

CRUDEN
PARISH
CHURCH

JANUARY 2013



MESSY CHURCH IN SESSION

NEXT MESSY CHURCH DATE THURSDAY 17 JANUARY

THE BULLETIN

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DIARY DATES

JANUARY 2013

EACH WEEK (Except during school holidays)

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

- Sunday 6th : MORNING SERVICE 10 am
- Wednesday 9th : Choir Practice 7:30 pm Hall
- Sunday 13th : MORNING SERVICE 10 am
- Monday 14th : Watch & Talk Group 7.30 pm 3 Main Street, Cruden Bay
- Thursday 17th : Messy Church 3:15 pm Port Erroll Hall
- Sunday 20th : MORNING SERVICE 10.00 am
conducted by the Rev Fred Coutts
- Sunday 27th : MORNING SERVICE 10.00 am
Sacrament of Holy Communion
conducted by the Rev Fred Coutts
- Monday 28th : The Guild 7.30 pm Hall
"Mercy Ships" Sandra Campbell
- Wednesday 30th : Choir Practice 7:30 pm Hall

The Minister will be on holiday from the 14 to 29 January.
Anyone wanting the services of a minister during that period
should contact the Rev Fred Coutts on 01779 841320

JANUARY HYMN BOOK - CH4

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

FROM THE MINISTER 26 December 2012

Dear Friends

A very Happy New Year to you all

Whatever else the New Year brings my hope, as it was last year and every year, is that it will be a time of peace and growth and love for all.

MESSY CHURCH

One of the great success stories of last year was the starting of the Messy Church under the excellent leadership of Kathleen Craig and Beatrice Fawkes. This was an opportunity to show that Cruden Church is not just content to keep things ticking over as they are. We must take seriously the Great Commission of Jesus given to his disciples (then and now) at the end of Matthew's gospel and quoted at every baptism – "Go and make disciples of all nations".

If the Church's primary task is to worship God, then next comes the need to obey God's command to reach out to others and share the faith. Messy Church has given us the rare opportunity to exercise ourselves in outreach and in particular to try and share some of our faith with those who will comprise the next generation. This is a monthly event, so not too demanding of time and we are very grateful to all our willing helpers who are taking this opportunity to share time with youngsters and show the importance of faith in today's world.

TRINITY CHURCH

A year ago, I was telling you that the Presbytery of Buchan had appointed me as Interim Moderator in Trinity Church, Peterhead and Boddam. One year on, sadly I have to report that despite the usual advertising of the vacancy, no real interest has been shown. The Church has more vacancies than candidates to fill them. So for a second year I have awaiting me more meetings and the need to be in another pulpit occasionally on Sunday mornings. I am grateful to the members of Cruden Church for their patient acceptance of this situation.

Your friend and minister

Rodger Neilson

PARISH REGISTER

*(denotes church member)

BAPTISM

Brodie Henderson, 1 Yonderton Cottage, Hatton

HOLY COMMUNION



27 January
10 am

Duty Elders

Betty May, Jack Young, Sandy Smith, Annette Garden
Robert Esson, Wilma Moir, Betty Forrester, Irene Will
Joyce Willox, Kathleen Craig.



REMINDER TO THOSE ON SUNDAY DUTY

If unable to do door duty, please inform the Minister - 841229. 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 the Minister or Wilma as appropriate.

From Poppy Scotland

A letter of thanks has been received after our donation of £155, collected on Remembrance Sunday, was sent. The 2010 amount had only been £75, less than usual because fewer people attended the Remembrance Sunday service which that year was in the Hall because of the work being done to the church east wall.)

SUNDAY MORNING DUTIES – 10 am

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Children
6 Jan	Alison Neilson Wilma Moir	Muriel Cantlay	Dorothy Cruickshank Sharon Clark	No Junior Church
13 Jan	Margaret Adams Sandy Smith	Muriel Cantlay	Alison Neilson Elizabeth Bruce	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Brenda Cadger
20 Jan	Margaret Adams Sandy Smith	Violet Penny	Betty Morris Doreen Buchan	Karla Buswell Helen Smith Irene Siddle
27 Jan	Shonah Taylor Liz Carnie	Marina Bruce	Fiona Stephen Kathleen Craig	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Brenda Cadger
3 Feb	Shonah Taylor Liz Carnie	Betty Forrester	Iris Durno Elma Cumming	Karla Buswell Helen Smith Irene Siddle
10 Feb	Margaret Bruce Ken Bruce	Betty Forrester	Marilyn Samways Beatrice Fawkes	No Junior Church
17 Feb	Margaret Bruce Ken Bruce	Bessie Sandison	Wilma Moir Rosemary Reid	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Brenda Cadger
24 Feb	Isobel Young Jack Young	Joyce Willox	NO TEAS	Karla Buswell Helen Smith Irene Siddle

OUR NEW NOTICEBOARD

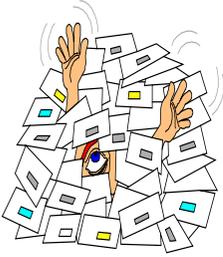


Many members have commented very positively about the noticeboard that was installed a few days before the visit of the Moderator of the General Assembly at the end of October. It is certainly a great improvement to what has been in place for many years now and was showing signs of age.

