

CRUDEN
PARISH
CHURCH

THE
BULLETIN



NOVEMBER 2011

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DIARY DATES

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EACH WEEK

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

Wednesday 2nd	:	Time for Chat and Coffee	10:30 am	Hall
	:	Choir Practice	7.30 pm	Hall
Friday 4th	:	Church Quiz	7.30 pm	Hall
Sunday 6th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	
Friday 11th	:	West Highland Way Evening	7.30 pm	Hall
Sunday 13th	:	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE	10.30 am	
Monday 14th	:	Watch and Talk Group	7.30 pm	Main Street, Cruden Bay
Sunday 20th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	
		Service conducted by the Guild		
Sunday 27th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	
		Sacrament of Holy Communion		
		Service conducted by the Rev Fred Coutts		
Monday 28th	:	Cruden Guild	7.30 pm	Hall
		Susan Burgess – Pitmedden Gardens NTS		
Wednesday 30th	:	Choir Practice	7.30 pm	Hall

FORTHCOMING DATES IN DECEMBER

Wednesday 7th	:	Time for Chat and Coffee	10:30 am	Hall
Sunday 11th	:	Ythan Singers Concert	3.00 pm	Church

CHANGE OF TIME Please note that the service on
13 November - Remembrance Sunday - will begin
at the later time of **10.30 am**.

NOVEMBER HYMN BOOK CH4

PARISH REGISTER

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DEATH

*Mr Melvin Henderson, Ingleside, Aulton Road, Cruden Bay.

NEW MEMBERS

Mrs Louise Henderson, No 1 Yonderton Cottage, Hatton.

Mr James Hyman, 27 Main Street, Cruden Bay.

Mr & Mrs Malcolm, 14 Serald Street, Cruden Bay.

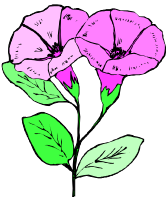
HOLY COMMUNION



27 November
10.00 am

Duty Elders Mary Bratton, Kathleen Clark, Peter Slamaker,
Betty Smith, Kathleen Craig, Adrian Smith, Robert Petticrew,
Katherine Hyman, Muriel Cantlay, Robert Esson.

2012 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.

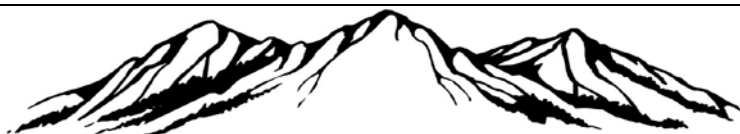
THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL COME OUT ON **27 NOVEMBER**. Copy for inclusion to be handed in to the Manse as soon as possible.

*In May this year, the General Assembly agreed to hold a **National Stewardship Programme**. To learn more about this, the Kirk Session was represented by some its members at a conference held by the Presbytery of Buchan on 25 October. You can look forward to reading more in a later Bulletin.*

SUNDAY MORNING DUTIES

10 am

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Children
6 Nov	Marilyn Samways Robert Petticrew	Jean Beedie	Sharon Clark Wilma Moir	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Colin Skinner Charlotte Lamb
13 Nov	Shonah Taylor Robert Esson	Rosemary Pittendrigh	NO TEAS	Remembrance Sunday
20 Nov	Shonah Taylor Robert Esson	Mary McNaughtan	Kathleen Craig Elma Cumming	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger Helen Smith Charlotte Lamb
27 Nov	Sarah Paterson Lewis McKechnie	Marilyn Samways	Elizabeth Bruce Liz Carnie	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Colin Skinner Charlotte Lamb
4 Dec	Sarah Paterson Lewis McKechnie	Rosemary Reid	Dorothy Cruickshank Betty Morris	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger Helen Smith Charlotte Lamb
11 Dec	Mary Bratton Iris Durno	Betty Forrester	Rosemary Reid Doreen Buchan	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Colin Skinner Charlotte Lamb
18 Dec	Mary Bratton Iris Durno	Beatrice Fawkes	CHRISTMAS BRUNCH	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger Helen Smith Charlotte Lamb
25 Dec	Alison Neilson Mary McNaughtan	Robert Esson	NO TEAS	Holiday



The West Highland Way

The Reverend Rodger Neilson, and his wife, are inviting members of the Parish and guests to an informal Evening in the Old Church Hall at 7:30 on Friday 11th November 2011, to share their recent experience walking the the renowned "West Highland Way."

