

# CANONBIE CHRONICLES

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News from Canonbie United Parish Church

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## Border Strathspey & Reel Society

will be giving a

### *Concert*

in Canonbie United Parish Church

on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at 7:30pm

Tickets: £7 adults; £3.50 for under 18's, inc. glass of wine/soft drink.

From: - Dorothy 71227; Lorraine 80719; Chris 71362

We shall be celebrating

### *Communion*

on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2010, 11:30am

All Welcome.

Please join us

Canonbie United Parish Church

### *Stated Annual Meeting*

In church, after Morning Service, 11:30am

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2010

Please come along and hear about the work of your church in this community

In Canonbie Church, there is a

#### *Saturday Night Drop-In*

for teenagers, 7-9pm.

20 February & 6 March

Games, Youth Café, somewhere to meet.

A musical experiment for teenagers

#### *God Rocks*

Form a band, sing and write songs.

If you've got what it takes....then turn up!

Canonbie Church, Friday 26 February &

Friday 5 March, 7:30pm.

From our Minister

The Manse  
Newcastleton

LENT - what does it make you think of? Giving up chocolate?

Lent was first introduced to the church in the 4<sup>th</sup> century, as a time of preparation for Easter. At first it was 36 days; 4 days were added on in AD 487, to make the link with Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness. In the Bible, the number 40 is very significant (for example, the Flood lasted 40 days and nights; the Jews spent 40 years travelling from Egypt to the Promised Land).

However, if you count the days in Lent, you will find there are more than 40. The reason is we do not count the Sundays - they are days to celebrate Resurrection. So if you are giving something up for Lent, the good news is you can have Sundays off!

So how should we prepare ourselves for Lent? One simple exercise is to draw a Cross on a piece of paper. Look at it, and remember Jesus died on a cross to show the depth of God's love for us. Then in each "quarter" of the cross think of and write down four things: -

1. SELF DENIAL. Think of something you might give up for Lent, maybe sweets or a favourite TV programme. Each time you think of it, it reminds you of what Jesus gave up for you.
2. ACTION. Think of something extra you can do, maybe read an extra portion of scripture every day.
3. SACRIFICE. Think of something you could give away to help someone else.
4. SHARE. Think of something you could share with someone else, maybe a skill, a favourite book, or just some time.

In this way, we can use Lent to prepare us to celebrate Easter again this year.

God Bless  
Steve.

## QUIET SPACE

Our Church is open for quiet prayer and reflection every Tuesday from 10:30am to 12 noon.

The Minister, Revd. Steve Fulcher, will be in attendance for private conversations if required.  
Tea and coffee will be available.

The church key is available at other times from Kirklands ( the old manse, next to the church).

*Are you interested in All Age Worship?*

Then enrol for a workshop:

## COMMUNICATING TO ALL AGES IN WORSHIP

At the Border Kirk, Chapel Street, Carlisle.  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 10am to 2pm.

Revd. Linda Pollock, the Church of Scotland Children's Ministry Adviser and author of "Child Friendly Church" will be the guest trainer.

Contact: Revd. Pauline Steenbergen to book a place. Tel. 01228 593243

e-mail: pauline.steenbergen@virgin.net

The Youth Group will be having an

## *Earthquake in Canonbie*

over the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> March.

Better known as an 'Earthquake Survivor', these people will be sleeping in a tarpaulin tented camp and living on beans and rice for the weekend. No luxuries, change of clothes, to get the feel of what it's like to live after an earthquake. Over the weekend, they will be looking for odd jobs to do in the community, only asking for a donation to the Haitian earthquake appeal. Sponsors needed for the weekend sleep-out.

So store up your tasks and let the Editor know what these people can do for you for some wee cash!

**Christian life in Canonbie, Spring 2010.** Our youth workers, **Dan, Joe and Rich**, helped by Ian Macgregor are successfully developing '**Church on the Move**' - an initiative which involves a growing range of God inspired, youth-led projects which are developing fresh expressions of church for young people in Eskdale & Gretna. '**Sport 4 Life**' is proving popular in primary schools and the three lads have been welcomed into **Langholm Academy**. Monthly events such as the **Eskdale Youth Café, Engage at Canonbie and Newcastleton** continue to be popular. Other events in Canonbie are on the front page. A **Young Adults** house group has been formed following two informal social evenings. Contact Denise Morrison (71381).

**Café Canonbie.** Throughout February, we have been running a trial on having tea and coffee before the Morning Service on Sunday, rather than afterwards. We thought it would be a good idea to meet and chat and do things in church when there is more time for most people before the service, particularly if we need to get away at lunchtime. The church will be open from 10:30am and the trial will run at least to Communion Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> March. Let the Elders know what you think.

We are still looking for someone with secretarial skills (or the willingness to learn) to take notes and distribute minutes for Board meetings. Can you help? Please contact the Editor.

**TELL US WHAT YOU THINK**.....about this newsheet, about church etc.....anything!. We can, at least pray about it. Comments, criticisms, questions to: Anthony Lane, Beechwood, Canonbie, DG14 0SY. Tel. 013873 71386, e-mail: antolane@hotmail.com