 tins of vegetables, 42 packets of pasta/rice/sauces, 26 tins of meat, 18 packets of biscuits, 10 boxes of cereal, 10 packets of tea/coffee, 19 tins of fruit/puddings, 7 jars of jam, 3 baking items and 10 lots of crisps, fresh vegetables/ fruit, eggs and cheese.

Girvan Foodbank were very appreciative as it was in the news that day that donations were running low!

St Colmon's also celebrated Harvest thanksgiving on October 3rd and our thanks go to all who worked hard to create the beautiful display of fruit, vegetables and bread.

Thanks also to all who contributed other foodstuffs which have been given to the Girvan Foodbank.

A special offering was also taken for Crossreach—thank you to all who supported this.





## Shoe Box Appeal 2021

**Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal** - leaflets are available from both Ballantrae and St Colmon churches. There is an option this year to place items in a drawstring bag and people are struggling to find shoeboxes.

Boxes need to be ready to dispatch to the Glasgow warehouse by the end of October. Please support this worthwhile cause as the parishes have been very generous in previous year.

## Poppy Scotland Appeal

There will be no door-to-door collecting in Ballantrae village. However, poster will be appearing locally and collection tins will be in the shops. Please give generously to this important charity.



Contributed by Claire Strain

# FORTHCOMING EVENTS

(St Colmon's and Barrhill)

- 14/10/21 Prayer Meeting St Colmon Kirk Hall
- 17/10/21 Baptism  
Barrhill Service in Memorial Hall
- 28/10/21 Prayer Meeting St Colmon Kirk Hall.
- 11/11/21 Prayer Meeting St Colmon Kirk Hall
- 07/11/21 Communion
- 14/11/21 Remembrance Sunday
- 21/11/21 Barrhill Service in Memorial Hall
- 25/11/21 Prayer Meeting St Colmon Kirk Hall
- 28/11/21 1st Sunday in advent
- 09/12/21 Prayer Meeting St Colmon Kirk Hall
- 19/12/21 Barrhill Service in Memorial Hall

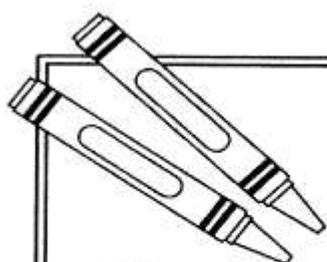
Wednesday morning from 10.00am—12 noon we hold our Coffee in the Kirk Hall for anyone who would like to attend.

This is an informal gathering to share ideas and have a natter.

Everyone is welcome to all services and events in St Colmon Church, the Kirk Hall or the Memorial Hall, Barrhill.



A beauty, in a beauteous dell  
Serenely fair, is Colmonell  
Where, in the infancy of Spring  
The flowers peep forth and thrushes sing;  
So mild and genial is the vale  
Protected, from the northern gale  
And cold east wind, by sloping hills -  
A view from which, in summer fills  
You with delight—while kine and sheep  
Dot and adorn their grassy steep.  
That avenue, close by the Dead  
**O'er whom the planes their branches spread,**  
Conducts you to the Parish Manse  
That well deserves a passing glance:  
Its site is high above the stream  
**Which it o'erlooks, the blithe young beam**  
Of horn, glad Noon, and sober Eve  
Play there. The churchyard, you perceive,  
**Throws o'er the tranquil spot**  
A sacred awe, not soon forgot,  
How oft have we held in our breath  
While walking through that field of death!



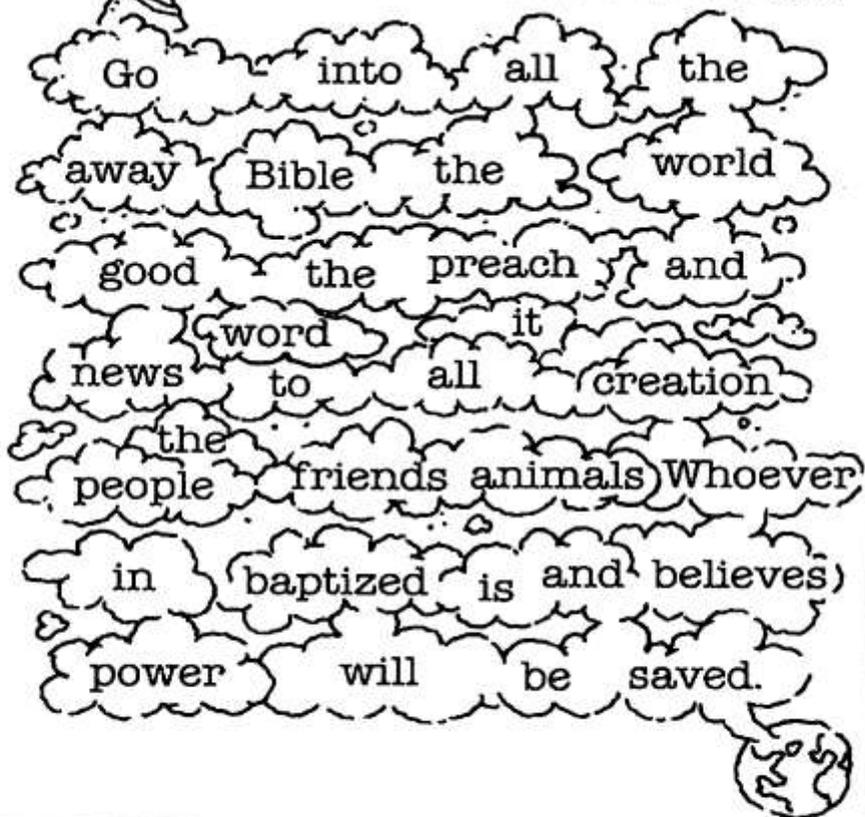
# Just for **KIDS**

## “I am with you always.”

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he encouraged his disciples in the work they had to do. We, too, are Jesus' disciples and should follow his same instructions.



Follow the words in the clouds to find Mark 16:15-16a, NIV.



Answer: "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." (Mark 16:15-16a, NIV)