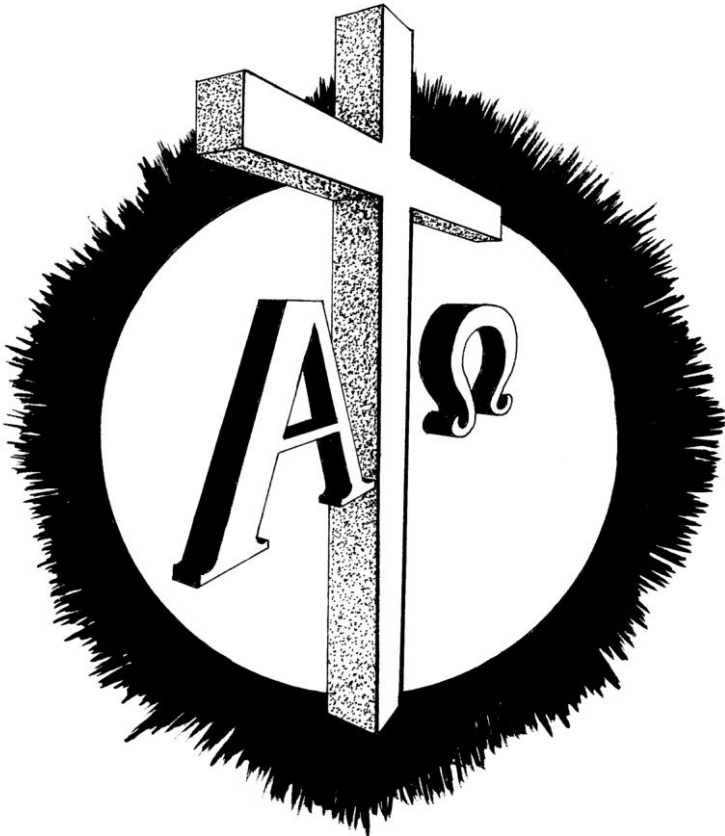


**CRUDEN
PARISH
CHURCH**

BULLETIN
APRIL 2011



EASTER SUNDAY 24 APRIL 2011

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DIARY DATES

APRIL 2011

EACH WEEK

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

- Sunday 3rd : MORNING SERVICE 10.00 am
Admission of New Communicant
- Monday 4th : Watch and Talk Group 7.30 pm at the home of
Marilyn Samways, Burnview, 3 Main Street, Cruden Bay

The Minister will be on holiday from 5 – 13 April. Anyone wishing the services of a minister in that period should, in the first instance, contact the Session Clerk, Robert Esson on 01779 812206.

- Sunday 10th : MORNING SERVICE 10.00 am
Service conducted by Elders
- Sunday 17th : MORNING SERVICE 10.00 am
Guild Sponsored Walk & Church Walk Aden Park

WORSHIP FOR HOLY WEEK

Monday 18th – Friday 22 : 7 pm Church
(except Tuesday when it is 6.30 pm in the Hall)

GOOD FRIDAY – Informal celebration of Holy Communion

- Tuesday 19th : BRASS SPECTRUM CONCERT 7.30 pm Church
in aid of Property Project
- Sunday 24th : EASTER SERVICE 10.00 am
- Monday 25th : The Guild AGM 7.30 pm Hall
Equatorial Adventure - Rodger Neilson

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An evening of music and fun for everyone in aid
of the Cruden Parish Church 2011 Property Project
in Cruden Parish Church
on Tuesday 19 April at 7.30 pm

Donations welcome on entry

PARISH REGISTER

*(denotes church member)

DEATH

*Mr George Anderson, Fernbank, Hatton.

APRIL HYMN BOOK - CH4

THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL COME OUT ON **1 MAY**. Copy for inclusion to be handed in to the Manse as soon as possible.

NEWS FROM THE KIRK SESSION

Presbytery Elder

At its March meeting, the Session received a report from Robert Esson in his capacity as the Session's representative elder at the Presbytery of Buchan for 2010/2011. The Session was pleased to reappoint him as its Presbytery Elder for 2011/12.

Stewardship

The Kirk Session would thank all members who have responded positively to our Stewardship Campaign last month. We are grateful for the returned cards promising financial support and also for the money donated.

Used Stamps

Not so long ago we called a halt to our collecting of used postage stamps until we found a new destination for them.

Hearing that the children of one of our parish schools, Hatton of Cruden School, are collecting stamps in aid of the Royal National Institute for the Blind, the Session has agreed it would like members to encourage and support the children in their efforts for a worthy charity.

So once again we appeal to you to save your old stamps, bring them to the church and place them in the box in the welcome area.

