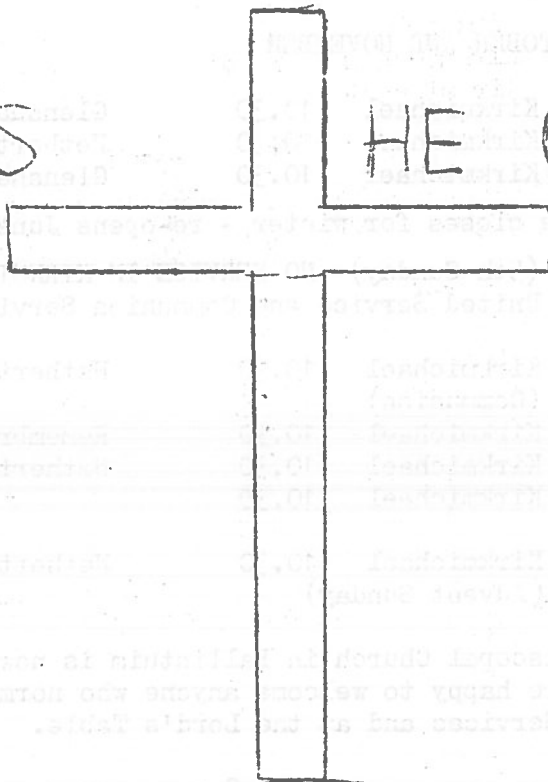


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THE PARISH OF
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SERVICES FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

October 9th	Kirkmichael	10.30	Glenshee	12.15
16th	Kirkmichael	10.30	Netherton	12.15
23rd	Kirkmichael	10.30	Glenshee	12.15

(Glenshee closes for winter - re-opens June 1989)

30th (5th Sunday) NO SERVICE IN KIRKMICHAEL
 United Service and Communion Service at Netherton 12.15

November 6th	Kirkmichael	10.30	Netherton	12.15
	(Communion)			
13th	Kirkmichael	10.30	Remembrance Sunday	
20th	Kirkmichael	10.30	Netherton	12.15
27th	Kirkmichael	10.30		

December 4th	Kirkmichael	10.30	Netherton	12.15
	(Advent Sunday)			

The Scottish Episcopal Church in Ballintuim is now closed for the winter months and we are happy to welcome anyone who normally worships there to join us in our Services and at the Lord's Table.

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Letter from the Minister

Manse of Glenshee
 September

My dear friends,

Sometimes we never think of health until something goes wrong, a 'bug' seems to do the rounds, colds, flu or chickenpox or perhaps even worse. The missionary Amy Carmichael wrote "Endure in your own flesh for a while the sharpness of unrelieved pain and you know what a divine thing the touch of the healer is" - the nicest thing about pain is when it stops. Yet pain is a gift, it tells us there is something wrong in the body; the leper (of which there are still cases in Britain) cannot feel pain. His nerves have been destroyed. He stands on a nail with his bare foot, or spills boiling water over his hand and feels nothing because the nerves have been destroyed - the warning is gone, the damage is done. We should thank God for physical health.

We are not just body but spirit as well. The real us that remains unchanged. We feed our bodies and take care of them. We have a whole medical system to keep us alive. Yet it is the body that will pass away, the spirit remains for always. Yet how much attention do we pay to our spiritual health? If you don't eat or take in liquid what happens? Well, the same thing happens to our spirit. How does the Christian feed the spirit? By worshipping God the source of life, our creator of the physical and spiritual side of us. By reading God's Word the Bible especially what it says about Jesus Christ who said "I am the Bread of Life" and "I am the Water of Life". Bread and water the basic stuff of life. Just as physical bread is converted to energy for our bodies needs, so the Holy Spirit puts the life of Jesus within us, without which we could not survive as Christians. John 6 v 53 "Jesus said to them 'most assuredly I say to you unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink His blood you have no life in you.' We do this at Communion, but Paul also describes the Word of God as 'meat on which we feed'. Worship, communion, reading and doing what the Word of God says. Prayer is to the spiritual life, what blood is to the physical life, without it we cannot survive. It is the blood of the individual and the Congregation. We pray in church but that is a drop in the ocean. Many of you pray on your own to God, this is vital: Jesus makes this clear in that passage from Matthew 6 v 5 5 - 15. In Luke 18 v 1 it says that "men ought always

Letter from the Minister cont'd:

to pray and not to lose heart". Church prayer, private prayer are not the only type of prayer. Jesus makes a promise about a specific kind of prayer; corporate prayer or a prayer meeting. Matthew 18 v 19 "if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask" and v 20 "for where two or three are gathered together in My Name I am there in the midst of them." This type of prayer also has a vital part to play in the life of a congregation - this congregation.

