



**Ballantrae Parish Church
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Newsletter**

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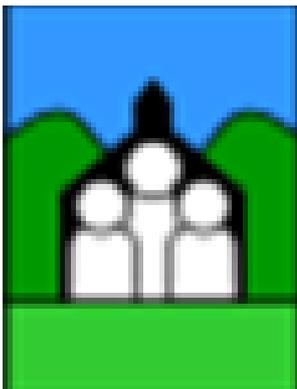
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From Your Minister

Dear Friends,

It is good that the summer has finally arrived and has brought with it some good weather. This is allowing many of us to get out more and enjoy the wonderful scenery which is all around us. It is good that restrictions are beginning to be lifted too which is allowing more freedom for people to meet up with family and friends. As churches too we are gradually able to return to activities as the weeks go by. Our move into level 1 has however been delayed as Covid cases have risen. In our own lives as well as church life it is important to try and keep a balance as we move forward, whilst doing so safely.

I hope that everyone has an enjoyable summer and that we can plan to continue to move forward in a positive way. We are holding weekly services in our parish churches and welcome awaits any who will join us. God will bless us in the months ahead!

Yours in Christ,

Rev`d Theo Corney

Points for Prayer

“Pray with petitions ,intercession, and thanksgiving for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all Godliness and holiness”

1 Timothy Ch. 2 v. 1&2

As we go to print, the G7 summit is meeting in Cornwall when the leaders of the seven, plus four guest countries and the EU, will discuss matters of great significance to the world. Between them they represent 2.3 billion people and the outcome of their deliberations will influence the big issues which affect us all. Surely a time for those of us who believe in the power of prayer to bring our petitions and intercessions before God.

Merciful and loving God, we hold before you the leaders of the nations of the world. At this time when the whole world seems to be threatened by the possibility of climate chaos, economic disaster, ongoing pandemic problems, wars and widespread hunger, remind us, Lord, that you are in control; you are the Creator and Sustainer of our world, and that you are working your purposes out in the great scheme of things.

We pray that your wisdom and truth will have been evident in the decisions made in Cornwall. We pray that the Light of the gospel will spread throughout the world by the power of the Holy Spirit and that the name of Jesus will bring healing to the nations.

“Nothing in our hands we bring; simply to your cross we cling”

In Jesus Name, Amen.



For reading and meditation Isaiah Ch. 50 v. 10

In who do we put our trust?

In these strange times -- in who, or where, or what do we put our trust?
in the Politicians, -- Media-- Newspapers -- TV
it is good to be kept informed by all these methods of information
Can we put our trust in ourselves?-- our earthly goods and possessions?
only so far because all these things are flawed
As humans we only have a limited and narrow vision of the world we live in
There is only one we can put our complete trust in
Our Triune God, Jesus Christ and The Holy Spirit
Our never changing Help, Healer and Comforter
Only He knows the beginning from the end
It is all too easy in these difficult times to underestimate
the Power of our Eternal God, and rely totally on the outside influences
and distractions that surround us each day and be swayed by them
So our priority now is to TRUST our God and search the Bible for His truths
and learn more of why and how we should trust Him, Jesus Christ and The Holy Spirit

A Prayer for Trust

Father God, Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit
Forgive us when we stray from trusting you
You are the one stable, constant being in our changing world
You are our help, strength, comfort and support
at this unpredictable time in our lives.
The distractions we face each day
sometimes make us forget who you really are
and why we need to turn to you
Father God, Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit
Open our hearts and minds once again as we learn to trust in you
and not in ourselves
Let your light shine in the dark corners of our world
and make a straight pathway for us to follow
In Jesus Precious Name and through the Power of The Holy Spirit
Amen

Patricia Thackray

Christian Aid

Due to my advancing years, I should very much like to relinquish the post of Christian Aid Organiser but, at present, I do not have anyone to hand it over to.

If there is anyone in Ballantrae who would agree to "inheriting the mantle" I should be delighted to pass it on to you. It is not a hard job, just two collections a year, the main one for Christian Aid Week is a house to house collection in May, and a secondary one for Harvest at the beginning of October, which is just the envelopes on the church pews for about three weeks.

I have all the relative paper work here which I can pass on to you, so if you would like to volunteer your services, or if you have any questions, please telephone me on 01465 831522.