SUNDAY MORNING DUTIES 10 am

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Children
3 Apr	Kathleen Craig Iris Durno	Mary McNaughtan	Wilma Moir Margaret Adams	Easter Holidays
10 Apr	Kathleen Craig Iris Durno	Helen Fowlie	Anne Cadey Lewis McKechnie	Easter Holidays
17 Apr	Rosemary Reid Joyce Willox	Helen Fowlie	Margaret Jamieson Elizabeth Bruce	Easter Holidays
24 Apr	Rosemary Reid Joyce Willox	Norma Forman	Betty Forrester Norma Forman	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid S or C Skinner Mary Bratton Charlotte Lamb
1 May	Kate Clark Alison Neilson	Ann Smith	Betty Forrester Norma Forman	Holiday
8 May	Kate Clark Alison Neilson	Wallace Donaldson	CHRISTIAN AID LUNCH	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger S or C Skinner Helen Smith Charlotte Lamb
15 May	Betty May John Lamb	Anne McNaughton	Liz Carnie Wilma Moir	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid S or C Skinner Joyce Fowlie Charlotte Lamb
22 May		NO SERVICE		Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger S or C Skinner Mary Bratton Charlotte Lamb
29 May	Sarah Paterson Lewis McKechnie	Jean Beedie	Marilyn Samways Fiona Stephen	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid S or C Skinner Helen Smith 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 (door rota)- 841370 or Wilma Moir (teas rota) 841516.

SENIOR CITIZENS AFTERNOON TEA

Since it was very difficult to find a suitable date for the event, the Social Committee have decided to abandon the idea for the present time.

FROM THE MINISTER 23 March 2011

Dear Friends

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

The date of Easter this year is as late as it is likely to be in our lifetimes but it does not matter when it is, it will always remain the most important Christian celebration in any year. The Easter story is the story of how the Christian faith was given birth and every Christian should want to celebrate Easter Sunday.

To make our Easter worship more meaningful, we shall repeat what we did a year or two back when we observed Holy Week in traditional fashion. There will be short acts of worship in Cruden Church on the Monday to the Thursday before Easter culminating in our usual Good Friday informal celebration of Lord's Supper. (See details opposite). I hope many of you will want to come to some or all of these half hour services for what better way will there be to focus the mind for our Easter worship.

2011 PROPERTY PROJECT

Our plans to replace windows in the church have run into complications from the point of view of Historic Conservation. The Scottish Churches Architectural Trust consultant (see my letter last month) has issued his report and the Session has agreed to obtain new estimates in line with many of the report's recommendations making it unlikely that we will install double glazed windows. It will probably now be early summer before we know exactly where we stand with respect to obtaining funding. You will not be surprised if I say that our fund raising remains a priority to make it easier for us to obtain grants.

Your friend and minister

Rodger Neilson

Please take special note of the following dates.

Wednesday 6 April LAST COFFEE and CHAT

Sunday 17 April GUILD SPONSORED WALK

Tuesday 19 April BRASS SPECTRUM CONCERT

Friday 22 April GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNION



Christian Aid Week 9 -15 May 2011

The Buttery Morning will be on Saturday 7 May from 10.00 am until 11.30 am in the Public Hall, Hatton. Raffles will be on sale as usual. Admission - £2 per person.

There will be a Christian Aid Lunch on Sunday 15 May following the morning service but check the next Bulletin for confirmation of the date. Tickets will be available near the end of April costing £2.

The House-to-House collection, to be organised by Mary Bratton in Cruden Bay and Rosemary Reid in Hatton, will take place during the week of 8 - 13 May. This year we need to recruit a few more collectors. Even if you can only do one evening or a couple of hours collecting, that would be a big help. Please think about offering your services.

People in rural areas may find an envelope in their Bulletin if we end up struggling to get enough collectors. If that happens, please return it to your Bulletin delivery person, pop it in the plate at the church door or hand it to someone who will be coming to church.

We appeal to those who are tax payers to complete the Gift Aid part on the envelope - this has a value of 28% currently, which means for every £10 gifted, we can claim another £2.80 from the government in tax, which is a very worthwhile boost for charities.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

As many of you know, I sadly lost my Mum (Vena Hockell) last year to cancer. I felt I wanted to do something for her and therefore I have decided to run the Edinburgh Marathon on 22 May this year for Macmillan Cancer Support. I am well into my training for my second attempt at the marathon distance. My first attempt was in New York in 2007, the same year Mum was diagnosed. My goal is to better my time for the distance and help a brilliant and worthwhile charity at the same time. I have set up a Just Giving page to make sponsoring me easier. So I am asking you to help me raise as much as I can for Macmillan, who provided support and friendship to us right to the end of Mum's fight. You can find my page here: <http://www.justgiving.com/Legs-of-Lamb>

REMINDER -- INCIDENT LOG - Following best practice, there is beside the First Aid Box on a church hall bookshelf an Incident Report Log. Any accident, particularly causing injury, however slight, should be recorded by filling up a form from the Log.

