

# *The Bulletin*



## **Cruden Parish Church Winter 2014-2015**

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## **Diary Dates WINTER 2014-2015**

**Morning Service every Sunday at 10 am**

### **DECEMBER**

Wednesday 3rd	Coffee & Chat – Church Hall 10.30 am Choir Practice in Hall 7.30 pm
Monday 8th	Guild Christmas Party - St Olaf 7 pm
Tuesday 9th	Craft Group in Hall 2 pm
Sunday 14th	Christingle Service 4 pm
Sunday 21st	MORNING SERVICE 10am Christmas Family Service
Wednesday 24th	Christmas Eve Service 11.30 pm
Sunday 28th	Lessons & Carols 10 am

### **JANUARY**

Monday 12th	Watch & Talk Group – Main St Cruden Bay 7.30 pm
Tuesday 13th	Craft Group in Hall 2 pm
Thursday 15th	Messy Church – Hatton Public Hall 3.30 pm
Sunday 25th	MORNING SERVICE 10 am Sacrament of Holy Communion
Monday 26th	Guild in Hall 7.30 pm – “Tractors” Eric Mallarkey
Tuesday 27th	Craft Group in Hall 2 pm

### **FEBRUARY**

Wednesday 4th	Coffee & Chat in Hall 10.30 am Choir Practice: 7.30 pm in Hall
Monday 9th	Watch & Talk Group – Main St Cruden Bay 7.30 pm
Tuesday 10th	Craft Group in Hall 2 pm

Thursday 19th	Messy Church – Hatton Public Hall 3.30 pm
Friday 20th	Social Evening - Longhaven Hall 7.30pm
Sunday 22nd	MORNING SERVICE 10 am Guide Thinking Day
Monday 23rd	Guild in Hall 7.30 pm – “Tales of an Auctioneer” Marc Macintosh
Tuesday 24th	Craft Group in Hall 2 pm
<b>MARCH</b>	
Wednesday 4th	Coffee & Chat – Church Hall 10.30 am Choir Practice in Hall 7.30 pm
Monday 9th	Watch & Talk Group – Main St Cruden Bay 7.30 pm



## **CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS**

The Kirk Session has decided that the charity to benefit from the offerings at the Christmas Eve Service this year will be UCAN

## **THE YTHAN SINGERS**

The Ythan Singers Christmas Charity concert will be held on the 12th December at 7.30pm in Ellon Parish Church. This year the choir have decided to give all proceeds to the Anthony Nolan Trust. Look out for the posters which give details of the concert. We look forward to seeing friends old and new.

### **Blood Donor Session**

Palace Hotel, Prince Street, Peterhead

Thursday 4 December 2014, 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm & 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm

Sunday 14 December 2014 10.00 am - 12.30 pm & 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

## **WINDOWS UPDATE**

It seems a long time since we first spoke about replacing windows in the sanctuary of the church. At long last the installation of the new windows began in early November and it is hoped by the time you read this that the first eight will be fitted, leaving the large north window which will probably not be ready for installation until January. As we look out on cold winter's days, the hope is that the new double glazed windows will help prevent so much heat loss and make our surroundings more comfortable.

The total cost of these windows is approximately £70,000 and to date £23,000 has been paid with a further similar instalment due to be paid when these eight windows are installed and the balance due on completion of the work. Much has been done in finding the funds to pay for the windows through our own fundraising (see the details below) and grants totalling £18,000 from the General Trustees and the Baird Trust helping us along the way. We are extremely grateful to a few members who have pledged loans to help meet any shortfall in our fundraising, we should however remember that loans need to be repaid.

£9,000 has been raised from various fundraising events during the year including £1,350 from the Bingo Tea and £2,150 from the Gourmet Roup. Donations - £1,435; Give a little Pane - £1,006; Smartie Tubes - £765 and the balance as a result of various sales of goods. Thanks to all those who helped.

Thanks are due to all those who have supported our fundraising so far, and I would encourage you all to continue supporting the ongoing events and also those that are being planned for the spring of next year.

