

CRUDEN  
PARISH  
CHURCH...



*BULLETIN*  
*SEPTEMBER 2011*

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# DIARY DATES

## SEPTEMBER 2011

### EACH WEEK

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

Sunday 4th	:	<b>MORNING SERVICE</b>	10.00 am	Church
Wednesday 7th	:	Coffee and Chat	10.30 am	Old Hall
Wednesday 7th	:	Choir Practice	7.30 pm	Old Hall
Sunday 11th	:	<b>MORNING SERVICE</b>	10.00 am	Church
Monday 12th	:	Watch and Talk Group	7.30 pm	Burnview, Main St., Cruden Bay
Sunday 18th	:	<b>MORNING SERVICE</b>	10.00 am	Church
		Cruden Churches Walk	11.30 am	River Dee
Sunday 25th	:	<b>MORNING SERVICE</b>	10.00 a	Church
		<b>SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION</b>		
Monday 26th	:	Guild	7.30 pm	Old Hall

### CRUDEN GUILD

The Guild begin their new session on 26 September at 7.30 pm in the Old Church Hall when our speaker for the evening will be the Rev Dr Abi Ngunga, St Andrew's, Peterhead. Former and new members will be made most welcome.



The Boys' Brigade Company (Anchor Boys and Junior Section) begins its new session in Cruden Bay School on 7 September. Further details are available from Colin Skinner (812402).

# PARISH REGISTER

\*denotes Cruden Parish Church member

## DEATHS

\*Mrs Annabella Kennedy, Sunnybank Care Home, Cruden Bay.

\*Mrs Jessie Summers, 1 Bridgend Crescent, Hatton.

\*Mrs Joan Adamson, 12 Hatton Farms Gardens, Hatton

Miss Janette Jolly, Aberdeen.

Mr Russell Smith, Bilbo Farm, Cruden Bay.

## WEDDINGS

**28 May**

Martin Donald and Nicola Low, 8 Craighall Lodge, Ellon.

**9 July**

Neil Watson, Suttie, Kintore, Inverurie and  
Sandra Mackay, Nether Kinmundy Farm, Longside.

## BAPTISMS

Andrew Norrie, Hinmaist, Auchenten, Hatton.

Alistair Karl, 16 Claymore Gardens, Boddam

**HOLY  
COMMUNION**



**25 September**  
Old Church 10.00 am

**Duty Elders** Annette Garden, Betty May, Beatrice Fawkes, Sandy Smith,  
Jim MacDonald, Judith Taylor, John Lamb, Irene Will, Joyce Willox,  
Betty Forrester

THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL COME  
OUT ON **25 SEPTEMBER**. 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
4 Sept	Liz Carnie Kate Clark	Elizabeth Bruce	Doreen Buchan Dorothy Cruickshank	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Colin Skinner Charlie Lamb
11 Sept	Beatrice Fawkes Kate Clark	Anne McNaughton	Liz Carnie Rosemary Reid	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger Helen Smith Charlie Lamb
18 Sept	Kathleen Craig Peter Slamaker	Pat Donaldson	Alison Neilson Iris Durno	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Colin Skinner Charlie Lamb
25 Sept	Kathleen Craig Peter Slamaker	Marilyn Samways	Betty Morris Lewis McKechnie	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger Helen Smith Charlie Lamb
2 Oct	Dorothy Cruickshank John Lamb	Rosemary Reid	Wilma Moir Fiona Stephen	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Colin Skinner Charlie Lamb
9 Oct	Dorothy Cruickshank John Lamb	Joyce Willox	Margaret Adams Anne Cadey	<b>Harvest Thanksgiving</b>
16 Oct	Betty May Betty Forrester	Betty Forrester	Beatrice Fawkes Margaret Jamieson	No Junior Church
23 Oct	Betty May Betty Forrester	Marina Bruce	Marilyn Samways Norma Forman	No Junior Church
30 Oct	Marilyn Samways Robert Petticrew	Norma Forman	Betty Forrester Jessie MacDonald	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger Helen Smith Charlie Lamb