Wine and nibbles will be provided during the course of the evening.

FROM THE MINISTER

25 October 2010

Dear Friends

Alison and I very much enjoyed our adventure at the end of September walking the West Highland Way. Starting at Milngavie at 9.30 am on the Monday morning, we arrived at our destination in Fort William at 2 pm on the Saturday afternoon. Throughout the week we were very fortunate in the weather we enjoyed, being affected minimally by rain, albeit we did not see much of the sun. 3 days saw us walking between 18 and 20 miles each day and we were pleased at how our feet managed to cope with all of this.

With the help of the elders, we have raised so far over £2,000 which is a good amount for our Project Fund and would thank all who have donated.

I think there is an interesting story to tell of our walk and so I would invite you to come along to the church hall at 7.30 pm on Friday 11 November to enjoy an illustrated talk on the week's adventure. I promise this will be a most relaxed evening with wine and nibbles provided by members of our Finance and Social Committees.

Finishing the walk early in the afternoon on 1 October allowed us to drive home from Fort William in time to look in on the Gourmet Roup halfway through the evening. That certainly seemed a fun evening being enjoyed by all present and I was delighted to discover £1,660 was raised and this certainly exceeded my expectation. Well done to all involved in helping, donating and to all the generous bidders. Thanks are especially due to Muriel Cantlay for not only suggesting we hold the event but also for her excellent organising of it.

We are still awaiting the Council giving us our Listed Building Consent so we can proceed to replace the two temporary windows. I had hoped this would be done before winter hits us hard but it looks as if we will be lucky to get it done now before the end of the year.

Your friend and minister

Rodger Naylor

WATCH AND TALK GROUP 10 OCTOBER

Fix my Family

This DVD was based entirely on a community of homeless families run by a charity called Save the Family. The accommodation comprises of various sizes of flats, owned by the charity, which houses families and single parents who, for various reasons, have found themselves homeless. Most of these people need both physical and mental help when they arrive at the complex.

Miss Edna Speed set up the charity in an attempt to help as many helpless people as possible, some of her helpers have themselves been in need of help earlier in their lives and are able to understand and relate to the problems facing the residents in the community. There are various services held in the Chapel and everyone is welcome to attend but it is not a requirement of their being allowed to live in the community. Children are also introduced to the Bible through various play groups. It certainly opened our eyes to a side of life we know very little about and watching the DVD was a humbling experience.

Our next Meeting will be on Monday 14 November at 7.30 pm at 3 Main Street, Cruden Bay. The DVD we will be watching is called The Bible's Buried Secrets. All old and new members of the group will be made very welcome.

Jenny McGarrol



REFLECTIONS FOR REMEMBRANCE

Friday 11 November 7 p.m.
Ellon Parish Church

*The Ythan Singers and members of Ellon Parish Church
will reflect on Remembrance through song and word*

You are invited to pay respect and share in honouring those who have given their lives and have suffered while serving in the Armed Forces.

Donations will be received for "Help the Heroes"

CRUDEN CHURCH GUILD

Monday, 26 September

Kathleen Craig welcomed all members to our first meeting of the session, which was very well attended, hopefully a good sign for future meetings.

Following the opening hymn and prayer, Kathleen introduced our speaker for the evening, the Rev Dr Abi Ngunga, or Dr Abi as he preferred to be called. The theme for this session, Walk Humbly with God, formed the basis of his talk, which he delivered in a most entertaining way.

He spoke of the journey which led him from Africa, to his post here in Peterhead and how he put his trust in God to take such a leap of faith. He spoke with such enthusiasm and humour, that every one of us had a smile on our faces. He endeared himself to us from the outset, by addressing us as “recycled teenagers”. This, like his talk, was most refreshing as was his amazing grasp of the Doric.

Beatrice Fawkes then gave a warm and comprehensive vote of thanks. After our tea, the intimations were read out, and before the final hymn, Rosemary Pittendrigh thanked Kathleen for standing in so ably for her. Kathleen then wished everyone a safe journey home.

The next Guild meeting will be held on Monday 31 October in the Church Hall, with Robert Esson speaking on the Mission Aviation Fellowship Project in Africa. A warm welcome is extended to all to come along at 7.30 pm.