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### **Snowball Afternoon Tea Parties in aid of Windows Project**

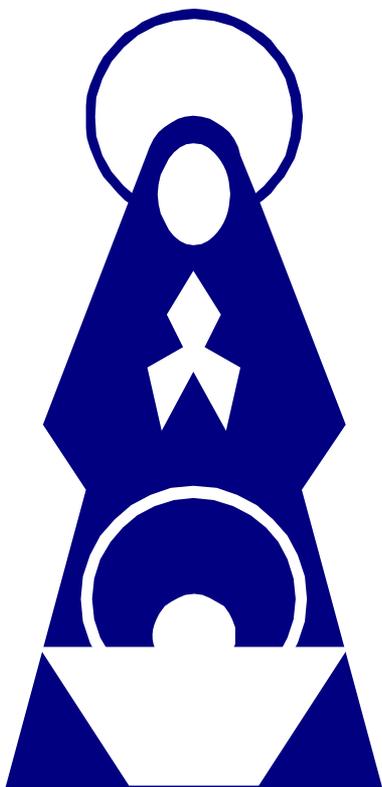
Annette and Mary are planning a series of Snowball afternoon tea parties to raise some money for the Windows Project.

This involves three or four people being invited to an afternoon tea party with the hope that they will then host a tea party of their own. Each guest would be charged £5, which would go towards the fund.

Annette and Mary will start the ball rolling along with anyone else who would also like to make a start. We are hoping for the support of our fellow members and friends to keep it going.

Any queries -contact Mary on 812573 or Annette on 812998

## A TIME OF UNCERTAINTY AND WAITING



It is almost a year since Rodger retired and we are only just getting going on the search for a new minister. This delay has been due to difficulties within Buchan Presbytery planning the future shape of the Church of Scotland within this area. But now the process has begun. This is a time of uncertainty and waiting for all of us.

Mary, the mother of Jesus had a time of uncertainty and waiting. She had been told by the angel that she was to have a child but she could not understand how this could be, for she had never been with a man. She was told that the Holy Spirit would come on her and God's power rest upon her. This was wonderful news. But the bit we often forget is the nine months of her pregnancy: a time of uncertainty and waiting. We are not told what Mary did during her pregnancy but we can be certain that during that time there were

ups and downs, all of which Mary no doubt faced, keeping close to God in prayer. Nine months later, in a stable in Bethlehem, the waiting was over and great joy was experienced as Jesus was born.

Our search for a new minister has only just begun and we do not know how long it will take but we know that in the end there will be great joy when a new ministry begins in this place. Just like a time of pregnancy there will be ups and downs to face along the way, but just like Mary, we can be assured of God's power and presence with us through his Holy Spirit as we stay close to him in worship and prayer.

Have a blessed and peaceful Christmas.

Bob Fowlie  
Interim Moderator

## **CRUDEN CRAFT GROUP**

The Craft Group has been busy over the last few months, and in October five boxes of knitted and crocheted garments were handed over to The Raven Trust in Dundee. Their container was almost full but they had no date for shipping it to Malawi as they did not have sufficient funds to pay the transport costs. On hearing this, the Craft Group decided to have a sales table of garments after the morning service on Sunday 14 December, in the church hall. All proceeds will go to the Raven Trust towards shipping costs. Please support this worthwhile cause if you can.

On the same day in October a box of baby garments was handed in to the maternity unit of Ninewells Hospital in Dundee. A similar box will be gifted to Aberdeen Maternity Hospital shortly, along with special items for the neonatal unit. The Blythswood charity gratefully received scarves and hats for inclusion in their Christmas shoebox appeal, when they recently visited Peterhead. We are continuing to produce items for them as it is an ongoing appeal.

After the Christmas Party on 9 December, the group will have a break over the festive period before starting again on Tuesday 13 January. All members, both old and new, will be given a very warm welcome.

