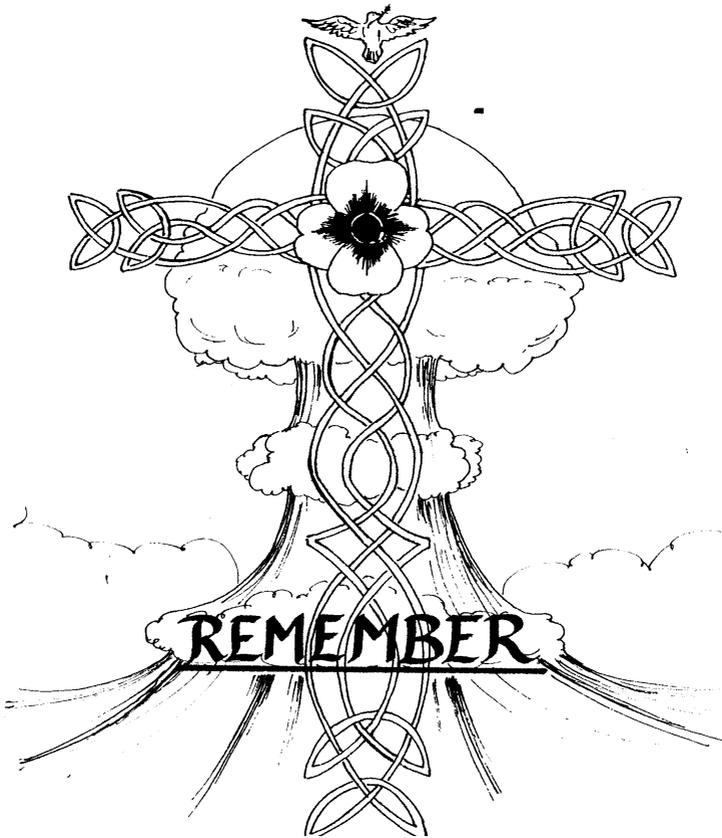


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# DIARY DATES

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## EACH WEEK

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

Thursday 1st	:	MESSY CHURCH	3:15 pm	Port Erroll Hall
Sunday 4th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	
Wednesday 7th	:	Coffee and Chat	10:30 am	Hall
Sunday 11th	:	<b>REMEMBRANCE SERVICE</b>	<b><u>10.30 am</u></b>	
Monday 12th	:	Watch and Talk Group	7.30 pm	Main Street, Cruden Bay
Wednesday 14th	:	Membership & Outreach Committee	7.30 pm	Manse
Sunday 18th	:	MORNING SERVICE Service conducted by Cruden Church Guild	10.00 am	
Monday 19th	:	Kirk Session	7.30 pm	Hall
Thursday 22nd	:	Guild Presbyterial Council 125 Years of the Guild – A Celebration	7.30 pm	New Deer
Sunday 25th	:	MORNING SERVICE <b>Sacrament of Holy Communion</b>	10.00 am	
Monday 26th	:	Cruden Guild Rev Bob Fowlie – “A Faith to Proclaim”	7.30 pm	Hall
Friday 30th	:	St Andrew's Night Dinner	7.30 pm	Longhaven Hall

## FORTHCOMING DATES IN DECEMBER

Wednesday 5th	:	Coffee and Chat	10:30 am	Hall
Sunday 9th	:	MORNING SERVICE including the Sacrament of Baptism		

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

**NOVEMBER HYMN BOOK CH4**

# PARISH REGISTER

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## DEATH

Mrs Alison Falconer, Whinbrae, Aulton Road, Cruden Bay

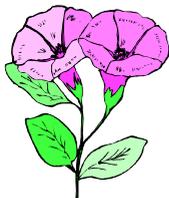
## HOLY COMMUNION



25 November  
10.00 am

**Duty Elders** Kathleen Clark, Adrian Smith, Beatrice Fawkes, Betty Smith, Jim MacDonald, Peter Slamaker, Kathleen Craig, Robert Petticrew, Muriel Cantlay, Betty Forrester.

## 2013 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.

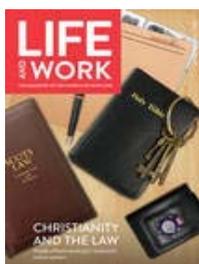
THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL COME OUT ON **25 NOVEMBER**. Copy for inclusion to be handed in to the Manse as soon as possible.

## CHRISTMAS CAKE ORDERS BEING TAKEN

Irene Siddle, one of our newer members, has been baking cakes to order for a number of years and has offered her professional experience for the benefit of the church. Irene will take orders for Christmas cakes up to Sunday 2/12/2012 with all profits going to the Windows Fund. Sizes available are 6", 8", 10 " and 12" with prices ranging from £6.50 to £12.50. Please see Irene or contact her on 01779 841660.