Many thanks,
Anthea Russell

New Website Pages

www.stcolmonparishchurch.org.uk

There is now a History page on the church website. You will find it under "More - History" in the menu. The information on this page may be expanded further at a later date.

There is also a new page on the stained-glass windows (from the St Colmon Stained Glass Windows booklet). You can find this under "More – Documents".

Harriet Ellis

Change and the Church of Scotland

How many Christians does it take to change a light bulb?

- * If you are Charismatic: Only one. Your hands are all ready in the air
- * Baptist: At least 15. One to change the light bulb and 3 committees to approve the change and decide who brings the potato salad.
- * Catholic: None. Candles, only candles.
- * Episcopalian: Eight. One to call the electrician, and 7 to say how much better they liked the old one.
- * Methodist: Undetermined. Whether your light is bright, dull, or completely out, you are loved—you can be a light bulb, tulip bulb or a turnip bulb—you are loved.
- * TV evangelist: Just one. But for the message of light to continue, pick up that phone and pledge your support today.
- * Amish: What's a light bulb?
- * And finally, Presbyterians: Change? My grandmother gave that light bulb!!!

Well, Presbyterians are not the only ones who resist change. Physicists speak of inertia which is the tendency of a body at rest to remain at rest unless acted upon by an outside force. Most churches suffer from inertia, as do most of their members. What is it that counsellors say? “Most people change only when the pain of staying the same is greater than the pain of change.”

Rev. Jim Guthrie

The Story of Lazarus

Jesus had three very close friends who lived in Bethany. They were Lazarus and his two sisters, Mary and Martha. One day, while Jesus was on the other side of the Jordan, Mary and Martha sent him an urgent message: 'Lazarus is very sick. Please come quickly!' But Jesus did not go right away. He waited for two more days and then said to his disciples: 'Let's go to Bethany. Lazarus is sleeping, and I am going to wake him up.' The apostles said: 'If Lazarus is asleep, that will help him to get well.' So Jesus told them clearly: 'Lazarus has died.'

When Jesus arrived at Bethany, Lazarus had already been buried for four days. Crowds of people had come to comfort Martha and Mary. When Martha heard that Jesus had come, she rushed to meet him. She said: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." Jesus told her: 'Your brother will live again. Do you believe this, Martha?' She said: 'I believe that he will rise in the resurrection.' Jesus said to her: "I am the resurrection and the life."

Then Martha went to Mary and told her: 'Jesus is here.' Mary ran to Jesus, and the crowd followed. She fell down at his feet, and she could not stop crying. She said: 'Lord, if you had been here, our brother would still be alive!' Jesus saw how much she was suffering, and he also began to cry. When the crowd saw his tears, they said: 'See how Jesus loved Lazarus.' But some wondered: 'Why didn't he save his friend?' What would Jesus do next?

Jesus went to the tomb, where a large stone covered the entrance. He commanded: 'Roll the stone away.' Martha said: 'But it has been four days! His body will smell.' Still, they rolled the stone away, and Jesus prayed: 'Father, thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me, but I speak aloud so that these people may know that you sent me.' Then he called out in a loud voice: "Lazarus, come out!" Something amazing happened: Lazarus came out of the tomb, still wrapped in linen cloths. Jesus said: "Free him and let him go."

Many who saw this put faith in Jesus. But some went and told the Pharisees. From then on, the Pharisees wanted to kill both Lazarus and Jesus. One of the 12 apostles, Judas Iscariot, secretly went to the Pharisees and asked: 'How much will you pay me if I help you to find Jesus?' They agreed to pay 30 pieces of silver, and Judas began to look for an opportunity to hand Jesus over to the Pharisees.

You can read this story in your Bible in John Chapter 11.

Jesus Raised Lazarus From the Dead

Coded Words

Each number stands for a letter of the alphabet. Write the correct letter in the blank to find the coded words and phrase.

Code key

A 1	J 10	S 19
B 2	K 11	T 20
C 3	L 12	U 21
D 4	M 13	V 22
E 5	N 14	W 23
F 6	O 15	X 24
G 7	P 16	Y 25
H 8	Q 17	Z 26
I 9	R 18	

20 15 13 2

12 1 26 1 18 21 19

4 5 1 20 8

18 5 19 21 18 18 5 3 20 9 15 14

Phrase: To believers,

10 5 19 21 19 7 9 22 5 19

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