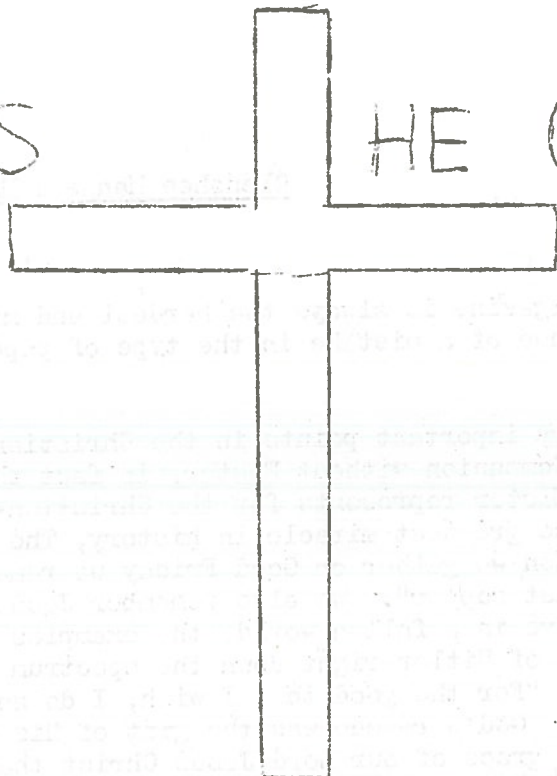


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My dear friends,

The first edition of a magazine is always the hardest and many of you did not get a copy of the first because of a mistake in the type of paper used. We hope No. 2 will reach more of you.

This edition covers 2 very important points in the Christian Year - Easter and Communion. There is no Communion without Easter, in fact there is no Christianity without Easter, or what Easter represents for the Christian-the Crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the greatest miracle in history, The Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. When we gather on Good Friday we remember the first communion, our Lord's "last supper". We also remember Jesus Christ the sacrificial lamb for our sins. We live in a fallen world, the examples of that fall are endless; they cover the war crimes of Hitler right down the spectrum to our own greed and selfishness. Romans 7v19 "For the good that I wish, I do not do but I practice the very evil I do not wish". God's rescue was the gift of His Son and His death on the Cross. "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ that though He was rich He became poor that you through His poverty might become rich. He died for our sins that we might have life. There is no other name under heaven by which we must be saved." At Easter we remember Jesus giving Himself, that we may be forgiven and that God's unique way of returning to Him was and is open. Calvary shows the horror of sin, yet the love of God. He died for you and for me. Is He your Saviour yet?

Communion is when we share, the bread and wine. Jesus' words are "this do in remembrance of me" and the words of I Corinthians 11 "for as often as you eat this bread and drink this wine, you do show the Lord's death until He comes.". Communion is not just about getting a name ticked off on the roll; although surely we who have taken vows of membership, including to "promise to nourish the faith which you have professed by the study of God's word and by prayer in your private devotions and at public worship", should not think at least 2 Sundays per year too much to worship the One who gives us everything 365 days per year - is 2 hours too much to give to God who supplies every need and looks after you the other 8,658 without the possibility of removal from the main to supplementary roll?

We pass the bread and wine, we minister to each other, we are united in our worship and need for forgiveness and a deep love for the one who spared not His only Son but gave Him up for us all.

Many thanks for your continued prayers, and may God keep us and take us all through what changes there will be in the parish and in our own lives.

May you know the presence of the risen Christ with you this Easter.

Alan McKean

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

Marriage (corrected notice)

Betty Leslie and Ernest Gilchrist Cortachy 20.06.87

We apologise to Mr and Mrs Gilchrist for the mistake in the last News sheet.

Funeral Mrs Mary McGuin 16.01.88

Services until the end of August:

April 3rd	Kirkmichael 10.30 am	Netherton 12.15	Easter Sunday
April 10th	Kirkmichael 10.30 am		
April 17th	Kirkmichael 10.30 am	Netherton 12.15	
April 24th	Kirkmichael 10.30 am		
May 1st	Kirkmichael 10.30 am	Netherton 12.15	
May 8th	Kirkmichael 10.30 am	Communion Service	
May 15th	Kirkmichael 10.30 am	Netherton Communion Service 12.15	
May 22nd	Kirkmichael 10.30 am	Pentecost	
May 29th	Kirkmichael 10.30 am	Joint Service	
June 3h	Kirkmichael 10.30 am	Netherton 12.15	
June 12th	Kirkmichael 10.30 am	Glenshee 12.15	Opening of Glenshee
June 19th	Kirkmichael 10.30 am	Netherton 12.15	
June 26th	Kirkmichael 10.30 am	Glenshee 12.15	
July 3rd	Kirkmichael 10.30 am	Netherton 12.15	
July 10th	Kirkmichael 10.30 am	Glenshee 12.15	
July 17th	Kirkmichael 10.30 am	Netherton 12.15	
July 24th	Kirkmichael 10.30 am	Glenshee 12.15	
July 31st	JOINT SERVICE IN GLENSHEE - 12.15		
August 7th	Kirkmichael 10.30 am	Netherton 12.15	
August 14th	Kirkmichael 10.30 am	Glenshee Communion Service 12.15	
August 21st	Kirkmichael 10.30 am	Netherton 12.15	
August 28th	Kirkmichael 10.30 am	Glenshee 12.15	