## SUNDAY MORNING DUTIES

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Junior Church
4 Nov	John Lamb Robert Petticrew	Betty Forrester	Elma Cumming Marilyn Samways	Karla Buswell Helen Smith Irene Siddle
11 Nov	John Lamb Robert Petticrew	Mary Bratton	NO TEAS	Remembrance
18 Nov	Carol Paul Stewart Paul	Rosemary Pittendrigh	Wilma Moir Janice Hutchinson	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Brenda Cadger
25 Nov	Carol Paul Stewart Paul	Mary McNaughtan	Beatrice Fawkes Iris Durno	Karla Buswell Helen Smith Irene Siddle
2 Dec	Sarah Paterson Sandy Beedie	Rosemary Reid	Norma Forman Mary Bratton	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Brenda Cadger
9 Dec	Sarah Paterson Sandy Beedie	Mary Bratton	Lewis McKechnie Margaret Adams	Karla Buswell Helen Smith Irene Siddle
16 Dec	Irene Stott Fred Stott	Betty Forrester	Betty Forrester Anne Cadey	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Brenda Cadger
23 Dec	Irene Stott Fred Stott	Beatrice Fawkes	Janice Hutchinson Liz Carnie	Karla Buswell Helen Smith Irene Siddle
30 Dec	Alison Neilson Wilma Moir	Robert Esson	Helen Cay Irene Stott	No Junior Church



### IN NOVEMBER'S ISSUE

**Remembrance** The Rev Bill Shackleton reminds us that long-ago conflicts might be closer than we think. Muriel Armstrong looks at the poppy, a humble flower of the field which has become one of our most powerful symbols. Remembrance prayer by the Principal Clerk.

**Christianity and the Law** Jackie Macadam speaks to Scottish Christians who work in the criminal justice system. **An Olympic**

**Summer** The Rev Neil Urquhart reflects on a month as a volunteer chaplain at the Olympics

**From Arizona to Kinlochleven – and Back** An American youth worker who has discovered surprising connections between his home state and his Highland patch.

*If you would like to read Life & Work, the magazine of the Church of Scotland, contact Isobel Young on 01779 812360*

# ***FROM THE MINISTER***      ***23 October 2012***

Dear Friends

Looking out of my study window it seems the leaves are any colour but green, with those which are already lying on the ground the same shade of brown.

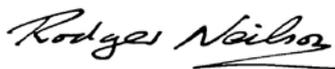
There have been some recent frosty nights and soon, according to the forecasters, some snow might not be far away. Only one conclusion is possible – we are speeding through autumn and heading into winter with its shorter and colder days – Oh no! Of course you may prefer to take the long term view and concentrate on the fact that next spring and summer is coming closer as we head to the end of this year- Oh yes!

Church people do not always find it easy to take the long term view. That is what I have concluded by coming into contact over the years with other churches. There are those who rightly lament the fact that young people are scarce in the church and the congregation is getting older. But then, when challenged to make changes, they do not want things to be different from what they are accustomed to.

I have never understood how a downward trend can be stopped or reversed by doing nothing. The short term view is – this is fine for me today so it will be fine for me tomorrow. The long term view asks “What should we be doing now to ensure that things will be fine for people in 10, 20 or 30 years’ time?”

I have said it before and I will say it again. I am so grateful that the officebearers of Cruden Church do not live in the past but have a concern for the future. So Cruden Church is not stuck in a rut. Yes we are getting older, yes, there are few younger people regularly attending but at least we are making efforts to ensure there will be future generations worshipping in Cruden. That is why I want to express my deepest thanks to all who made it possible for our new initiative – the Messy Church – to get off to such a good start. I pray that it will go from strength to strength.

Your friend and minister

  
Rodger Naylor

# CRUDEN CHURCH GUILD

**Monday, 24 September**

Guild President, Rosemary Pittendrigh welcomed all members, new members and visitors to the first Guild meeting of the session. This was really well attended, despite being a very wild and windy night.

After the usual hymn and prayer, Rosemary introduced Ms Eilidh Whiteford MP, who was to be the victim /interviewee in our Face to Face forum, answering questions set by our own Rodger (Piers Morgan) Neilson. This proved to be a most interesting and informative night's entertainment. With Rodger setting the most unexpected questions to Eilidh who never missed a beat in her reply.

Over a cup of tea, members were able to get answers to their own questions, from a very clever and approachable MP. It was true to say that it was a very pleasant start to our Guild nights. Beatrice Fawkes gave a lovely vote of thanks. And after the final hymn, Rosemary wished everyone a safe journey home.

Next Guild meeting, Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October when we look forward to a talk by Stewart and Carol Paul on their visit to China.

