

CRUDEN PARISH CHURCH

DECEMBER 2009



Pictured are the 5 elders who were presented on 1 November with Long Service Certificates signed by the Moderator of the General Assembly. From left to right – Wallace Donaldson, Betty Smith, Adrian Smith, Kathleen Craig and Sandy Smith.

DIARY DATES

DECEMBER 2009

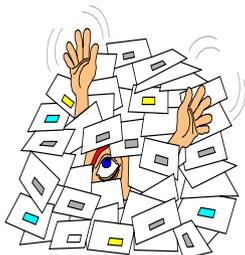
EACH WEEK

Sundays 10.00 am Children's Sunday Club in the Church & Stables

Wednesday 2nd	:	Coffee and Chat	10.30 am	Hall
		Choir Practice	7.30 pm	Hall
Sunday 6th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	
		Advent Study	6.30 pm	Hall
Sunday 13th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	
		CHRISTINGLE SERVICE	4.00 pm	
		Advent Study	6.30 pm	Hall
Monday 14th	:	The Guild Christmas Meal	7.00 pm	
Wednesday 16th	:	Choir Practice	7.30 pm	Hall
Sunday 20th	:	FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE	10.00 am	
		followed by Christmas Brunch in the Hall		
Thursday 24th	:	WATCHNIGHT SERVICE	11.30 pm	
Friday 25th	:	CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE	10.00 am	
Sunday 27th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	

DECEMBER HYMN BOOK - CH4

POSTAGE STAMPS



Please do not throw away the stamps from your cards this Christmas. Those attending church on Sundays are invited to bring used postage stamps cut carefully from envelopes and postcards. Please place them in the receptacle by the Church notice board. If you cannot bring them yourself, please ask a friend to do so.

SOUPER SUNDAY 10 January 2010

See next Bulletin for details.

PARISH REGISTER

*denotes member

BAPTISMS

Sarah Buchan, 151 Braehead Drive, Cruden Bay.
Findlay Mackintosh, 1 Collieburn Crescent, Peterhead.

WEDDING

24 October- John Hoey & Tracy Morrison, 23 King Street, Peterhead

DEATH

*Mr James Adamson, 12 Hatton Farms Gardens, Hatton.

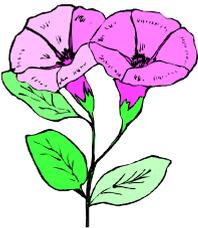
NEW MEMBER BY PROFESSION OF FAITH

Mrs Debbie Macintosh, 1 Collieburn Crescent, Peterhead.

TO THOSE ON SUNDAY DUTY

If unable to do door duty, please inform Sandy Beedie - 841370. If unable to do tea duty, please inform Wilma Moir - 841516. We would prefer, if you are unable to fulfil your duty, that you endeavour to find your own replacement before informing Sandy or Wilma as appropriate.

2010 FLOWER CALENDAR



Calendar for the Old Church will now be found on the notice board at the Church and members are invited to add their name beside any date on which they would wish to place flowers on the communion table. The gift of such flowers is always greatly appreciated. In particular, it is hoped that the early months of next year will soon be filled up.

THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL COME OUT ON **27 DECEMBER**. Copy for inclusion to be handed in to the Manse as soon as possible.

SUNDAY MORNING DUTIES

10 am

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Junior Church
6 Dec	Shonah Taylor Peter Slamaker	Rosemary Reid	Elizabeth Bruce Betty Forrester	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid C or S Skinner Mary Bratton Charlotte Lamb
13 Dec	Mary Bratton Betty May	Betty Forrester	Elma Cumming Margaret Adams	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger C or S Skinner Helen Smith Charlotte Lamb
20 Dec	Mary Bratton Betty May	Beatrice Fawkes	CHRISTMAS BRUNCH	Nativity Service
27 Dec	Isobel Young Robert Esson	Robert Esson	Rosemary Reid Alison Neilson	Holiday
3 Jan	Isobel Young Robert Esson	Muriel Cantlay	Wilma Moir Lewis McKechnie	Holiday
10 Jan	Muriel Cantlay Sandy Smith	Muriel Cantlay	Margaret Adams Margaret Jamieson	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger C or S Skinner Mary Bratton Charlotte Lamb
17 Jan	Muriel Cantlay Sandy Smith	Violet Penny	Jessie Macdonald Elizabeth Bruce	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid C or S Skinner Helen Smith Charlotte Lamb
24 Jan	Iris Durno Sandy Beedie	Beatrice Fawkes	Anne Cadey Marilyn Samways	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger C or S Skinner Joyce Fowlie Charlotte Lamb

Available after the service : Cruden Church Christmas Cards £3 per pack of ten (5 each of two designs) or £5 for two packs. Also Cruden Church Paperweights, packaged to make an attractive Christmas present - £10 each.