**THE HYMNBOOK TO BE USED FOR ALL OF  
SEPTEMBER WILL BE MISSION PRAISE**

# ***FROM THE MINISTER    22 August 2011***

Dear Friends

## **A FRIENDLY CHURCH**

I was delighted at a recent Session Committee meeting when an elder reported on how some visitors had found Cruden Church people to be so friendly. I often speak of our church as being a friendly church and am grateful to all who help us achieve this reputation. However, the Committee were quick to realise this is something we should not be complacent about and we should strive to do even better. Whether it be in the church before or after a service, or over a cup of tea in the hall, I hope no one will be left on their own but will be engaged in conversation and made to feel welcome.

## **PILGRIMAGE**

A previous Bulletin had spoken about the possibility of organising a pilgrimage to the Holy Land or, in the footsteps of St Paul, to Turkey. More interest has been shown in the latter so I am proposing to lead pilgrimage towards the end of September 2012. It would cost about £1,500 and as well as visiting the Seven Churches of Asia, time would be spent in Istanbul, including a cruise on the Bosphorus. The tour would finish with four nights in a seafront hotel on the Aegean coast from which we would visit a number of sites including Ephesus. A detailed leaflet will be prepared and I will let you know when it becomes available. Please let me know if you are interested in going.

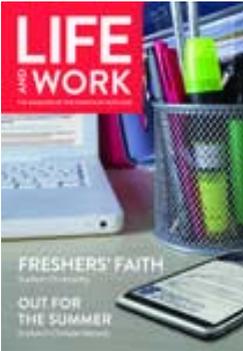
## **WEST HIGHLAND WAY**

You will find in the centre of this issue an update on the position with regard to the property project of replacing the church windows. As you will already know, Alison and I have offered to walk the West Highland Way starting on 26 September. We are hoping to do it in 6 days. Elders have sponsor forms and I do hope that you will sponsor us. If you have difficulty in adding your name to a sponsor form, please give me a ring.

You supported us well on our sponsored day hike through the Larigh Ghru from Coylumbridge to Linn of Dee in 2001 in aid of the Old Church renovation. This time round, I am sure as we get to our 19th mile on the first day, feeling a little depressed at the thought of the 5 more days still to go and are wondering why on earth we said we would do it, we shall be encouraged, motivated and uplifted by the thought of how much we are helping to raise, thanks to your generosity..

Your friend and minister

*Rodger Nairn*



## SEPTEMBER'S ISSUE

**Into Injury Time...** Former Life and Work editor R D Kernohan reflects on the church of today.

**A Remarkable Life** The Rev David Levison tells the story of his father, Leon, a Palestinian rabbi's son, who was banished from his homeland after embracing Christianity.

**The Big Question** Who was the most influential person on your faith as a teenager?

*If you would like to read Life & Work, the magazine of the Church of Scotland,*

*contact Isobel Young on 812360*

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### CRUDEN CHURCH CHOIR

The next practice will take place on Wednesday 7 September at 7.30 pm in the Old Church Hall. The Diary Dates page will indicate when future practices will take place. The Choir would be delighted if anyone wanted to join them to practice the hymns for Sunday and some of the special anthems that occasionally enhance our worship.

**CHRISTIAN AID** The final figure sent to Christian Aid after Christian Aid Week was an excellent £3,780.50. Well done the people of Cruden!

### *Bulletin Back Issues Wanted*

It has come to our attention that the Library Service hold copies of our Bulletin and are keen to catch up on some missing copies. If you have

*All of 2006, September to December 2005, January and April 2004, March, April, June, September, November, December 2003, January to March 2001, September and December 2000, May 1998, May 1997, September and October 1989*

and are willing to part with them, please hand them to the minister for passing on to the Library.

# WATCH AND TALK GROUP

The first meeting of the Watch and Talk Group for the new session will be on Monday 12 September at 7.30 pm and once again Marilyn Samways has kindly agreed to host it at 3 Main Street, Cruden Bay. We have a number of DVD's to view and discuss, with subjects ranging from "Fix My Family" to "The Bible's Buried Secrets". All former members, and any one else who may be interested, can be assured of a very warm welcome.

