

**CRUDEN
PARISH
CHURCH**

**BULLETIN
MARCH 2008**

ANNUAL STATED MEETING

of

CRUDEN PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 9 March 2008 (as part of the morning service)

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON
SESSION COMMITTEES

RETIRING AND SERVING

We would thank for their service over the last year the members retiring having completed 3 years of service

Mr David Lamb, Mrs Mary McNaughtan, Mrs Isobel Young,

Those who continue to serve on our Session Committees are:

Mrs Liz Carnie, Mrs Lynsey Savage, Mrs Helen Smith.

Three of the elders ordained last summer had served on our Session Committees previously. **This results in a further 3 vacancies.**

As always, those nominated for service should either be present to declare their willingness to accept nomination or have given previous assurance that they are willing to serve.

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING THERE WILL BE 6 VACANCIES TO FILL.

If there are more nominations than vacancies, those nominated will retire to the vestry and voting will be done by a show of hands.

DIARY DATES

MARCH 2008

EACH WEEK

Wednesdays 7.30 pm Choir Practices in the Old Hall
Sundays 10.00 am Children's Sunday Club in the Old Church & Stables

Fair-Trade Fortnight 25 February – 9 March

Sunday 2nd	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Old Church
		Adult Sunday School	Funerals and Bereavement	11.30 am
Wednesday 5th	:	Coffee and Chat	10.30 am	Old Hall
Friday 7th	:	WORLD DAY OF PRAYER	7.00 pm	Congregational Church
Sunday 9th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Old Church
		Annual Stated Meeting		
		Adult Sunday School	Confirmation and Membership	11.30 am
Monday 10th	:	Video Group	7.30 pm	Burnview, Main Street, Cruden Bay
Tuesday 11th	:	Guild Presbyterial Council AGM	7.30 pm	St Fergus
Sunday 16th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Old Church
		Buchan Battalion Boys' Brigade	2 pm	Old Church

Monday 17th – Thursday 20th HOLY WEEK REFLECTIONS AND WORSHIP 7 pm Cruden Old Church

Friday 21st	:	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE	7.00 pm	Old Church
		Informal Celebration of Holy Communion		
Sunday 23rd	:	EASTER SERVICE	10.00 am	Old Church
Monday 24th	:	Kirk Session	7.30 pm	Old Hall
Sunday 30th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Old Church
		Sacrament of Holy Communion		
		Guest Preacher and Celebrant	Very Rev Cannon Gerald	Stranraer Mull
		Cruden Churches Walk	11.30 am	Tarves
Monday 31st	:	The Guild	7.30 pm	Old Hall
		Back in the Past	Very Rev Cannon Gerald	Stranraer Mull

MARCH HYMN BOOK - CH4

FROM THE MINISTER 20 February 2008

Dear Friends

What a busy time of year with so many things happening!

I would invite you to respond positively to our Annual Stewardship Campaign and in particular to welcome whoever comes to collect your card – even if you choose not to return the card which, of course, I hope you won't do.

As soon as this Bulletin is out we embark on Fairtrade Fortnight and now we are recognised as a Fairtrade congregation it is only right that we support this event. You will see further details elsewhere in the Bulletin.

It is now three years since Sena Allan was with us as a Reader-in-Training for the Church of Scotland. The Presbytery of Buchan has asked us again to receive someone for a final attachment to complete her training. Once we are in March, we shall welcome to Cruden Church Alice MacLeod who has accepted my invitation to say something about herself. You will find that on another Bulletin page.

This Easter instead of a Lent Bible Study series we shall be having a daily time of Reflection and Worship during Holy Week starting on Monday 17 March. This will be held at 7 pm in the Old Church and on Good Friday will include, as usual, an informal celebration of Holy Communion. I hope that a number of people will take this opportunity to come along to some of those evenings and so prepare themselves for the celebration of Easter.

The Very Rev Gerald Stranraer-Mull is retiring in the next few weeks from his position as Rector of St Mary's, Ellon and St James', Cruden Bay. To mark his long association with us, the Kirk Session invited Gerald to be with us for the celebration of Communion at the end of March and I am delighted to say that he has accepted this invitation.

Your friend and minister

Rodger Naylor

PARISH REGISTER

NO ENTRIES THIS MONTH

HOLY
COMMUNION



30 March
Old Church 10 am

Duty Elders

Nanette Craig, Annie McNaughton,
Peter Slamaker, Sandy Smith, Kate Clark, Annette Garden,
Margaret Jamieson, Irene Will, Sandy Beedie, Jack Young.

NEXT COFFEE and CHAT OLD HALL WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH 10.30 am

This next Pancake Coffee and Chat Morning is within Fairtrade Fortnight. On that occasion we would like to use the collection to give a “Gift for Life”. From as little as £8 we could help a bee farmer in Tanzania plan his business to make enough money to feed, clothe and educate his children.

Come and join us and help Fairtrade.