GLENSHEE COMMUNION

It was decided at the last Kirk Session meeting that the date for the Communion at Glenshee be changed from April and October to the month of August. This will be an official card Communion and count towards attendance. It will also expand the season and give the opportunity to share in the Lord's Supper to those who are unable to come to either Kirkmichael or Netherton on other occasions.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

The Watch Night Service in Kirkmichael and the Carol Service in Ballintuin were well attended. It was good to see so many members of all denominations together, their differences forgotten.

Sunday School

At Netherton Mrs Pine-Coffin has been deputising during Mrs Noonan's absence in Australia. She says she is thoroughly enjoying the acquaintance of her young scholars. The attendance is regular despite the counter attractions of the snow up the Glen; we hear that some scholars do their ski-ing both before and after Church.

Guild News

The next meeting of Kirkmichael Branch is the AGM on Thursday, 21st April in the Session House when we look forward to welcoming Miss Barbara Steven back for the evening. A welcome is extended to all ladies wishing to join us to renew her acquaintance and catch up on her doings since she left us.

The joint outing for both branches is planned for Wednesday, 25th May in the afternoon, visiting Alyth Museum about 1 pm then driving to Glen Esk to the Retreat. Probably we will finish up with high tea at the Retreat. Details will be available from Mrs Dutton or Mrs Locke shortly.

LETTER FROM JANE BAKER

We have heard again from Jane from Glasgow. We apologise to her for making a mistake about her sponsorship, or lack of it from the American group. She says:

"My support for the first 2 years, apart from savings, included very valued help from friends, without which I couldn't have completed them - so I'd like credit to go where it's due."

Her letter continues - "Two girls from the flat above recently visited Glenshee Lodge and a girl who works there told them she doesn't know me but prays for me. Thank you to all of you who pray - it really does make a difference."

Jane has changed her job to a much more interesting one and has moved again. She says "the major change, though, has been in direction. Over the past couple of months it has been becoming more and more clear that God is opening a door for the future which will not involve going back to BTI but will involve directly relevant practical training the area of work is theological or Biblical teaching for pastors and lay leaders by correspondence course - a very great need in countries where the church is growing rapidly and needs trained leaders but there are neither sufficient places in Bible College nor enough money to send leaders there God has given me 2 years at Bible College and fat files of theology notes the next step will be to write to missionary societies involved in this work - and to keep on praying for the right doors to open.

This emerged following the time at Chester, when I learnt that seeking God's will and being obedient to it is more important than being particularly gifted I'd never been able to imagine what on earth I could do when I left BTI but when I learnt that God is completely trustworthy that I became sure He must have a plan for my life and the plan began to be revealed. It is good to know that He is in charge and can be trusted completely."

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

The following are the Church collections for the first few weeks of 1988. The Netherton and Glenshee Freewill Offerings area entered on the dates they are received at Kirkmichael Church. The heading "loose" indicates the collections actually in the plate.

<u>1</u> <u>1988</u>	<u>K.S & G</u> <u>F.W.O.</u>	<u>Kirkmichael</u> <u>Loose</u>	<u>Netherton</u> <u>Loose</u>
Jan 3	11.00	31.97	8.00
Jan 10	69.00	19.50	
Jan 17	16.00	19.10	20.40
Jan 24	30.00	10.25	
Jan 31	78.20	8.20	
Feb 7	21.50	9.00	9.00
Feb 14	107.00	14.00	
Feb 21	61.60	13.50	9.50
Feb 28	84.35	19.50	
Mar 6	70.50	10.00	

Getting Organised

The parish has completed an overhaul of the instrumentation in the churches.