*Annette Garden*

*News from Malawi* There has been unrest in Malawi over the political and economic situation. It has focused in Blantyre city and people's lives in some churches have been made a lot more difficult. The people of Malawi and the people in Blantyre Presbytery need our prayers.

## **'Reaping a Harvest from a Salty Land' Christian Aid Harvest Roadshow Tour**

Find out more about the work of Christian Aid at a roadshow event near you. Christian Aid has a vision: an end to poverty. If you share our vision, we urge you to join us in making our vision a reality.

At our roadshows you will be able to meet staff and one of our partners from Bangladesh . We'll help you to find out more about the issues that cause poverty and get involved with our latest campaigns. You'll discover how prayer and fundraising, volunteering and campaigning with Christian Aid can help to end poverty, as well as getting a chance to learn more about the Harvest theme and partner stories.

Contact the Glasgow office to book your places at any of the autumn roadshows on 0141 221 7475 or [glasgow@christian-aid.org](mailto:glasgow@christian-aid.org)

**Fraserburgh – Saturday 10th September 7-9pm  
Fraserburgh URC, Mid Street, Fraserburgh AB43 9AJ**

# **CRUDEN CHURCHES WALKING GROUP**

## **17 JULY - ST COMBS TO FRASERBURGH**

Our group of eight set off from The Tufted Duck straight onto the beach where Amber joyfully raced into the sea to retrieve whatever was thrown to her. A grey seal bobbing about offshore was totally oblivious of her. A rocky section with underlying foul-smelling seaweed drove us up the bank and onto the links path and it was only then that we realised the path was our designated route.

From the shoreline of the twin villages of Inverrallochy and Cairnbulg we had a clear view of the trawl wreck lodged on rocks five years after it grounded. The local community have resisted proposals to remove it given that it has become an unusual tourist attraction.

While Robert shuttled part of the group to Philorth the remainder had a chance to explore the lovely Cairnbulg harbour used predominantly now by pleasure craft. Regrouped again at the nature reserve, we sped along the beach to Fraserburgh where families were taking full advantage of the beautiful sunshine and aspiring young surfers were testing their board skills on the rolling waves. While Robert transported the drivers back to St. Combs, we popped into the beach cafe for a cup of tea. On his return we advised him against following us in and he was happy to settle for delicious ice cream from Biccocchi's in Charlotte Street.

Our next walks are on 20 August from Glen Clovn to Glen Prosen and on 18 September from Aberdeen to Cults and back.

*Margaret Wisely*

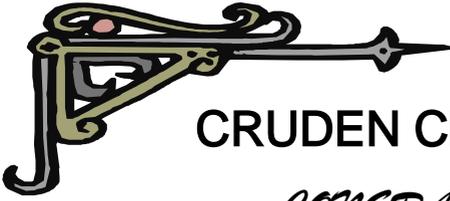
### **CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL**

Can you help us brighten some ones Christmas? Please read the enclosed leaflet, look out a shoebox and take time to do some shopping. The leaflet gives details of things you can include. Parcels can be left with Rosemary Reid, 11 Manse Rd Hatton (up to 20 October) or brought to the church.

**Closing date for parcels 31/10/2010**

**Do you hate covering the box?**

Junior Church members are willing to make covered boxes available for a small donation. Any spare boxes and Christmas paper would be very welcome.



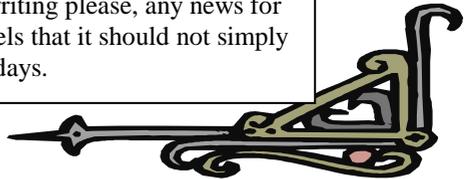
## CRUDEN CHURCH FAMILY

### *CONGRATULATIONS*

to **Mrs Ann Stewart, Crimond Nursing Home**, who will be celebrating her 90th Birthday this month.

to **Mr & Mrs Alan Buchan, Stratherroll, Nethermill, Cruden Bay**, who will be celebrating their Ruby Wedding this month.

The minister would welcome, in writing please, any news for this feature in the Bulletin. He feels that it should not simply be a list of anniversaries and birthdays.