Lorraine Neilson

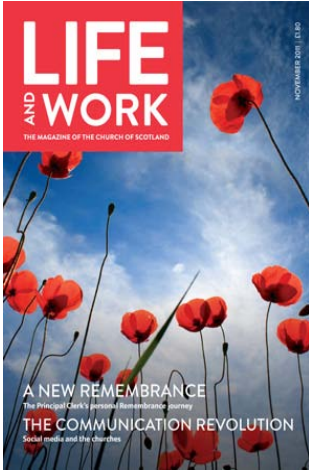
THE EARL HAIG FUND SCOTLAND

This Fund was founded by Field Marshal Earl Haig, Commander-in-Chief of the British Army, with the aim of giving practical help in time of need to all who served in the Armed Forces and their dependants.

The first Poppy Appeal took place in 1921 and, shortly afterwards, the Earl Haig Fund Scotland adopted the poppy emblem and Lady Haig established the Poppy Factory in Edinburgh.

The Fund is a registered charity and the principal means of raising money is through the Scottish Poppy Appeal which takes place every November in the week leading up to Remembrance Sunday.

On Remembrance Sunday, opportunity will be given to the congregation to donate to the Earl Haig Fund.



IN NOVEMBER'S ISSUE

A New Remembrance The Principal Clerk, the Rev John Chalmers, offers a personal reflection on his family's six-month journey since his son was seriously injured in Afghanistan.

Plus Remembrance prayer from the Moderator of the General Assembly.

Not Just a Women's Issue Jackie Macadam explores the work undertaken by the church to change attitudes to domestic violence.

A Good Mix Thomas Baldwin reports from the National Youth Assembly (which was attended by James Hyman from Cruden Bay).

Plus all the regular columnists, letters, reviews and crosswords – all for just £1.80

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

Cruden Parish Church Social Committee



with PRIZES for WINNERS

Friday 4th November 2011

Old Church Hall

Quiz Starts - 7:30 p.m.

£10:00 per table of four.

Refreshments Provided

Raffle

For further details and if you wish to enter, contact Betty Forrester, telephone 841205.

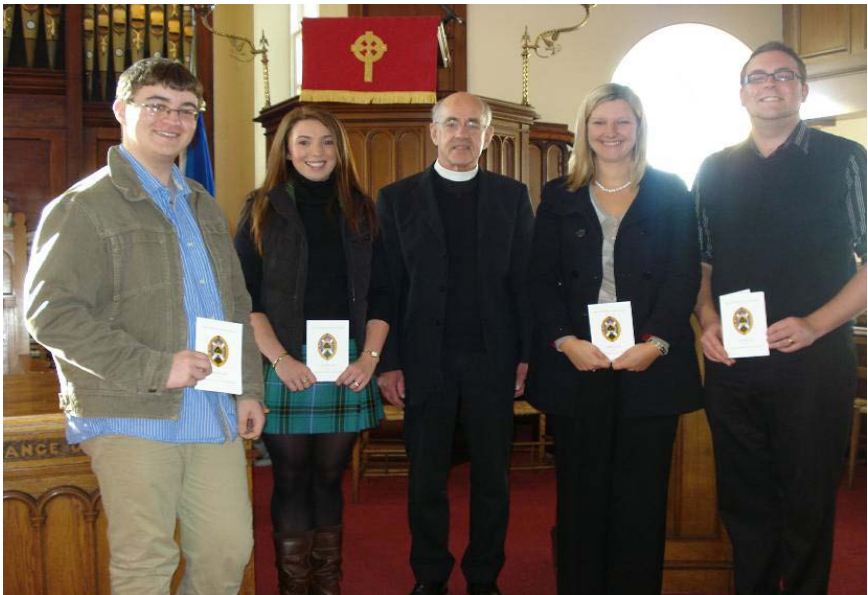
CHRISTMAS STALL

Starting on Sunday 20 November, there will be a stall for people to peruse. On sale will be some of our Cruden Christmas Cards, Notecards, and other items including some that will be new eg Cruden pens. Also on sale for £10 will be a Fiona Kennedy CD. Fiona herself gifted these CDs in support of our Fabric Project. The Minister thinks that the CD is one of the best he has ever listened to as it comprises variety of very easy to listen to songs that are beautifully sung both in Gaelic and in English. In fact since he first got it, it is all he listens to on long car journeys and he intends giving one as a Christmas present to Canadian relatives. Maybe there is someone you would want to give one to.