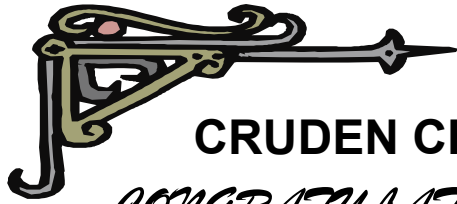
THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL COME
OUT ON **30 MARCH**. Copy for inclusion to be handed
in to the Manse as soon as possible.

Fair-Trade Fortnight 25 February – 9 March

Cruden Church is a Fair-Trade Church. This year it has been decided to recognise that fact and to remind ourselves that we can support Fair-Trade by selling their products. Such an opportunity will be available to us on Sundays 2 and 9 March. There will be a stall after the morning services. Also “Fair Trade Treats” with the teas and coffees.

Make sure you are there to buy and enjoy!!

A Bookstall is available at the end of the morning services on the first two Sundays in March.



CRUDEN CHURCH FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS

to Mr & Mrs J Simpson, 108 Braehead Drive, Cruden Bay who will be celebrating their Golden Wedding this month.

The minister would welcome, in writing please, any news for this feature in the Bulletin



INTRODUCING ALICE MACLEOD

Hello, I am Alice MacLeod and I am a Reader-in Training.

I was born and brought up in Aultbea, Wester Ross, coming to Grampian in 1976. I work as a Territory Manager, covering Highland, Orkney and Shetland for WRVS, a national charitable organisation, which aims to enable elderly people to get more out of life. My home is in Fetterangus and I am a member and elder in Deer Parish having transferred from Savoch in the mid 90s.

My third and final placement is with your congregation at Cruden, where I hope to progress to an acceptable standard through the constructive guidance of you all. (Should anyone take note of Buchan Presbytery Readers, I should explain that I have just returned to training, having had to suspend my programme due to family illness).

I would like to extend my prayerful gratitude to the minister and the congregation of Cruden Parish Church for this opportunity. God bless you all.

Alice MacLeod

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

7 pm Friday 7th March

Congregational Church

Christian women of Guyana invite men, women and young people from around the world to share with them in the World Day of Prayer Services being held on Friday 7 March. The chosen theme is "God's Wisdom provides new Understanding".

The cooperative Republic of Guyana is located on the northern coast of South America, but culturally is Caribbean and it is considered part of the West Indies. It is the only English-speaking country on the continent. It was known as British Guiana but on becoming independent in 1966, it adopted the name Guyana. The capital is Georgetown. Guyana is an Amerindian word which means "Land of Many Waters".

Presently, Guyana operates in an ecumenical society where all churches unite for the common goal of Christianity. Each denomination is represented on the World Day of Prayer national Committee.



CRUDEN CHURCH GUILD

Wilma Moir welcomed 24 members and guests to the first Guild meeting of 2008. The singing of Be still for the presence of the Lord was followed by Shonah Taylor reading Isaiah Chapter 40, versus 25-31 and a prayer from Anne Smith. Wilma invited Janice Thain to speak to us about her work with Alzheimer's Scotland. Having been involved in the work of Alzheimer's in Scotland for 9 years, we enjoyed a most enlightening talk learning about the services available, home support, day care, care homes, how to reduce the risks and the procedure for initial consultation. Kathleen Craig gave a comprehensive vote of thanks and served us a most enjoyable cup of tea. The evening closed with the singing of Love divine, all loves excelling and the Lord's Prayer

**Our next meeting is on Monday 31st March when the Very Rev
Canon Gerald Stranraer Mull will be our guest speaker.**

Rosemary Pittendrigh

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

This month with the Bulletin you should find the annual commitment card issued to members. Within the next three weeks, these cards will be collected by a church visitor. It is a boost to the church when our members participate in the campaign by returning a card.

WATCH AND TALK GROUP

On 11 February we viewed the second session of the video God's Global City, which aimed to show how Christians in Africa try to serve the whole person. In Uganda church members sing and dance in worship then go out to show the love of Jesus through vocational training. The clergy in Kenya adopt an holistic approach by aiming to meet the spiritual, mental, social and health needs of their people.

In our discussion we compared the enthusiasm of the African Churches with our more sedate forms of worship. We felt that the peaceful scenes in the video were in contrast to the recent TV pictures we have seen of the present troubles in Kenya

.Archbishop Gitari from Kenya is quoted as saying " Those in authority, are quite happy when the church participates in education, health, agriculture, famine relief and other humanitarian activities. But the moment we ask what is the root cause of poverty, ignorance, disease and death some politicians will tell us to keep away from politics and confine ourselves to spiritual matters."

We felt that this could well apply to the thinking in our own country.

We considered mission in a world context and the ways in which we in Cruden are involved through Fair Trade, our gifts to Ekwendeni, Christian Aid and through the World Day of Prayer.

The next meeting will be on 10 March at the home of Marilyn Samways.

Annette Garden

Members of the congregation are invited to attend the annual parade of the Buchan Battalion of the Boys' Brigade to Cruden Parish Church on the afternoon of Sunday 16 March.

CONGREGATIONAL WALKS

At our planning meeting held on 14 February regular we were pleased to welcome some new faces. In an enthusiastic discussion considering many new walks, it was requested we walk every month throughout next winter, weather permitting. The agreed programme of walks is as follows.