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# **MEMO**

## **RESTARTING Sept 7th Cruden Church Coffee and Chat**

in the Old Hall on the  
first Wednesday of each winter month  
at 10.30 am to 12 noon

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**2011    Sep 7   Oct 5   Nov 2   Dec 7**  
**2012    Feb 1   Mar 7   Apr 4**

## **CRUDEN CHURCH WINDOWS**

The last issue of the Bulletin at the end of May indicated that we had just heard from both the General Trustees and Scottish Churches Architectural Heritage Trust that they are unwilling to approve grants at this stage. Both recommended that we appoint a conservation architect to produce a phased scheme of repairs to be completed as funds are available.

As a result of this failure to obtain the hoped for grants, the minister took advantage when in Edinburgh in June to meet with an official of the General Trustees. This proved to be very useful for with their help we engaged an architect, Ms Rosalind Taylor, who is very familiar with churches. After visiting the church, she has certainly helped us make progress and, on her recommendation, we are asking for planning permission to install double glazed windows. The frustrating thing is this was where we thought we were four months ago but now we have the backing of an accredited conservation architect making it much more likely that grants will be available. The window design is slightly simpler to what we thought would be required to get Listed Building Consent and so this will hopefully reduce the cost.

The intention is that once permission is received from Aberdeenshire Council we shall immediately replace the two temporary windows with the new double glazed units. This will be paid for half out of current funds and half from the remaining part of the General Trustee grant to help us deal with the east wall wet rot.

That having been done hopefully before winter, we shall then focus on our own fundraising and on applying for grants to help us make a start with the other windows.

## **CRUDEN CHURCH TOWER**

However, the need for money increases. The finial at the very top of the east gallery stairwell tower was leaning at an increasingly worrying angle and months ago we realised we would need to deal with this and a contractor was engaged. When he eventually got round to putting up the needed scaffolding to remove the finial, he was able to take a closer look at the tower roof and discovered the woodwork was rotten. So the cost of sorting out this tower roof has increased to an amount not yet known. It is hoped that this will be dealt with very promptly and the architect is again helping us negotiate what is needed with the Council with respect to Listed Building Consent as far as it is needed for the necessary repairs to the Tower.

# CRUDEN CHURCH FUNDRAISING

Clearly, fundraising must continue and success can be reported on this front. Over the summer, the Guild has donated £1,000 and money has come in from the sale of a church card and from the sales table after church on the first Sunday of recent months. (The last sales table, in the meantime, will be on 4 September). The weather may have forced the Strawberry Fayre indoors but, thanks to some generous donations, over £1,000 was raised. Irene Stott from Boddam has compiled a quiz on girls' names and Scottish place names and this is available for 50p with entries to be returned by 27 October. William Morgan from Cruden Bay has gifted a number of CDs of popular hymns which he has recorded and the Sunday this was announced £200 was raised for our Appeal.

See below for more details about the Gourmet Roup and at the end of this month the minister and his wife will be walking the 96 miles of the West Highland Way. Elders now have forms to enlist sponsors and more are available in the Church Welcome Area. Anyone who can invite their friends and family to sponsor should help themselves to one of the forms. Later this year, our attractively packaged 18th and 19th century Communion Tokens will be available for purchase. Other fundraising plans are currently being hatched and you will hear about them in due course. It cannot be stressed enough that we need the support of each and every member if we are to achieve our goals.

And when it comes to fundraising, remember the old and true adage <b>MONY A MICKLE MAKS A MUCKLE.</b>
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## GOURMET ROUP

What is a Gourmet Roup? I attended one held by Udny & Pitmedden Church. Kind folk donate food for auction e.g. preserves, sticky toffee pudding, trifles, baking, vegetables, meat etc. made up into saleable lots. Then generous people come and bid for it. Our Gourmet Roup will be held on Saturday 1 October 2011 at 7.30 pm in Hatton Public Hall (venue still to be confirmed). Entrance is £5 per person which will include wine and nibbles. Items for sale will be accepted from 4 pm at the Hall. Contact me for further details and tickets.

Muriel Cantlay