FROM THE MINISTER *18 November* ***2009***

Dear Friends

Christmas Services

What memories do you have of childhood Christmases? Many people can feel nostalgic when they recollect their favourite Christmas memories. That is why at Christmas time many people want to come to church when the rest of the year we do not see them. There will be other people who might be thinking they would like to come to sing carols but won't get round to it without a little encouragement. This is where YOU can help! If you are coming to one of our Christmas services (and I hope you are coming to more than one) and if opportunity comes your way in the course of a conversation with a friend or neighbour, why don't you ask them if they would like to come to one of the services?

Churchyard

Last December I mentioned that I had spoken to Councillor Stephen Smith at a funeral about the state of the graveyard path. He promised to raise this with Council officials and in the spring the path was improved. This month I can report that Councillor Smith, who brings a Council poppy wreath on Remembrance Sunday, remembered from last year the difficulty I have in attaching all our wreaths to the graveyard War Memorial gate. This year it was good to place the wreaths into the holders now fixed to the wall and I am grateful to Councillor Smith for his help in getting this done.

New Responsibility

You might see a little less of me next year because you will have to share me with another congregation. I have been asked by the Presbytery of Buchan to be Interim Moderator of Deer Parish Church which will become vacant at the end of this year with the retirement of the Rev James Wishart. I agreed to take this on aware that it will mean on certain Sundays I will have to be in Old Deer and not Cruden. I will also be required to attend officebearers' meetings and, as far as my own parish responsibilities allow, provide pastoral cover including weddings and funerals.

Your friend and minister

Rodger Nairn

Peace
On Earth

CHRISTMAS IN CRUDEN CHURCH

There will be a **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE** at the Old Church at 4 pm on **Sunday 13 December**. This service, where everyone present receives a Christingle (an orange with a candle) is particularly suitable for children to come to.

The children of the Junior Church will be involved in the Family Service on the **20th**. After the service, our annual **CHRISTMAS BRUNCH** will be served in the Hall.

Season's Greetings

The Church will be open at 11:05 pm (**and not before!**) on **Christmas Eve** for the **WATCHNIGHT SERVICE** and as soon as enough people are in the church, carol singing will begin. The service will start around 11.30 pm, finishing at about 12.10 am.

The **CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE** will be held in the Church at 10 am. Children coming are invited to bring along one of their Christmas presents.

THINKING OF OTHERS

At the **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day** services there will be an opportunity to make an offering which the Kirk Session has decided this year should go to support the **SCOTTISH BIBLE SOCIETY'S** backing of the Brazil Bible Society's project in **THE REMOTE NORTH EAST OF BRAZIL TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL MEDICAL, DENTAL AND SPIRITUAL CARE**. We are so aware of the extreme poverty in many parts of Africa but it is just as bad in the remoter parts of South America.



CHRISTingle service

in **cruden CHURCH**

4 pm Sunday 13 December 2009
come along & bring a friend or two

an initiative of cruden parish junior church

Ythan Singers Christmas Concert

“CHRISTMAS CHEER”

Sunday 13 December
at 3 pm in
Ellon Parish Church
Kirk Centre
Mince Pies and Tea
Collection at door for
the Salvation Army

Ythan Singers Scottish Charity

Peterhead Choral Society Christmas Concert

Sunday 6 December
at 7.30 pm in
Old Deer

Parish Church
including carols and
readings with Paul
Tierney (baritone) and
George Chittenden
(organ). Refreshments
will be served.

Admission by donation.

Blood Donor Session this Christmas in Peterhead are as follows

DATES Sunday 20 and 27 December

TIMES 10 am to 12.30 pm and 2.15 pm to 4.30 pm

PLACE Peterhead Football Club

The gift of your blood might be the greatest gift you will give this Christmas!

WATCH and TALK GROUP 9th November

THE REFORMATION

According to the records, the Reformation had been grumbling away in the background before the actions of Martin Luther, the German Protestant Reformer, brought it bubbling to the surface.

Martin Luther, born 1483, was ordained as a priest in 1507. His desire to try and reform the corrupt practices of the priests and noblemen of the time and the subsequent actions taken by him eventually reverberated across most of Europe including England. It could be said that his actions unintentionally caused a religious revolution and many people suffered and died in their attempt to rebel against the Catholic Faith and unfortunately they appeared to lose sight of their original goal. Luther, himself, became alarmed at the behaviour of the extremists.

To allow the ordinary people to understand the Bible, he translated it from Latin into German. Luther's attempt to help ordinary people accept and understand the Bible in some ways backfired as once again people used the situation to their own advantage. Where would we be today had he not intervened I wonder?

We were pleased to welcome back Robert Esson to our meeting; he first attended our October meeting and it was nice to see Robert Petticrew and his mother were also able to join us. Despite having a fairly heavy cold, our minister made a surprise visit and we found his knowledge of the history of Christianity helped to enlighten our own knowledge of the Reformation.

Our next Meeting is on Monday 11th January 2010 at 7.30 pm at the home of Mrs Marilyn Samways, 3 Main Street, Cruden Bay. The DVD we will be watching is entitled "Revelations - Divorce Jewish Style" all those wishing to join us will be made very welcome.