The noticeboard was donated by the family of the late Mrs Mary Cantlay. Many years ago she and her family donated the previous noticeboard and the similar one that was outside the West Church in memory of her late husband, Leslie Cantlay.

We express our deep appreciation to the Cantlay family for their generosity and their continuing involvement in and commitment to Cruden Parish Church.

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.

HA HA

Nescafe manages to arrange a meeting with the Pope at the Vatican. After receiving the Papal blessing, the Nescafe official whispers 'Your Eminence, we have an offer for you. Nescafe is prepared to donate \$100 million to the church if you change the Lord's Prayer from 'give us this day our daily bread' to 'give us this day our daily coffee.'

The Pope responds, 'That is impossible. The prayer is the word of the Lord. It must not be changed.'

'Well,' said the Nescafe man, 'we anticipated your reluctance. For this reason we will increase our offer to \$300 million.'

'My son, it is impossible. For the prayer is the word of the Lord and it must not be changed.'

The Nescafe guy says, 'Your Holiness, we at Nescafe respect your adherence to the faith, but we do have one final offer. We will donate \$500 million - that's half a billion dollars - to the great Catholic Church if you would only change the Lord's Prayer from 'give us this day our daily bread' to 'give us this day our daily coffee.' Please consider it.'and he leaves.

The very next day the Pope convenes the College of Cardinals. 'I have some good news,' he announces, 'and some bad news. The good news is that the Church will come into \$500 million.' 'And the bad news your Holiness?' asks a Cardinal. 'We're losing the Hovis account.'

HA HA

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

There will be an extra dimension to our Stewardship Campaign this year to allow us to fulfil the requirements of the General Assembly and the Presbytery. As well as inviting members to make their annual review of their givings, we will be focusing on our stewardship of **TIME**. There will be more information about this in the next issue of the Bulletin.

WATCH AND TALK GROUP

At the November meeting we watched “Catholic Women at Westminster Cathedral”, an interesting and revealing programme in which twelve women talked about their faith and what the Cathedral means to them.

From the time the lights go on in the morning until the staff leave at night, the Cathedral is quietly active, with worshippers and visitors coming and going while priests and volunteers mingle among them going about their work.

The Lady Chapel is an important part of the Cathedral and more than one woman spoke of how much the Virgin Mary meant to them. The sacristant showed the priests cloaks, the store of chalices and how she arranged the relics on the high altar. She admitted that some aspects of the ritual were difficult for her when she first became a convert.

We were impressed by the openness with which the women described how they came to their faith. Some were “Cradle Catholics”, some were converts, others lapsed Catholics, who when they had problems in their lives, had returned to the church.

They were frank about their concerns over the rigidity of a convent education, and the churches views on divorce and contraception. Many spoke of the comfort they gained from the beauty and peace of the Cathedral and their gratitude in having received a Catholic faith.

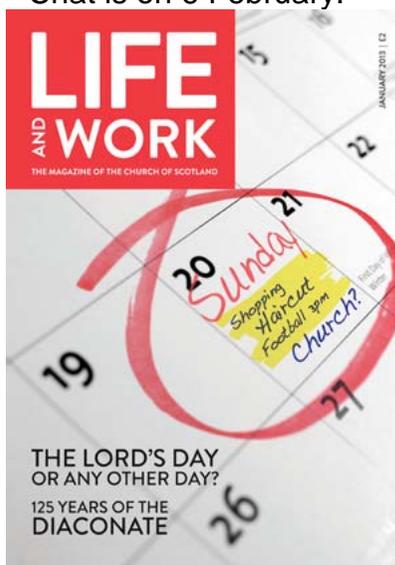
In the discussion which followed it was clear that this had been a particularly thought provoking evening.

The next meeting will be on Monday 14 January 2013 and the DVD will be “Jerusalem – The Making of a Holy City”.

Annette Garden

PROJECT FUNDRAISING

Donations received from the Coffee & Chat mornings amounted to £166 (Sept Oct & Nov) and have been passed on to the Treasurer for the Windows Project. Next Coffee & Chat is on 6 February.



A Musical Ministry Jackie Macadam meets Thursday's Child – two ministers who are using music to engage with important faith questions

The Forgotten Fathers In an introduction to a new column, the Rev Angus Morrison explains why history matters

Compassion Above All Else The Rev Scott McKenna introduces a series examining challenging passages of scripture

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SMILE

A little boy was overheard praying: 'Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am!'

JANUARY ISSUE OF THE MAGAZINE OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

The Lord's Day or Any Other Day?

Thomas Baldwin asks whether Sunday is still special in Scotland

A Faithful Band Church of Scotland Deacons celebrate 125 years of 'a ministry of service'

Diplomat, Evangelist and Missionary

Jackie Macadam explores the life and legacy of Saint Columba, who arrived in Scotland 1450 years ago this year

The Rhythm of Rest The Moderator calls on us to make time to relax



Our Malawi Correspondent, Betty May emailed Christmas wishes to the LISAP Director in Malawi and received this reply.