Realising this, the Session in keeping with other congregations, in the presbytery has appointed a prayer secretary - Mrs Patricia Falconer. We hope that Mrs Falconer may be able to help co-ordinate our prayers as a congregation so we pray at least for some of the same things, as well as keeping us informed of prayer needs. She is also able to offer help and guidance on beginning prayer or new types of prayer. Please feel free to contact Mrs Falconer or myself for any help we can give. I would ask you to receive her as you would receive me in your homes.

NOBODY is setting themselves up as an expert. NOBODY is saying they are better than anyone else. We must pray (I Thess. 5 v 17 'pray without ceasing') as individuals, as a congregation. We need one another's prayers, even the mighty Apostle Paul knew how much he depended on the prayers of the people. I Thess. 5 v 25 "Brethren, pray for us." Thank you to those who are answering that prayer now and in the past.

God Bless and keep you in Christ.

Alan McKean

PARISH REGISTER

Deaths: John David Low 21st August 1988

A friend writes: With Jack Low's death the Glen lost a fine friend and a great character.

Jack spent most of his life in the Glen, but during the War he went South to London where he was engaged in repairing bomb damage.

A keen fisherman, he cast a fly regularly until comparatively recently and his accounts of what he took out of the burns were well worth hearing. He was also interested in small bore shooting and was a supporter of the Enochdhu Club before the Range was burned down. We shall miss Jack and his stories of times gone by in the Glen told in such a shrewd and entertaining way. He was unmarried.

Mrs Mairie Macleod Park 21st August 1988

Mairie's gentle charm and quiet bravery endeared her to all of us who knew her from her visits from Stornoway to her daughter and we were greatly saddened by her sudden death. As well as Susan her only daughter, she leaves a little grand-daughter to whom she was devoted. The funeral service was held in the Episcopal Church in Ballintuim.

CHURCH FLOWERS

We are greatly indebted to Mrs Margaret Locke who ensures that there are always beautiful flowers in the Church but there are a great many gaps on the list in the Church which could be filled by anyone who has a special day of remembrance.

PRAYING TOGETHER

The job of the congregational prayer secretary is to encourage and promote personal and corporate prayer within the congregation in consultation with the Minister and with the agreement of the Kirk Session.

Three ideas have been approved by our Kirk Session for a start:

- 1 There is a group meeting for prayer at the Manse on Thursday mornings to which you are most welcome; or, if you have something you are greatly concerned about either phone or write (anonymously if you prefer) and the matter will be treated in confidence and taken before the Lord in prayer.
- 2 In the pews on Sunday mornings you will be finding prayers for you to use as you wait for the service to begin. These can be taken away for use at home because:
- 3 We are going to have a designated prayer time each week when all who wish to join in can pray in their own homes for the chosen topic. The fact that we are all praying together, in spirit if not in body, will add weight to our prayers. "If two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in Heaven." Matthew 18 v 19. The day and time will be chosen after consultation with as many people as possible. Apologies in advance if it's not the time most appropriate for you, but please pray anyway at your own convenience.

In answer to the prayers of hundreds God provided all the money by the given date to buy the Compass Christian Centre. In answer to the prayers of probably hundreds of thousands God broke the power of the hurricane before it reached Texas. He is a great and faithful God, and it will be exciting to see Him work in our parish and beyond.

Tricia Falconer (Prayer Secretary)

THE WOMAN'S GUILD

President	Mrs Tricia Falconer	Secretary	Mrs Elizabeth Dutton
Vice-President	Mrs Marjorie Stewart	Treasurer	Mrs Ethel Duncan
October 5th	Glenshee Lodge 7.15 pm	The Guild Theme: "Christ's Way: Our Challenge" Mr A Falconer	
November 3rd	Session House 7.15 pm	W.R.V.S. The Perth District Organiser Mrs J Milne	
December 7th	Wednesday 2.30-5.00 pm Kirkmichael Hall Party for Senior Citizens		

Presbytery Council Meeting

October 19th	Kettins Church 7.45 pm	Speaker Mrs Bartholomew "From Drugs to Heaven"
	(Delegates meet 7.00 pm)	

LOCAL HOLIDAYS

Blairgowrie	October 10th	
Perth	October 10th	
Pitlochry	October 10th	November 14th
Schools Resume	October 17th	

..... I have just returned from the HQ of WEC (Worldwide Evangelisation for Christ) near London, where I went for a weekend for people seeking further involvement in missionary work. It was very enjoyable and informative and I was impressed by the quiet and practical but very strong faith of the "Weccers" as they are called - which must be what makes the atmosphere there so very peaceful. The most important part of the weekend for me was, however, an informal interview with the candidates' secretary. As my positive feelings about WEC had been confirmed over the weekend I was very happy to be encouraged to apply formally. This will take over a year but although it seems a long time, everybody involved wants to be sure I am in the right place doing the right thing before I go. So I am not being kept waiting, or having second thoughts, but going through a very thorough process - which is better than taking the big step of going overseas to a very different culture and not being mature enough to cope and rushing home in six months!