*Lorraine Neilson*

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## CRUDEN MESSY CHURCH OFF TO A GOOD START

The first of Cruden Parish Church's Messy Church was held in Port Erroll hall on Thursday 4 October when 16 children, along with their parents or guardians, registered for the afternoon. We were all a little bit apprehensive but all our doubts soon disappeared when the children got stuck into their snacks, started playing table games and then began their craft activities. This was followed by a short bible story, singing and a prayer. The children and their parents then all sat together and enjoyed a finger buffet before heading home. Thanks must go to all the helpers who made this all possible. The next Messy Church will be held on 1 November and 29 November.

*Kathleen Craig*

We are grateful for those who are willing to work with the children, but would benefit from volunteers willing to help out backstage in the kitchen. Please let me know if you would like to help us on either of the November dates.

## **ST ANDREW'S NIGHT**

**LONGHAVEN PUBLIC  
HALL**

*Friday 30 November  
2012*

*7 pm for 7.30 pm*

*Ticket £12.00*

*three course meal and  
coffee*

*Raffle Entertainment*

For further details, contact Betty  
Forrester, telephone 841205.

## **POPPY SCOTLAND**

Founded by Field Marshal Earl Haig, Commander-in-Chief of the British Army and established in 1921 as The Earl Haig Fund Scotland the current name and logo was introduced in 2006 to reflect the revised fundraising activities and charitable services work. In June 2011 Poppy Scotland merged with their sister charity The Royal British Legion (TRBL), which operates in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, to form the largest charity group supporting the Armed Forces community across the whole of the UK.

*On Remembrance Sunday, opportunity will be given to the congregation to donate to this Fund*

## **CRUDEN CHURCH WALKS**

**Sunday 16 September - Pitmeddan Gardens**

Our intended route had been from Tolquhon Castle to Pitmeddan gardens but the overgrown paths put paid to that plan. We therefore opted for the shorter waymarked "Woodland Walk" within the grounds themselves. From the car park, we headed south along the old drive then doubled back to "Lady Mary's

pond" constructed in the late 19th century but almost hidden from view by the rather overgrown rhododendrons.

We continued round the perimeter of the compact estate and across the A92 into the small Limekiln Wood. There we marvelled at the excellent state of preservation and size of the lime kiln and were intrigued by the multi-coloured vegetation on the adjoining pond, formerly the limestone quarry serving the kiln but which fell into disuse by the late 1790s. We had considered having a look at the splendid formal gardens but a sudden downpour made us run for cover to the warmth of the tearoom for tea and cakes and a chance to dry out.

## Sunday 14 October Dens of Crichtie and Stuartfield

Having gathered at the Square and admired the splendid trophy, displayed in the newsagent's window, for "Buchan in Bloom" we discussed the choice of routes and opted for the shorter 3mile route rather than the Coynach and Auchtylair route earlier proposed.

The former threshing mill with huge water wheel visible to the right of the building was a prominent feature at the end of the street, as were the ancillary buildings to the rear tastefully converted to modern accommodation and stylishly set out round the well-maintained mill/duck pond. A short stretch of the Auchnagatt road took us on to the tree-lined track past Dens farm, the original farmhouse of which was until 1739 the residence of the Laird of Dens estate when Dens and Crichtie were united. As we climbed the hill, Robert was able to point out to us the water tower of the former POW camp at Mains of Crichtie, the asbestos huts obscured by the trees and apparently now used as lock up garages by the local residents. From the crest of the hill, we had panoramic views all round with Stuartfield, Old Deer and Longside in the near/middle distance and Peterhead power station and grain silos at Crimmond far to the east and north.

We slowed on the downhill track to enable the back markers to catch up before heading to the Happy Plant for a cup of tea and more chat. Rodger responded to Robert's text by joining us briefly there after his double services at New Pitsligo and Strichen. This was the lost walk of the year and we look forward to resuming again next spring.

*Margaret Wisely*

A minister was completing a TEMPERANCE sermon. With great emphasis he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."

With even greater emphasis he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."

And then finally, shaking his fist in the air, he said, "And if I had all the whisky in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."

Sermon complete, he sat down. The song leader stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, nearly laughing, "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn 365, "Shall We Gather at the River." *See you at the river! Bring your own glass!*

## **Watch and Talk Group - 8 October, 2012 'The First Crusade'**

In November, 1095 when Pope Urban 2nd delivered a sermon in Clermont Ferrand, in Central France, which would transform the history of Europe, Christianity was in turmoil split between the Greek Church of the East and the Latin of the West. His rousing words transfixed the crowds and his message reverberated towards the West - the Age of the Crusades had begun. He proclaimed a new Holy War against Islam for control of the most hallowed site in the Christian cosmos – the sacred city of Jerusalem.

