

*CRUDEN  
PARISH  
CHURCH*

*BULLETIN  
MAY 2013*



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - 12 - 18 MAY

Scottish Charity Number SC039150

*The annual **Buttery Morning** will be on Saturday 11 May from 10 am until 11.30 am in Hatton Village Hall. Admission £3. Donations for raffle and tombola welcome.*

*The **House to House** collection will take place during the week of 12 - 18 May. Those who are tax payers are encouraged to complete the Gift Aid part on the envelope.*

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# DIARY DATES

## MAY 2013

**EACH WEEK** (Except during school holidays)

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

Wednesday 1st : Coffee and Chat 10.30 am Church Hall  
Sunday 5th : MORNING SERVICE 10.00 am  
Saturday 11th : Christian Aid Buttery Morning 10.00 am Hatton Hall  
Sunday 12th : MORNING SERVICE 10.00 am  
Worship for Christian Aid Sunday conducted by elders

### **12th – 18th Christian Aid Week**

Sunday 19th: **UNITED MORNING SERVICE 9.30 am ST JAMES'**  
**therefore no service in Cruden Church**  
Church Walk - Delgatie Castle, leaving Hall at 11:30 am  
Sunday 26th : **UNITED MORNING SERVICE 10.00 am**  
**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

### **CHANGE OF HYMNBOOK**

**\*\*\* MAY HYMN BOOK - MISSION PRAISE \*\*\***

### **THERAPEUTIC ROOF GARDEN ABERDEEN ROYAL INFIRMARY**

The opportunity throughout Holy Week to contribute to THE GETHSEMANE APPEAL was well received as members donated the magnificent sum of **£280**. This Appeal had been launched to help provide a for the benefit of particularly long term patients and their relatives. Additional Information is available at

**[www.facebook.com/ari.roofgarden](http://www.facebook.com/ari.roofgarden)**

THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL COME  
OUT ON **26 MAY**. Copy for inclusion to be handed in  
to the Manse as soon as possible.

# FROM THE MINISTER

19 April 2013

Dear Friends

This month sees the last of this session's Messy Church. It has been great to see a number of non-church families showing interest in this and our thanks are due to the many people involved in helping to share something of our Christian faith with others and especially to organisers, Kathleen Craig and Beatrice Fawkes. Now the planning starts for next session!

Your friend and minister

*Rodger Neilson*



Next month we shall host a special event in our church. Well known entertainer and occasional visitor to our church when she is in Cruden Bay, Fiona Kennedy, who stages concerts in Aberdeen and abroad, has organised a concert tour which will include Cruden. This is a professional show and tickets will be available later this month. A proportion of the ticket sales will be donated to our Windows Fund.

**More details  
next month.**

Boat of Garten Hall  
Strathpeffer Pavilion

Cruden Bay at Cruden Parish Church  
Fraserburgh St Peter's Church

**Friday 14 June** 7.30pm

**Saturday 15 June** 7.30pm

**Thursday 20 June** 7.30pm

**Friday 21 June** 7.30pm

Ticket prices £14 with concessions £12  
(OAP's and students), £10 (children up to 16).  
For ticket information, visit [www.thekist.com](http://www.thekist.com)



[www.scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk)

## APRIL'S WATCH AND TALK GROUP - Macdonald's Farm.

Donald Macdonald and his wife Christine, both from the Isle of Lewis, left Scotland to make a new life for themselves in Zambia. They settled in a fairly wealthy area of Lusaka, Donald as a Chief Executive with a Zambian Airline and Christine, as a qualified gynaecologist, found a job at a local Medical Centre.

In Lusaka, it is quite common for young boys to hang around street corners begging. Donald got acquainted with one boy and, when he had to go into hospital, Donald promised himself he would go and visit the boy. When Donald finally got round to visiting the boy he discovered he had died. This situation had a profound effect on Donald, especially as some of his "other commitments" were due to him attending church services. Donald and his wife sold their house and bought an old farm house where they gave home to about 30 boys, one of whom, Nicholas (known as Nico) they adopted. Initially the boys lived in the house with Donald, his wife and their two daughters but due to government rules and regulations they were forced to house them in a habitable out house. Donald no longer had control over the behaviour of the boys as they were no longer under his roof so he was forced to lay down certain rules of acceptable behaviour. Boys who repeatedly broke the rules were asked to leave. Nico was one of those asked to leave for, as he grew up, he began to get involved with alcohol which was not a good example to set the younger boys.