Cruden Church Code of Conduct in relation to the Bribery Act 2010

In the light of the Bribery Act 2010 and in anticipation of its provisions in future applying to churches, the Law Department of the Church has recommended that all congregations have a clearly stated policy on Bribery. In light of this, the Session at its meeting on 17 October adopted the following policy which it now brings to the attention of all church members.

1. The Kirk Session of Cruden Parish Church affirms there will be a policy of zero tolerance with respect to all kinds of bribery.
2. No facilitation payments will be made or received and all gifts, hospitality and expenses shall only be paid by authority of the Kirk Session or by the Finance Committee of the Kirk Session who will report to the Session at the first opportunity.
3. Where appropriate, at the beginning of a meeting, elders and office bearers must declare any interest in any matter that will come up on the agenda.
4. Anyone who has a concern about whether this policy is being adhered to should raise their concern with the Minister, Session Clerk or Treasurer.
5. All alleged breaches of this policy will be considered by the Finance Committee which will then report to the Kirk Session.
6. This policy will be given to all new office bearers along with a reminder of the responsibilities that elders have as charity trustees.



James Hyman, Louise Henderson, Natalie Malcolm and Chris Malcolm all joined the church by Profession of Faith on 16 October 2011

*IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A SENSE OF HUMOUR,
DO NOT READ THIS PAGE*

EVEN GOD ENJOYS A GOOD LAUGH!

There were 3 good arguments that Jesus was Black:

1. He called everyone brother
2. He liked Gospel
3. He didn't get a fair trial

But then there were 3 equally good arguments that Jesus was Jewish:

1. He went into His Father's business
2. He lived at home until he was 33
3. He was sure his Mother was a virgin and his Mother was sure He was God

But then there were 3 equally good arguments that Jesus was Italian:

1. He talked with His hands
2. He had wine with His meals
3. He used olive oil

But then there were 3 equally good arguments that Jesus was a Californian:

1. He never cut His hair
2. He walked around barefoot all the time
3. He started a new religion

But then there were 3 equally good arguments that Jesus was an American Indian :

1. He was at peace with nature
2. He ate a lot of fish
3. He talked about the Great Spirit

But then there were 3 equally good arguments that Jesus was Irish:

1. He never got married.
2. He was always telling stories.
3. He loved green pastures.

But the most compelling evidence of all - 3 proofs that Jesus was a woman:

1. He fed a crowd at a moment's notice when there was virtually no food
2. He kept trying to get a message across to a bunch of men who just didn't get it
3. And even when He was dead, He had to get up because there was still work to do.

FAIRTRADE STALL

The proceeds from the Fairtrade stall in the church hall on Sundays 9 & 16 October are £200.70 with 10% deducted for Cruden Church Funds. The organisers are grateful to all who supported the idea of fair trade for all.

Please note that the Minister will be on holiday from 14 November to 9 December. Anyone requiring the services of a minister during that period should in first instance contact the Session Clerk, Robert Esson (812206).

OCTOBER CHURCH WALK

Sunday 16 October - Strichen House and Stone Circle

We picnicked in the sunshine by Strichen Lake, keeping a wary eye on a family of swans, the fully-grown cygnets numbering only 5 out of the original 11.

We then set off south towards Strichen houses, the original 200 year old building ruinous and abandoned in a field to our right while the "new Strichen House" was undergoing major reconstruction after being ravaged by fire in freezing conditions last year. A couple of short sections of quiet country roads took us back under the old railway line to Strichen Burn. From there, a grassy track led up the hill to a couple of stiles. Barbed wire atop the first proved a little tricky but having carefully negotiated them we continued on to the Stone Circle. The panorama of the Buchan countryside rolled out around us, Mormond Hill and the White Horse dominating the landscape to the north. We lingered at the altar stone, enjoying the warmth, the views and the chat.

Having retraced our steps to the burn, we followed the track through Newton Wood back to the park and to the Lodge for coffee. Our enjoyment of our snacks was diminished slightly by our difficulty in hearing each other at our reserved table in the crowded room. Overall, however, an interesting walk, good company and an excellent turnout. This is the last walk in this year's programme and we look forward to resuming again next Spring.

Margaret Wisely