Meanwhile, the next stage of preparation seems to be auxiliary nursing if I can find a place: good experience of working with people (which I feel I need), and several people have given other reasons also why it can be excellent preparation for any intending missionary. Humanly speaking I am not looking forward to it, but it will be good to prove that if you are doing what God wants you to do, then He is in it with you.

Looking back, I am very pleased to have both diplomas now - the BTI one and the external Cambridge one which I spent the first half of this year studying for. Earlier this summer I returned to Chester for Tell-a-Tourist. It was that bit easier this year to talk to people and between them the 20 members of the team talked to people from 63 different countries from all round the world! We had some very worthwhile conversations and many people took Scripture portions or John's Gospel in their own language - everything from Welsh to Japanese!

As I move on to the next stage with WEC I am very much aware of two things - that God is guiding step by step and following that path is anything but boring.

J.B.

Holishkas - a recipe for a cold day

1 cabbage	1 onion	2 tablespoonfuls long grain rice
2 tablespoonfuls chicken fat or marg	1 lb mince	
$\frac{1}{2}$ breakfast cup chicken stock	Salt and pepper	

Remove stalk end from cabbage. Simmer for 5 minutes then plunge it in and out of cold water. Remove 12 leaves keeping them whole and cut away tough stalk.

Fry the finely chopped onion in fat till soft and golden. Add rice and cook for 2 or 3 minutes till it loses its gloss. Stir in the stock (can be made from cube) and cook slowly till absorbed. Add to steak with seasonings. Place a spoonful on each leaf, fold sides over and roll up. Lay neatly side by side in a shallow dish.

Sweet & Sour sauce - 2 tablespoonfuls brown sugar, juice of lemon, 1 small can tomato puree and twice its bulk of water.

Pour over to barely cover. Cover dish and cook for 2 hours, Gas mark 2, 140°C. Uncover and cook for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour to brown. Gas mark 4, 180°C. If you pre-cook the mince you don't need to cook it for so long. If there is too much filling just put it into the dish round the parcels.

"It's a hard life being human but at least you don't die from boredom."
(Rabbi Blue's grandfather)

SCOTTISH QUIZ

Mrs Lindsay has prepared a Scottish Quiz which is available with a donation of 20p to help to pay the costs of the News Sheet. Have you got yours yet? It can be had from Milne's shop in Kirkmichael and the Bridge of Cally Post Office. There is a small prize for the first correct entry opened.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE RURALS

Ballintuim meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month. They are losing their President, Mrs Sibbald, who is sadly leaving the district.

Blackwater who meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month are having a Whist Drive on the 18th November with a Cake and Candy Stall. Blackwater Hall 7.30 pm

Bridge of Cally have an Open Meeting on October 4th with a speaker from the Milk Marketing Board. Raffle. Bridge of Cally 7.30 pm. They are having a Jumble Sale on March 18th. Save your jumble for this. Details later.

Glenshee are holding a Dance on Friday 14th October. Please note change of date. Two members of this small Rural won two of the most prestigious cups at the Strathardle Show - Mrs Tullock who won the Sinagoca Cup and Mrs Elizabeth Stewart the Jubilee Rose Bowl.

Kirkmichael are holding their Whist Drive on 11th November in the Hall at 7.30 pm Normally they meet on the 2nd Thursday but the October meeting will be on the 6th October (the 1st Thursday).

NEWS IN BRIEF

Basket Whist in aid of Straloch School. Friday 21st October 7.15 pm Kirkmichael Hall. Sales Table. Raffle.

Ballintuim WRI Whist Drive will be a Hostess Whist at 7.30 pm on 4th November.

Victoria Kiero won a prize for a work featuring Larch at the Dunkeld and Birnam Arts Festival.

Tracy and Catriona continue to do well with their singing. They are now competing in the under 18 class but still managed to come a very creditable fifth at the National Mod in Glasgow. Mrs Dutch is to be congratulated too for their successes.

The Wednesday Club will meet next on the 19th October.

The Junior Youth Club meet in the Kirkmichael Hall on Wednesdays from 6.15 - 7.45 Membership £1 Session Fee 40p.
The Senior Youth Club meet in the Hall from 8 - 10.00 pm. The first meeting is on Wednesday October 5th and all Secondary School ages are welcome.

ACROSS THE GLENS EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

Mrs Elizabeth Dutton

Mrs Jean Lindsay

Miss Caroline Macgregor

Mrs Marjorie Stewart

We are again grateful to Mrs Yvonne Clark for typing our stencils and with Mrs Brookes and a little advice from Mr Leslie Johnston almost mastering the duplicator! Perhaps it will get easier as time goes on. The next issue will be a Christmas number so please have all material in our hands by December 7th.