Years of holding down their daily jobs and trying to keep a home for all these young boys has obviously taken their toll on Donald and Christine and even on their daughters to a lesser extent. They have no wish to stop caring for these boys but for how long they can go on is questionable. They may well be wondering "Where do we and the boys go from here?"

Being at the Meeting was an absolute pleasure for me. Watching and discussing the DVD was, as usual, very interesting and the short Communion Service taken by our minister was an added bonus to the enjoyment of the evening and, of course, no meeting of the group would be complete without Marilyn Samways' hospitality. I look forward to the start of the 2013/14 Session.

Jenny McGarrol

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**HOLY  
COMMUNION**



**26 May  
10 am**

**Duty Elders** Wilma Moir, Betty Forrester, John Lamb, Adrian Smith,  
Beatrice Fawkes, Judith Taylor, Sandy Smith, Annette Garden.

# CRUDEN GUILD

**MONDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2013**

Rosemary welcomed all members and guest to a well-attended meeting. After the opening hymn and prayer, she introduced the speaker for the evening, Karen Woodhouse.

Karen and her friend Jane talked about their business, FOOD FOR THOUGHT. Basically, pre boxed fresh vegetables, ordered and delivered, right to the door. This started in Jane's kitchen, but has now grown so popular, that they have now to rent premises to keep and pack the veg. They have also opened a shop in New Deer, where they now also sell jams, cheese, oatcakes etc. Samples of their products were tasted, of course. After which we all decided to have a trip to the shop and see for ourselves. So it was a good advert for their business, and a good night for us.

Alison then gave a very informative talk on two of the Guild Projects. Annette gave her usual impeccable vote of thanks. After our tea, Rosemary wished everyone a safe journey home.

**MONDAY 25 MARCH 2013**

At the beginning of Easter week, Rosemary welcomed all to the March Meeting. The speaker for the evening was Dr Gavin Packham. His talk was on Pre-Hospital emergencies. His job is attending to victims of road accidents, or any other trauma caused by accident. This is a highly skilled job, as he has to perform procedures, which would be normally performed in a casualty department.

He spoke of his charity, THE SANDPIPER TRUST, which has been set up to raise money for the very costly equipment required for use at the scene of the accidents. After his talk, he had some branded items for sale, which the members and guests purchased. By doing so members felt that they had helped the charity in some way.

Mary Bratton gave a most amusing vote of thanks. After tea, Rosemary wished everyone a safe journey home, reminding members that the next meeting, the Guild AGM, would take place on Monday 29 April. Janet McLeman, the guest speaker, will give a talk on Buchan Coast's Wild Flowers. All welcome to come along.

*Lorraine Neilson*

## **BLOOD DONORS**

Peterhead Community Education Centre

Sundays 5 and 12 May

10.00 am – 12.30 pm & 2 pm – 4 pm

# SUNDAY MORNING DUTIES 10 am

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Children
5 May	Muriel Cantlay Jim Macdonald	Betty Morris	Kathleen Craig Elma Cumming	School Holiday
12 May	Muriel Cantlay Jim Macdonald	Jean Beedie	Irene Stott Iris Durno	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Brenda Cadger
19 May	<b>SERVICE</b>	<b>IN ST JAMES'</b>	<b>THIS MORNING</b>	Karla Buswell Helen Smith Irene Siddle
26 May	Mary Bratton Lewis McKechnie	Anne McNaughton	Marilyn Samways Margaret Adams	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Brenda Cadger
2 June	Robert Esson Fiona Stephen	Mary Bratton	Ann Cadey Mary Bratton	School Holiday
9 June	Robert Esson Fiona Stephen	Bessie Sandison	Janice Hutchinson Rosemary Reid	Karla Buswell Helen Smith Irene Siddle
16 June	Kate Clark Peter Slamaker	Margaret Cruickshank	Lewis McKechnie Liz Carnie	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Brenda Cadger
23 June	Kate Clark Peter Slamaker	Irene Stott	Alison Neilson Helen Cay	Karla Buswell Helen Smith Irene Siddle
30 June	Joyce Willox Michael Buchan		Doreen Buchan Betty Morris	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Brenda Cadger

**TO THOSE ON SUNDAY DUTY** If you are unable to fulfil your door duty, please try to find your own replacement before informing Minister (door rota) 841229 or Wilma Moir (teas rota) 841516.