**GUILD ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK
around Aden Park
in conjunction with
CRUDEN CHURCHES WALKING GROUP**

(in aid of the annual Senior Citizens' outing
and the 2011 Property Project)

Sunday 17 April 11.30 am.

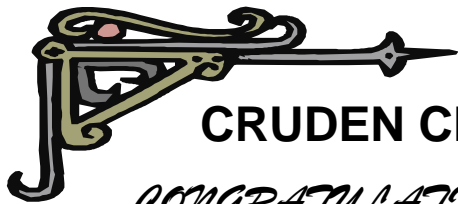
Please come and enjoy the walk.

~~Sponsor Forms with details available from Church Notice Boards~~

Would you like to visit Gethsemane
Or stroll down the Mount of Olives
Or sail across the Sea of Galilee
Or float in the Dead Sea

There have been two pilgrimages to the Holy Land in the last 16 years by members of Cruden Parish Church. The Minister is willing to plan one more pilgrimage to take place next year but only if there are enough people who, without making any commitment at this time, express a genuine interest in considering going on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. It hardly need be said that those who have gone before have spoken of how wonderful an experience it is.

If you are interested in finding out more then please let the Minister know by emailing minister@crudenchurch.org.uk or phoning 01779 841229.



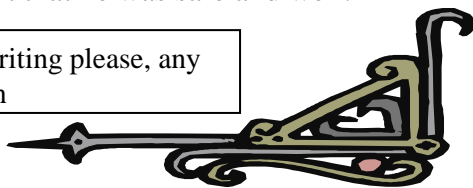
CRUDEN CHURCH FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS

to **Mrs Anne McNaughton, 48 Slains Crescent, Cruden Bay** who will be celebrating her 80th Birthday this month.

To the Minister's knowledge, the only church family caught up in the Japan disaster was Jim and Amy Taylor from Cruden Bay. We are happy to report that their son, Andrew, phoned home soon after the earthquake and tsunami struck to report that he was safe and well.

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



CRUDEN CHURCH GUILD

The February meeting of the Guild was well attended. After the opening hymn, prayer and reading, Rosemary Pittendrigh welcomed our speaker for the evening, the Reverend Stephen Emery. He told of his triumph over adversity as he finally achieved his lifelong wish to be a Church of Scotland Minister. This proved to be an amusing, uplifting and sometimes touching story. Kathleen Craig then gave an excellent vote of thanks.

Rosemary then announced that this year, the sponsored walk would take place at Aden Park, on Sunday April 17th. All participants would meet at the Church car park at 11.30 am. Both the Guild and the Church Walking Group would join forces and monies raised would be shared between the OAP outing and the Church Project.

All are welcome to come along to any of our meetings.

MARCH MEETING. Monday 28th March. Mr George Cruickshank will give a talk and presentation about Scotland's Mountains.

APRIL MEETING. Monday 25th April. AGM and an illustrated talk by Rodger Neilson entitled "An Equatorial Adventure".

Lorraine Neilson.

WATCH AND TALK GROUP

A History of the Bible presented by Ann Widdecombe.

Ann Widdecombe based her talk on the Ten Commandments - their origin and their subsequent effect on the lives and beliefs of people of various religions who have accepted them as being the Laws given to Moses on Mount Sinai. Moses is reputed to have written the first five Books of the Old Testament and he received the Laws during the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt to the promised land of Canaan. The Jews, in fact, believe that there are 613 Laws of Moses but the Rabbi, interviewed by Miss Widdecombe, confessed to having a slight problem remembering them all.

The message coming across from Miss Widdecombe seemed to be that if we do not live by and keep the Commandments, there is bound to be a deterioration of the standards in people's lives, a fact which seems to be showing itself already if people's behaviour in today's world is anything to go by. Miss Widdecombe stressed the fact that the lack of educating everyone, both young and old, in the meaning of the Ten Commandments and the need to live our lives by them, leads to a continual lack of respect by people towards each other. She is probably right, whether one has any religious beliefs or not, since to follow the Commandments must surely be for the good of mankind rather than having a detrimental effect as claimed by some.

Our next Meeting will be on Monday 4th April at 7.30 pm at the home of Mrs Marilyn Samways, 3 Main Street, Cruden Bay, where old and new members will be made very welcome.

Jenny McGarrol

Fairtrade Stall Our recent stall sold goods to the value of £351.10 over 2 Sundays, the Guild Meeting and the Coffee and Chat. The organisers were delighted with the response and say "Thank you" for the support. A discount of 10% has been passed to the Treasurer which is £35.10.

Book Stall After 2 Sundays, books to the value of £150 were sold. Thanks to all those who browsed and purchased. Sadly the shop from where we sourced the books has closed and, consequently, it is uncertain whether or not we will have another Book Stall.

