



BALLANTRAE PARISH CHURCH
linked with
ST COLMON PARISH CHURCH
February – March 2019



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Points for prayer Feb/Mar 2019



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And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown". And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way." ML Haskins

This is a well known quotation that was broadcast by King George VI to the nation during the 2nd world war when things were looking very bleak indeed.

We don't know what the New Year will bring us, but our God holds the future and his

plans for us are perfect. In Psalm 119 v105 we read: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path". So we would be wise to open our Bibles and search the scriptures for the guidance and direction we will certainly need.

Pray for our congregations at this time - for enthusiasm and commitment in our worship and in our outreach. We need to be open and receptive to the Holy Spirit in this time of vacancy as we wait to see what God is planning for us.

Pray for those who have the responsibility of leadership: the kirk sessions and session clerks; the interim moderator, Dr Anderson; The preachers and the worship group.

Pray for our country as we face the consequences of Brexit; God is able to bring order out of chaos and to turn what may seem hopeless to us into good.

Join with us as we meet for prayer on the last Saturday of the month in St Colmon Church hall at 10am. P. Guthrie

Bible Study

First Thursday each month at 7.30pm in St Colmon Kirk Hall. Informal discussion to find out how the Bible can benefit our lives. Do you have questions and want to understand the Bible's place in our world today? Join us in seeking the answers over a coffee or tea.

James Laird McLachlan

James Laird McLachlan (Jimmy) was born on the 4th November 1933 and spent his life in Colmonell working at Dalreoch, Bardrochat and as Head Gardener at Knockdolian. Known for his extensive knowledge of horticulture, angling, local history and serving his community in the fire service and community council, Jimmy also enjoyed bowls, badminton, clay pigeon shooting, speaking at Burns Suppers and photography.

As a Serving Elder in Colmonell Church from 1973 and Session Clerk from 1979 Jimmy lived his Christian faith, welcoming and including everyone in the life of the Church. He served diligently and conscientiously until his retirement due to ill health in 2009.

Elsie's devoted love and care ensured that Jimmy died peacefully at home in his sleep on the 27th December 2018.

Jimmy McLachlan will be lovingly remembered as a gentle, warm hearted, generous and sincere man.



Vacancy News

Members of the Nomination Committee continue to seek a minister for our Churches,

but we need your help so please contact the clerk to the committee, Harriet Ellis, if you know of any minister the committee might approach.

Our Churches are vacant, but they are also open and active. God is ever present and working throughout our parishes and your support is vital, so please come along to any services or events.

If you know of anyone who would appreciate a visit or who is in need of prayer please speak to an elder or the session clerk of either Church.

Dr Anderson, our interim moderator, will ensure we have ministers or worship teams to lead all Sunday services and he will also arrange for ministers to conduct any Communion, baptism, wedding or funeral.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Prayer is essential for our Churches and the world around us. All are welcome to join us in St Colmon Kirk Hall on the 4th Saturday of each month at 10am when we sing a couple of songs and pray. There is no obligation to pray out loud, just come and join in by quiet contemplation.

World Day of Prayer

Friday 1st March.

Colmonell Circle

All are welcome

7.30pm in St Colmon Kirk Hall

25th February "Safety & Security" speaker Police Ayrshire

25th March Illustrated talk about the "Girvan Valley" by Mary Hogg

Refreshments will be served.

Ballantrae Church of Scotland Guild

Secretary Jessie Brown 831544

The Guild is open to men and women who will commit their lives to Jesus Christ and express their faith in worship, prayer and action. The projects being supported this year are The Boys Brigade, Seema's Project and the Sailors' Society.

We meet in Ballantrae Community Centre at 7.15pm and you will be welcomed as a visitor to any evening.

Mon. 18th Feb. Open Evening with "The Rural Revellers" and refreshments.

Thur. 21st Feb. lunch at Malin Court 1pm Names to Jessie.

Mon. 18th Mar. AGM and talk on "Seema's Project".

Coffee @ Kirk

Every Wednesday St Colmon Kirk Hall is open between 10am and 12noon for coffee, tea, biscuits for the price of a donation. Books are available to borrow or buy. Every 7 weeks a podiatry clinic is held. Contact Claire Pirrie to book an appointment.

Church Services & Meetings

Ballantrae Parish Church

We meet at 11:30am every Sunday in Ballantrae Church and children are welcome. Glenapp Church services are held on the first Sunday of each month. These ecumenical and liturgical style services are at 3pm. Everyone is welcome to attend this 'Kirk down the Glen'. Refreshments are served after the service.

Ballantrae Session and Board

Ballantrae Congregational Board and Kirk Session meet on Wednesday 13th March at 730pm in the vestry.

Ballantrae Church Fair - Saturday 27th July from 2pm

Ballantrae Trust Cinema Nights

Ballantrae Church on Thursday 14th February
and Thursday 14th March.

St Colmon Parish Church

We meet at 10am every Sunday in Colmonell. Children are welcome, and an area is set aside with toys and colouring books. For those who find the church steps a challenge the service on the last Sunday of each month is usually held in the Kirk Hall, which has easy access.

Barrhill Services

At 3pm on the third Sunday of each month a service is held in Barrhill Memorial Hall. All are welcome, and refreshments are served after the service.

The Filling Station

In need of a spiritual "top-up"? Looking for something different? Why not try The Filling Station?

It is a non-denominational gathering of Christians from across the area in an informal setting with contemporary style worship; visiting speakers; opportunity for prayer, ministry and healing. There are Filling Stations across Scotland and the UK.

Girvan Filling Station meets on the 3rd Friday of the month at Woodland Bay Hotel Girvan at 7pm (cakes and coffee) for a 7:30pm start. We'd love to welcome you there.

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Filling Station Girvan

www.thefillingstation.org

The Valley Choir

Thursdays at 7.30pm Colmonell Community Centre
No need to be able to read music, audition or sing solo.
Singing is a fun way of improving health and wellbeing.

What's On .. Feb. to Mar. '19

Sunday 27th Jan.

10:00 - St Colmon Church in the Kirk Hall

11:30 - Ballantrae Church

Sunday 3rd Feb.

10:00 - St Colmon Church

11:30 - Ballantrae Church

15:00 – Sunday at Glenapp

Thursday 7th Feb.

19;30 Bible Study in St Colmon Kirk Hall

Sunday 10th Feb.

10:00 - St Colmon Church

11:30 - Ballantrae Church

Friday 15th Feb.

19:00 – Filling Station at Woodland Bay Hotel

Sunday 17th Feb..

10:00 - St Colmon Church

11:30 - Ballantrae Church

15:00—Barrhill Memorial Hall **Communion Service**

Monday 18th Feb.

19:15– Ballantrae Church Guild in Ballantrae Community Centre

Thursday 21st Feb.

19:30 - Food & Fellowship in St Colmon Kirk Hall

Saturday 23rd Feb.

10:00 - Prayer & Praise in St Colmon Kirk Hall

Sunday 24th Feb.

10:00 - St Colmon Church in the Kirk Hall

11:30 - Ballantrae Church

Monday 25th Feb.

19:30 – Colmonell Circle in St Colmon Kirk Hall

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Sunday 24th Mar.

10:00 - St Colmon Church

11:30 - Ballantrae Church

Monday 25th Mar.

19:30 – Cofmonell Circle in St Colmon Kirk Hall

Saturday 30th Mar.

10:00 - Prayer & Praise in St Colmon Kirk Hall

Sunday 31st Mar.

10:00 - St Colmon Church in St Colmon Kirk Hall

11:30 - Ballantrae Church

NB British Summer Time begins—Clocks Forward