## ***ANNUAL CHURCH SENIOR CITIZENS OUTING***

*This year the outing is on Thursday 6 June is going to Baxters at Fochabers followed by high tea hopefully either at the Banff springs or the Bancar Hotel, Lonmay but this is still to be confirmed. An invitation is extended to all senior citizens who are church members or adherents.*

*A bus will pick up in Cruden Bay at 12.30 pm and Hatton at 1 pm. Due to the high cost of buses, we need to know numbers in advance. If you would like to come please can you notify any Guild Committee Member – Rosemary Pittendrigh, Shonah Taylor, Beatrice Fawkes, Alison Neilson, Irene Will, Lorraine Neilson. Please see the enclosed notice.*

‘We work together, we share the land’



### **Elmy with her woolless sheep**

**This Christian Aid Week, we’re standing with poor communities to help them bite back at hunger. If a community has land to live on and farm, it can provide enough food for its people. In the Beni region of Bolivia, one community faces a much more secure future, thanks to a Christian Aid partner organisation helping them acquire land rights, previously under dispute for decades.**

When Elmy Ymarnarlico lists the things that she is most proud of, her woolless sheep and chickens come in close to the top. But it is the sense of ownership of her homeland that has really changed Elmy’s life. Elmy lives in the community of Alta Gracia, deep in the Bolivian rainforest. But despite making up the majority of the population, indigenous communities like Elmy’s have struggled for years to have reliable access to their own land.

Threats and intimidation from prospective landlords were common, and many fathers and young people left to search for work elsewhere because they couldn’t make a living from their land. This left families to struggle with the other perils of drought, floods, forest fires and hunger.

Christian Aid partner Centre for Research and Training of Peasants (CIPCA) has since helped to secure land for more than 1,000 families. CIPCA has also given the community training in crop diversification and how to improve their harvests.

It has provided woolless sheep to breed from, sell on and eat, and chickens to produce eggs to eat and sell.

Now the men can stay and farm their own land without the threat of cattle ranchers and big businesses taking it, and people like Elmy can provide more nutritious diets for their families.

There is now a future for young people, too. 'We are now the owners of our land... we work the land together, we share the land,' Elmy explains.

The community of Alta Gracia has also discovered the value of the wild cocoa trees around them, thanks to CIPCA. Owned by the whole community, the trees are now lovingly looked after. Locals work in protective clothing provided by CIPCA, and CIPCA buys the cocoa from them for a fair price.

'CIPCA helped so much,' Elmy says. 'It has got people inspired to look after, protect and get the best from the cocoa trees.'

**Key costing** £125 could provide one male and two female woolless sheep to a community in Bolivia, providing them with meat when food is scarce and income when lambs are sold.

**One in eight people in the world are desperate for food. Bite back at hunger and show your support for Christian Aid Week (12-18 May) by responding generously in our parish house to house collection.**

### **Elmy pruning a cocoa tree**





## About Heart and Soul 2013

In recognition of the 1,450th anniversary of Columba landing on Iona, Heart and Soul 2013 will be inspired by Celtic Christianity, with all the richness of its themes: hospitality, pilgrimage, journeying, deep peace – healing and wholeness, creation and its care, being 'on the edge'. And it's exciting that Sunday 19th May also coincides with Pentecost on the church calendar.

So come along with your congregation and bring your friends to celebrate the life of the Church in Princes Street Gardens. Come and meet friends old and new, enjoy kids and youth fun, music, drama, interviews and seminars. Come and learn more about how God is at work in His Church. Come and sing for all you're worth along with thousands of others at closing worship... do all that and begin planning now as a congregation how you're going to share your story with others at Heart and Soul 2013 on 19th May.

The extensive programme has something in it for everyone. The Ross Bandstand will feature IONA, a Celtic Christian band which will then accompany Closing Worship at 5pm. The Iona Community will also have a part to play in Closing Worship. In the middle of the afternoon Fischy Music will inspire the young and not so young alike, and we're delighted that the Guild will get things underway on the main stage at 1 pm. So watch this space!