Minute of Annual Stated Meeting held on Sunday 6 March 2011 in Cruden Parish Church during the morning service. The Rev Rodger Neilson presided over the meeting which was opened with prayer.

Minute:

The minute of the 2010 Annual Stated Meeting was approved on the motion of Shonah Taylor seconded by Wilma Moir.

Annual Accounts:

The accounts had been approved by the Kirk Session at its meeting on 21 February and in the required independent examination found to be in order. A summary of the accounts had been previously distributed to members in the Bulletin and a number of full copies including the budget for 2011 were made available to those attending the meeting.

Rosemary Pittendrigh, Treasurer, reported that givings to the General Fund totalled £43,570 with a total income of £46,638. Adding other funds gave total church income of £62,085. General Fund expenditure was £52,123, leaving a deficit of £5,485 but there is an imminent tax reclaim of over £5,676. Mrs Pittendrigh provided an update on the Property Project Account.

Mrs Pittendrigh went on to give an account of the 2011 Budget which, even after achieving an income increase of just over £10,000, would result in a deficit of £1,000. Once again, a good result from the annual Stewardship Campaign is paramount.

Mr Neilson thanked Mrs Pittendrigh for all her work throughout the year and expressed thanks also to the Congregation's Independent Examiner Alistair Bain who, once again, had been assisted by Shonah Taylor.

Minister's Report:

Congregational life continued at the level and pace of the previous year. In January, August and November, three services were conducted by various elders and members and these were particularly well received. Little progress has been made in disposing of the West Church but a decision on the outline planning application for the site is expected in early 2011. The most significant event of the year was the discovery in the summer of extensive wet rot in the Old Church leading to the launching of an Appeal to raise £60,000 (later revised upwards to £80,000) to deal with the wet rot and replace most of the sanctuary windows. Mr Neilson concluded by bringing the story of the Old Church Project up to date.

Election of Members to serve on Kirk Session Committees:

Having thanked the retiring members, Mr Neilson called for nominations to fill the three vacancies for members to serve on Session Committees.

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
Fiona Stephen	Marilyn Samways	Beatrice Fawkes
Michael Buchan	Rosemary Pittendrigh	David Singleton

There were no further nominations of anyone willing to serve so Mr Neilson declared that those nominated were elected to serve on the Kirk Session Committees, with a vacancy still to be filled. It was agreed that Kathryn Anderson, one of the retiring members who was not present to indicate whether she would be willing to stand for election, would be asked if she would continue to serve.

Closure:

There being no other business, Mr Neilson closed the meeting with prayer.

2011 CONGREGATIONAL WALKS

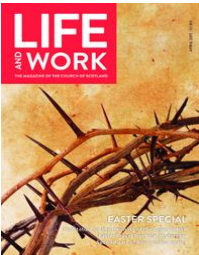
At the planning meeting we decided this season's walks would be as follows,

27 th March	Clola, Jamie Fleeman's Pot and Lenabo.
17 th April	Aden Park, Bridge End and Hareshowe.
7 th May	Kincardine O'Neil, Dess Waterfall and Aboyne.
18 th June	Raemoir, Hill of Fare.
17 th July	St Combs to Fraserburgh.
19-22 August	Weekend at Badaguish (provisional)
20 th August	Glen Clova (alternative to weekend)
18 th September	Aberdeen, Cults and River Dee.
16 th October	Strichen House and Stone Circle.

A leaflet with more information about the various walks is available on request or can be picked up from the Church Welcome Area.

April's walk starts at Aden Park to Bridge End and back by Hareshowe. The Guild will join us for their sponsored walk of 4 ½ miles (7 km) flat easy walk. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us and have a fun day, bring a picnic. We will leave the Church Hall at 11:30 am. For further information please contact me on 01771 624280.

Robert Petticrew



IN APRIL'S ISSUE

An Easter Gift The Very Rev Gilleasbuig Macmillan offers a special meditation on the meaning of the Resurrection. The Rev James Martin considers the arguments against the Resurrection. Martin Fair considers how to refresh the familiar story. Easter Prayer by the Moderator and poem by Kenneth Steven.

Back in Fashion? Thomas Baldwin considers whether this month's royal wedding could bring Christian marriage back into fashion.

An Uncertain Future Michael Gunn explores the challenges for Coptic Christians in the aftermath of the uprising in Egypt.

Changing Lives In the third of the Biblefresh series, Peter Chirside highlights the importance of translation.

The Blind Side The Rev John Purves considers the value of trust.

Bible 'Oddbits' The Rev Laurence Whitley shows how misreading letters led to variations in the same New Testament story.

The Black Depths of the Human Heart The Very Rev Dr James A Simpson reflects on the sin of envy.

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