Jenny McGarrol

<p>The proceeds from the Buttery Morning on 14 November were just over £400 and this sum included £91 raised by the sale of cards by the Card Making Group.</p>

Thanks go to all those who contributed in making this fund raising event for Ekwendeni hospital a success.

Life & Work : December review

THE MAGAZINE OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Light in the Darkness Reflections on the Christmas message by The Very Rev Dr John Miller, the Moderator, the Rt Rev William Hewitt and Ron Ferguson. In the first of a new series, the Rev James Martin considers Biblical figures who receive a bad press – beginning with The Innkeeper of the Nativity Story. Plus an exclusive Christmas story by Kenneth Steven.

A Ministry of Presence Jackie Macadam meets the Rev Peter McDonald, new Leader of the Iona Community.

The Rainbow Assembly The first international Children's Assembly of the Church of Scotland, when children from Zambia, New Zealand, Hungary, Malawi and Kenya joined the gathering on Iona.

Saving Lives on a Shoestring In the last of a series of special reports from Malawi, Thomas Baldwin focuses on the work of **Ekwendeni Hospital and Nursing College**.

The X-Factor of Their Day? Professor Donald Macleod examines the place of reformed theology in Scotland.

If you would like to read Life & Work, the magazine of the Church of Scotland contact Isobel Young on 812360

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STILL WANTED

Someone who cares about poverty enough, to want to help! We need to appoint a
CHRISTIAN AID ORGANISER
for the Parish of Cruden in good time before next year's Christian Aid Week. For further information contact the Minister.

The choir are looking for at least two ladies to join the soprano section. Might you be interested?.

CRUDEN CHURCH GUILD

Rosemary Pittendrigh welcomed members to the first Guild meeting of the new session on 21 September, when Vena Hockell gave an illustrated talk on a trek she made to Everest Base Camp in 2001. Among the pictures was one of an item looking like a half coconut but which purported to be a Yeti scalp! Vena also put on display some interesting items that she had brought back with her from Nepal. The talk was well received by a full house of Guild members and a vote of thanks given by Irene Will.

The second meeting of the session, on 26 October, was a talk by Mr Frank Armstrong of Kemnay. He spoke on the history of the Clan Fraser from the Battle of Hastings through the various branches of the family to the present day, and also gave us interesting insights into the origins of various modern day phrases along the way. We were pleased to have another full house and the vote of thanks on this occasion was given by Muriel Cantlay. The next meeting of the Guild will be held on St Andrew's Day, with entertainment by Gordon Mackay, and a soup and trifle supper. All are welcome to attend.

Vena Hockel

Congregational walk

Tarves and Haddo Estate

Sunday 15 November

We parked in the square at Tarves and headed along "The Road", part of the old cattle drove road from Falkirk Tryst to Aikey Fair. Robert had warned us of the muddy track ahead but, well shod, we squelched through it, Alison's boxer "Treacle" managing to negotiate the puddles most efficiently of the group. A wide beech-lined avenue past the Home Farm took us onto the main drive at Haddo Estate. Unbeknown to us, our walk coincided with the Meldrum Heritage Fair and, as we headed out, we were faced with scores of cars taking participants and visitors to the event.

A short zigzag along a grassy track took us back to the village church and the Tolquhon tomb, a fascinating memorial in Gothic and Renaissance style installed in 1589 by William Forbes, 7th earl of Tolquhon for himself and his wife. We lingered to admire the bas-relief of Mary Jane Greenhalgh, a local nurse, before rounding off our trip with a cup of tea at the local hotel.

Margaret Wisely

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 2010

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is usually observed between 18 and 25 January. **Would you like to observe it on your own? Be involved in your own time and in your own way?**

Over 8 days, the theme, explored through readings and prayers. will be **“YOU ARE WITNESSES”**,

Day 1 -through celebrating life

Day 2 -through sharing stories

Day 3 -through awareness

Day 4 -through heritage and tradition

Day 5 -through suffering

Day 6 -through faithfulness to the Scriptures

Day 7 -through hope and trust

Day 8 -through hospitality

Next month’s Bulletin will give fuller details.

Al Sharooq School for Blind Children in Bethlehem.

Recently the Kirk Session approved a recommendation from the Social Committee which asked that half of the proceeds from May’s “1950’s Afternoon Tea” be sent to the Al Sharooq School for Blind Children in Bethlehem. **£232.50** was sent to the McCabe Educational Trust in London, who wrote to the Church Treasurer warmly acknowledging the “wonderful donation which will be made available for work at the School” and asked for their most grateful thanks to be passed on to the members of the congregation.

Beatrice Fawkes

Funds for Ekwendeni

The recent Buttery Morning is reported on another page. £100 has been sent to the Raven Trust and £50 to Peterhead Parish Church, to help with the cost of transporting our gifts to Africa, and a letter of thanks has been received from the Peterhead church. An arrangement has now been made with Blytheswood to store our boxes in Inverness, to be collected by The Raven Trust and sent off on their journey to Ekwendeni Hospital. Once again may I thank all those who knit, give wool and blankets and other much needed items enabling our church to continue to show our care for those in need.

Annette Garden