The other stages and venues will host -

- Healing: healing ministry with Jenny Williams and a ministry of healing seminar
- Comedy and fun: Tricks n Laughs and Robin Hill & Alec Shuttleworth
- Lots of music: including Celtic songs, the new Heart and Soul Swing Band, a BB Pipe Band
- Labyrinth and pilgrimage: the theory and practice
- Art: including Lindisfarne Scriptorium
- Reflective worship: Soul Space

Meantime more than 30 organisations, including all the main Church of Scotland Councils, together with over 25 congregations with a story to tell, will wish to engage with you as you make your way along the buzz of the Avenue

In a dedicated kid's marquee their programme will include arts and crafts, storytelling zones, face painting, puppets, balloon sculpting, magic, parachute fun and more.

The youth programme will be in a large marquee featuring a specially commissioned Youth Challenge (entries of music, drama, poetry, art or dance, related to the Celtic theme) as well as music, relaxing cafe space, interactive zones, and performance stage for the Youth Challenge winners.

[www.heartandsoul2013.org.uk](http://www.heartandsoul2013.org.uk)

## A LIVING AND DYING CHURCH

A live church has parking problems; a dying church doesn't.

*A live church has lots of noisy children around; a dying church enjoys peace and quiet.*

A live church often changes the way things are done to do things better; a dying church doesn't want to change a thing.

*A live church dreams greater things for God's kingdom; a dying church has nightmares.*

A live church invites people to risk involvement and tries out new ideas; a dying church plays it safe and never risks anything.

*A live church supports world mission; a dying church thinks charity begins at home.*

A live church uses its traditions and buildings to serve God and people; a dying church uses people to serve its traditions and buildings.

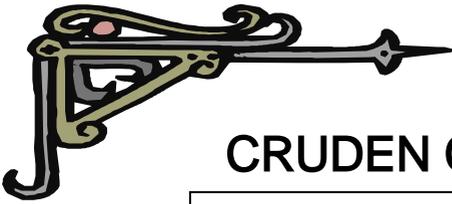
*A live church worships; a dying church worries.*

A live church is filled with titters; a dying church is filled with mutters.

*A live church forgives and seeks forgiveness; a dying church seldom makes mistakes.*

A live church looks out for challenges and opportunities; a dying church looks out for problems and dangers.

*A live church evangelises; a dying church fossilises.*



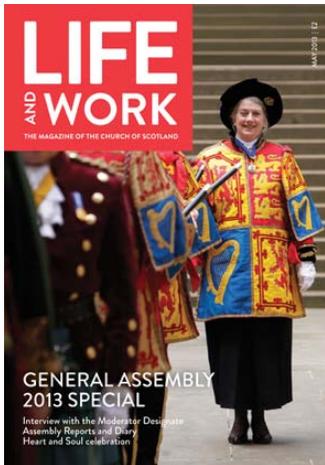
## CRUDEN CHURCH FAMILY

### CONGRATULATIONS

to Mrs **Betty Smith, 20 Skerry Drive, Peterhead**, who will be celebrating her 80th birthday this month

to Mrs **Kay Gordon, 14 Glendale Road, Peterhead** who will be celebrating with her husband her Silver Wedding this month.

The minister would welcome, in writing please, any news for this feature in the Bulletin so it is not just a list of birthdays and anniversaries.



## MAY ISSUE

**General Assembly 2013** Interview with the Moderator Designate, Reports to the Assembly. Preview of Heart and Soul 2013, Assembly diary, Reflections from Ron Ferguson and the Very Rev James Simpson Visit [www.lifeandwork.org](http://www.lifeandwork.org) for daily updates from the Assembly, from May 18

**Below the Breadline** Jackie Macadam meets a young woman who will be living on £1 a day to raise money for Christian Aid.

**'Different Voices' United** Thomas Baldwin reports from a major Church of Scotland conference focussing on music and worship

**A Blueprint for the Future** Kenny Roger reports on anniversary celebrations at the Church of Scotland school in the Holy Land

**Changing Church** A Café Church in East Kilbride

**The Presence of the Holy** The Rev Scott McKenna examines the place of icons within the Orthodox tradition of Christianity

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