The Kirkmichael Mason and Hanlin harmonium came from Straloch Church. It has been serviced at the Dunning workshop of Mr A F Ednonstone and bellows electrified. This instrument was a gift to Straloch Church in memory of Katie Hoyes of Straloch who died in 1939. The congregation enjoyed its mellow tones, but Miss Crichton feels bereaved of the electric one, gifted by the late F K Balfour of Kindrogan which she reckons more responsive: on the other hand, any amateur pales when confronted with this instrument in the session house in the hope of accompanying a hymn for the Guild.

Netherton Church is equipped with a similar but smaller Mason and Hanlin which originated in Persie Church, migrated to Cray, then to Glenshee and finally to Netherton. In Netherton it replaced a very tired old instrument, pronounced "not worth spending money on" by Mr Ednonstone. This was procured during Mr Hill's ministry and its electric bellows have been retained with a view to fitting to the Mason and Hanlin in due course. This last is in good voice having had its Dunning treatment.

We are grateful for congregational help in shunting about these sizable loads.

Glenshee Church will now be served, during its summer opening, by a very portable electronic keyboard, complete with carrying case and collapsible stand. This makes music that has proved acceptable to congregation at least at Netherton where it was used as a stop gap, and again at the World Day of Prayer Service in the Session House where it was used to by-pass the formidable electronic one beloved of Miss Crichton.

Easter Biscuits

3 oz butter or marg	2½oz caster sugar
1 egg separated	6oz self-raising flour
¼ pinch of salt	1½oz currants
½oz mixed peel, chopped	1 - 2 tbsps milk
a little caster sugar	

Cream the butter and sugar and beat in the egg yolk. Sift the flour with the salt and fold into the creamed mixture with the currants and peel. Add enough milk to give a fairly soft dough, cover and leave in a cool place to become firm. Knead lightly on a floured board and roll out $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thick. Cut into rounds using a fluted cutter about 2½ inches in diameter. Put on greased trays and bake for about 20 minutes until lightly coloured - after 10 minutes cooking brush the biscuits with the egg white, sprinkle with sugar and continue the cooking. Have a fairly hot oven. It makes about 15 to 20 biscuits.

THE KIRKMICHAEL SCHOOL JUMBLE SALE

Spring Cleaners please note! Jumble Sale and Cake and Candy Stalls etc. - Saturday, 23rd April 1988 at 2.30 pm in the School Hall.

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND BOOK SALE

St Catherine's Church Hall, Blairgowrie - Friday and Saturday, April 29th and 30th
Books, cassettes and stamps.

NEWS IN BRIEF

This is the season of the whist drives - the Kirknichael WRI Whist Drive and Raffle raised £92.50; the Ballintuin Hall Committee raised over £100 at their function and the Bridge of Cally Buffet Whist in aid of the Scottish War Blinded made £174.50 after all expenses were paid. The cost of the Hall was donated.

Sven Stewart (and his grandmother) would like to thank everyone who came to the talk on Greenland in Kirknichael School and contributed so generously to sponsor him on the British Schools Explorers Society expedition in the summer. With the collection and donations the magnificent sum of £84 was raised. Dr. Donaldson said he thoroughly enjoyed the evening and was very struck with the friendly spirit shown.

The Kirknichael WRI outing is to be held on Saturday, June 11th leaving the village at 9.30 am and visiting Traquair House near Peebles, returning at about 8 pm. As it is cheaper to hire a large bus the outing will be open to anyone who wishes to come and the more who come the cheaper it will be. Anyone who is interested can register with Mrs Horney, tel. Strathardle 389, from whom further details can be obtained.

Local Holiday Dates:

Blairstown	Monday, April 11th	Monday, May 16th	Tuesday, May 17th
	Monday, June 20th	Trades Holiday begins July 23rd	
Pitlochry	Monday, April 11th	Monday, May 9th	
Perth	Monday, April 4th	Monday, May 2nd	Monday, May 23rd
	Trades Holiday begins Saturday, July 2nd		

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We would like to thank Mrs Sheila Fleming for cutting all the stencils at short notice for the first issue. Mrs Margaret Brookes designed and drew the cover and (with the help of the Minister) did the duplicating.

It is hoped that the next issue will appear towards the end of June and that we will be able to fill it with interesting material. Suggestions and criticisms would be welcome and we would particularly like to be told news of any kind. As we are hoping to distribute the Sheet eventually to every house in the Parish it should be a useful way of publicising any forthcoming event, but we repeat - IF WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT IT WE CAN'T PUT IT IN.

Please have all copy in our hands by June 10th. It may be sent to Mrs Stewart, 10 Glen Derby or to any of the Committee.

We would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and to Mrs McKean we send our warmest wishes and prayers that she may soon be on the road to recovery.

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