Sunday 30 March	Tarves
Sunday 20 April	Aberdeen March Stones
Sunday 18 May	Sand of Forvie
Saturday 14 June	Loch Muick
Saturday 12 July	Fochabers, to Spay Bay
15-17 August	Badaguish Weekend
Sunday 14 September	Portsoy to Findlater
Sunday 12 October	Old Slains to Collieston
Sunday 16 November	New Pitsligo
Monday 22 December	Cruden Bay to Hatton
Sunday 11 January	Ellon Riverside
Sunday 8 February	Logie Buchan, Auchmacoy

The first walk is at Tarves leaving the Old Church Hall at 11.30 am. This walk can vary in length to suit anyone who wishes to join us. Bring a picnic and a friend and enjoy a good afternoon walk and chat. If you require further information please contact me on 01771 624280

Robert Petticrew

LIFE and WORK - MARCH ISSUE

THE MAGAZINE OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND -

EASTER PASSION Donald Smith, Director of the Scottish Storytelling Centre, explores the history and growth of the Easter Passion play.

THE JOY OF CHRISTIANITY This month's profile features the retired Vicar of Lindisfarne David Adam, well-known writer on Celtic Christianity.

CROSSING BOUNDARIES The Moderator the Rt Rev Sheilagh Kesting demonstrates how the Church is living out the Easter Gospel.

NORTHERN GEMS The series on Scotland's cathedrals features Dornoch, Fortrose and Elgin.

WORSHIP MIX Douglas Galbraith explores what makes Presbyterian services special and how they offer a considerable legacy to other Churches.

THE ROAD TO EMMAUS The Very Rev Dr James Simpson takes a fresh look at some of the Resurrection stories.

And more.... columns for elders and young people; book reviews; lively letters; news from far and near; monthly prayer; prize crosswords.... all for £1.60!

SUNDAY MORNING DUTIES OLD CHURCH 10 am

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Children
2 Mar	Liz Carnie Mary McNaughtan	Elizabeth Bruce	Beatrice Fawkes Liz Bruce	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Beatrice Fawkes S or C Skinner Charlotte Lamb
9 Mar	John Lamb Norma Forman	Jean Beedie	Marilyn Samways Alison Neilson	Karla Buswell Marie Forsyth Brenda Cadger Joyce Fowlie Charlotte Lamb
16 Mar	John Lamb Norma Forman	Mary Bratton	Betty Forrester Mary Bratton	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Mary Bratton S or C Skinner Charlotte Lamb
23 Mar	Liz Carnie Lindsey Savage	Mary Coutts	Elma Cumming Jessie MacDonald	Easter Holidays
30 Mar	Betty Forrester Lindsey Savage	Beatrice Fawkes	Norma Forman Mary Coutts	Easter Holidays
6 Apr	Wallace Donaldson Michael Buchan	Mary McNaughtan	Liz Carnie Alison Neilson	Easter Holidays
13 Apr	Wallace Donaldson Michael Buchan	Mary Bratton	Doreen Buchan Sharon Rennie	Karla Buswell Marie Forsyth Brenda Cadger Sharon Rennie Charlotte Lamb
20 Apr	Kathleen Craig Iris Durno	Elma Watson	Mary Coutts Marilyn Samways	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Beatrice Fawkes S or C Skinner Charlotte Lamb
27 Apr	Betty Forrester Lindsey Savage	Jean Beedie	Norma Forman Margaret Adams	Karla Buswell Marie Forsyth Brenda Cadger Joyce Fowlie Charlotte Lamb

TO THOSE ON SUNDAY DUTY If you are unable to fulfil your door duty, please try to find your own replacement before informing Sandy Beedie - 841370.

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Session Clerk Sandy Beedie
Treasurer Rosemary Pittendrigh

District Elders	
<i>Hatton</i>	Betty Forrester
"	Margaret Jamieson
<i>Rural</i>	Robert Esson
"	Robert Petticrew
<i>Peterhead</i>	Sandy Smith
<i>Cruden Bay</i>	Jack Young
"	Kate Clark
"	Betty May

Church Officer	David Singleton
Bond Treasurer	Muriel Cantlay
WFO Treasurer	Annette Garden
Roll Keeper	Mary McNaughtan
Presbytery Elder	Sandy Beedie
Child Protection Co-ordinator	Kathleen Craig
Life & Work	Isobel Young
Christian Aid	Mary Esson
Junior Church	Katherine Hyman
Communion	Adrian Smith
Guild	Muriel Cantlay
Flowers	Betty Forrester
Cleaning Co-ordinator	Beatrice Fawkes
Old Church Teas	Mary Esson
Church Walks	Robert Petticrew
Transport Co-ordinators	
	(Hatton) Sandy Beedie
	(Cruden Bay) Rosemary Pittendrigh
Press Officer	Beatrice Fawkes
Missionary Partner Correspondent	Betty May

Committee Conveners

Finance	Rosemary Pittendrigh
Property	Robert Esson
Social	Muriel Cantlay
Education & Worship	John Lamb
Membership	Kathleen Craig
Outreach	Wilma Moir
District Elders	Betty May