Papacy was in the brink of overflow – embroiled in a long standing feud with the German Empire. This speech, designed to reassert Papal authority, told of how Christians in Jerusalem were being subjected to ghastly crimes with sword, rape and fire by a foreign race alien to God – this message, in fact, bore little resemblance to the reality of Muslim rule in the Holy Land. A passion was ignited for the Crusade to bring unconditional Christianity in 11th Century Europe with promise of salvation, pure and everlasting paradise in Heaven or the threat of damnation.

It seems incomprehensible that these members of European Aristocracy would lead this pilgrimage comprising rich, poor, peasants and knights – enduring many sufferings and slaughter - their procession masking shambolic preparation with no plans or maps – all in a leap of faith and the promise of redemption – killing for Christ being an act of devotion opening the gates of Heaven.

After 4 years and the loss of hundreds and thousands of lives, crossing Asia Minor in barbaric, indiscriminate slaughter, the Crusaders reached the Holy Sepulchre where they gave thanks to God in their triumph – 'His will' had been done in this Holy war and all its horrors – the Holy City had been liberated.

Whist this Crusade was said to have been made in the name of religion.....was it, or was it in the capture of trade routes? We could say the present day middle east crises are similarly fuelled but others would say that the capture/ownership of oil plays a large part....!

Although the historical background of this DVD was presented very clearly by Dr Thomas Asbridge – Queen Mary College, University of London, the theme of medieval knights and Jihad warriors using unspeakable violence in ultimately winning the war for the Holy Land was complex and gruesome.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, 7 November when the topic will be 'Women in Westminster Cathedral' – a less bloodthirsty subject!

*Marilyn Samways*



# EVERY SHOE TELLS A STORY



From Friday to Sunday, 3-5 August 2012, ladies of the Whitehills Parish Church of Scotland near Banff set up a display of shoes in the St Brandon's Centre, for anyone to visit. There were shoes with stories of more than 40 different situations and events through life. Stories included

- ❖ celebrating baptism and the responsibility of raising a child
- ❖ 21st birthday with family and friends present
- ❖ shoes bought with a first salary
- ❖ trainers worn by a youngster who ran a 4 x 100m relay and dropped the baton when they looked like the winning team
- ❖ a special boot worn by someone after a serious illness and now able to walk again
- ❖ boots of a policeman committed to his work attending scenes of accidents, drugs, and drunk people to mention a few
- ❖ a 60 year wedding anniversary and a husband and wife's lifelong commitment to each other
- ❖ waders of a fisherman who enjoys time in fresh water thinking about God who made creation including him and the salmon
- ❖ identical shoes worn by both a mother and her daughter and the privilege of such a relationship
- ❖ sailing boots whose owner had been to the Hebrides and endured a storm at sea
- ❖ walking shoes of a puppy walker that weren't chewed
- ❖ shoes worn to the funeral of a man who died so young
- ❖ shoes that had been to visit Pompeii, drawing the reader of the story to the fact that the very volcanic matter that caused such devastation and destruction, also preserved a way of life for us to witness today.

A rather unusual exhibit was a little shoe carved from coal by a coal miner who gave it to a lady to thank her for having his son for tea on Sundays during the 2nd world war when he was based as a soldier at Inverboyndie Distillery. Another

pair of very old shoes was displayed with a photo of the traditional dress that was worn with it in Switzerland on special occasions by wealthy women.

Individually cut-out, paper footprints led you along the display with words appropriate to each story and before you realised it you were adding or marvelling at the suggestion. There was peaceful background music playing and a quiet area to contemplate if the visitor so wished. To the side were footprints leading to a wooden cross. Another scene was that of a basin of water and sandals to remind us of Jesus washing the disciples' feet. Some children enjoyed colouring in at their little table while parents savoured the memories and thoughts, many thinking their shoes could have been in the stories! There was a 'fly cup' for those who wanted, or you could just leave pondering upon life.

When asked which story meant the most to people, they said it was hard to say as they were all good. Comments in the book read:

- "The stories made me laugh, cry and ponder."
- "What a wonderful display! Well worth a visit."
- "I don't think I'll look at a pair of shoes in the same way again."

It was a very worthwhile experience and wonderful how people offered their stories and shoes, both young and old. It was a great way to involve people of all ages to share their experiences through sad, hard and happy times. For life is a journey that we all must walk.

*Mattie Verster, Whitehills Parish Church*

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## FAIRTRADE STALL

The proceeds from the Fairtrade stall in the church hall on Sundays 14& 21 October are £233.55 with 10% deducted for Cruden Church Funds. The organisers are grateful to all who supported the idea of fair trade for all.

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## CALENDAR SALES

The sum of £525 has been raised from the sale of calendars with the Windows Project benefitting. Our thanks are due to Fred Coutts whose project this was – from taking the photographs to arranging the printing.