Thanks very much, Betty. I wish you a blessed Christmas and New Year too. May the Lord enter with you in the New Year. Pass my Christmas regards to all who worship with you and many more.

Blessings,

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Mphatso Nguluwe, Director, Lisap, P.O.Box 279, Ekwendeni, Malawi

CRUDEN CHURCH GUILD

MONDAY 26 NOVEMBER

Once again, we had a good turnout of guests and members for our November meeting. Rosemary Pittendrigh welcomed everyone and after the opening hymn and prayer, she introduced our speaker for the night, the Rev Bob Fowlie, who is the Minister at Longside Church.

He gave a most interesting and informative talk of his own 'Faith to Proclaim', our Guild theme for this year. He spoke of his journey from the shipyards to his present post at Longside. Although still a young man, he seems to have done quite a lot in so little time. He entertained us all with interesting stories and anecdotes.

Kathleen Craig then gave a heartfelt vote of thanks. Everyone agreed that it was another good and interesting evening. After the usual cup of tea, we finished with a hymn, led by Wilma Moir on the piano. It was great to have the strong male voice of our speaker, singing along with us.

MONDAY 10 DECEMBER GUILD CHRISTMAS PARTY

On an unusually calm evening for December, 21 members of the Guild made their way to the Albert Hotel in Peterhead for the Guild Christmas party. Rosemary welcomed everyone, and asked Robert Esson if he would say the grace before the meal. After the lovely meal, it was time for the games. Everyone had a bit of fun racking their brains to a picture quiz. Then we had a game of Guild match up, which was quite a mediocre game, but the prizes were really lovely. The piece de resistance, 12 Days of Christmas,

complete with actions was a sight to behold, where everyone joined in and played their parts really well.

Beatrice Fawkes and Rosemary Pittendrigh each read out lovely thought provoking poems and to end the evening off we sang some Christmas carols. At the end of the evening Rosemary wished everyone a Merry Christmas, and a safe journey home. It was a really pleasant evening, with everyone saying as they left. "What a rare night". Even the proprietor was heard to say that she enjoyed the singing! What more could you ask for.

Next Guild meeting will be held on Monday 28th January 2013. The speaker for this evening will be Sandra Campbell, who will give us some insight into the works of "Mercy Ships" All are welcome to come along.

Lorraine Neilson

Week Of Prayer For Christian Unity January 2013

Churches around the world traditionally mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from 18 to 25 January in the eight days between the feasts of St. Peter and St. Paul but these dates need not be strictly kept.

The General Secretary, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland writes *In 1989 when the Churches committed themselves afresh to the ecumenical vision of full visible unity, they stated clearly that they were "no longer strangers but pilgrims together"*.

The image of 'pilgrimage', which recurs throughout Christian theology and spirituality, is a powerful and important one for the ecumenical movement. Pilgrimage implies walking, and for this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we are asked to reflect upon our ecumenical pilgrimage: how we walk together and walk humbly with God.

We are helped in our reflections by the experiences and insights of Christians in India as they pray and work for the Kingdom of God.

Rev Bob Fyffe,

In reflecting on the significance of the Week of Prayer, the Christians in India decided that in a context of great injustice to Dalits (*Untouchables*) in India and in the Church, the search for unity cannot be disassociated from the dismantling of casteism and the contribution to unity by the poorest of the poor.

Casteism results in the Dalits being socially marginalised, politically under-represented, economically exploited and culturally subjugated.

Almost 80% of Indian Christians have a Dalit background.

During the Week of Prayer, Christians all over the world will explore what it means to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8) This theme is developed over the eight days by the metaphor of walking.

WILL YOU VOLUNTEER?

In recent years up to a dozen people have responded to this Bulletin invitation to take part in the Week of Prayer. If **YOU** want to volunteer, all you need do is work your way each day through a page in the leaflet. It should only take about 10 - 15 minutes. Don't worry if you miss a day, just catch up in your own time.

- Look at the questions that begin each day.
- Look up the readings in your bible (If anyone would like to borrow a Good News Bible from the church, contact the minister.)
- Still keeping the initial questions in mind, slowly read the passage for reflection and the prayer that finishes it.
- Then spend a few moments in thought and prayer.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 2013

Over 8 days, the 2013 theme, explored through readings and prayers. will be **“What does God require of us?”** (from Micah 6 : 8). The answer the bible gives is that we must **walk the path of justice, mercy and humility**. The 8 subthemes are .:

Day 1 -Walking in conversation

Day 2 -Walking with brokenness

Day 3 -Walking towards freedom

Day 4 -Walking as children of the earth

Day 5 -Walking as the friends of Jesus
Day 6 -Walking beyond barriers
Day 7 -Walking in solidarity
Day 8 -Walking in celebration

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO BE INVOLVED OR WOULD SIMPLY LIKE TO SEE THE MATERIAL, PHONE OR EMAIL THE MINISTER BEFORE 10 JANUARY.

*Week Of Prayer For Christian Unity
January 2013*