Carol Paul

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## **MESSY CHURCH RETURNS TO HATTON**

The autumn session of Messy Church in Hatton Hall has been very well attended. The children have enthusiastically joined in with action songs, interactive stories and lots of different crafts. It has been great to see so many children returning regularly and welcoming new ones. We are now looking forward to the Christmas party on the 18th December.



Unfortunately we are unable to use Cruden Bay Hall for the spring session. Therefore meetings will be in Hatton from January. If anyone can suggest a suitable venue in Cruden Bay please let us know. We hope Cruden Bay children will come to Hatton. If you have transport difficulties please contact Beatrice 841814 or Kathleen 841221.

Proposed dates (to be confirmed): Jan 15th, Feb 19th, March 19th, April 16th  
May 21st. Look out for the fliers with more details.

## FROM THE GUILD

The speaker at the first meeting of the Guild Session on 29 September was the well known Jim MacDonald. He talked of his interest in art, impressing all with the examples of the paintings and drawings he had taken along with him. He also spoke of his passion for illustration. Inspired by his love of the characters in his favourite book, *The Wind in the Willows*, he even gave step by step instructions of how to draw one of the characters, but none of the members attempted to have a go - too shy!!!!

Throughout the whole evening his enthusiasm for his life and work shone through. His natural cheeriness kept everyone laughing.

At the October meeting Rev Gillean MacLean, Minister at Udney & Pitmedden talked on this year's Guild Theme, "A World to Serve". Gillean is a lively, enthusiastic person who brings these attributes to her ministry. For some years her work took her to parishes in the central belt of Scotland, where besides looking after her family, she felt the call to serve God in the world. This she did by agreeing to care for a refugee who had fled from an abusive situation in Africa, leaving behind a daughter. Gillean did her best to accommodate and protect the girl but she mysteriously returned to Africa. Gillean then became involved with a young offenders institution, and met a young man who had experienced a life of insecurity. Along with the authorities, she provided the support which enabled him to find work. He met "a wee bird" with whom he shares his home and they now have a child. One happy story and one sad told by someone whose commitment to service to the unfortunate of this world highlighted her commitment to her Lord.

After the vote of thanks, intimations and refreshments, Rosemary brought the meeting to a close reminding members that the November meeting would be a Floral Art Demonstration by Connie Bartlett.

### **SHOE BOXES**

Thank you to everyone who generously filled shoe boxes and gave donations towards transport. We sent off 30 boxes.

### **Cruden Kirk Capers**

Friday 20 February 2015  
Longhaven Hall 7.30pm  
£7.70 including buffet & tea/coffee  
(Bring your own bottle)

## **WATCH AND TALK AUTUMN MEETINGS**

In September we watched "Daughters of Eve", a thought provoking DVD which depicted a number of women in the Old Testament and compared them with the way some women appear in the New Testament. In the Old Testament, women from Eve to Jezebel were associated with evil or were warrior-like leaders, In the New Testament they were often seen as quiet home loving women who yet had a great influence on the rise of Christianity.

The October DVD "Living with the Ayatolla" gave an account of living under a very repressive regime in Iran and described the imprisonment and torture of four young people who dared show opposition to the lack of freedom they suffered. A reporter who eventually reached Britain spoke of the way in which the press was used to spread anti-western propaganda and he described the treatment he received when he tried to report the truth. Horrifying as these accounts were, we reflected on the fact that today conditions in the Middle East are even worse than when this DVD was made some years ago.

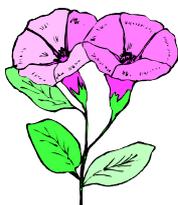
"The Cross", A Powerful Message From Billy Graham was the DVD we chose for the November meeting. In this Billy Graham talked of his life-time mission to preach the redemption of sin through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. The programme included glimpses of film taken in Britain and the USA when thousands gathered to hear him and it also gave the life stories of two young people whose lives changed when they became Christians. Billy Graham, now a very old man, has lost none of the strength and conviction with which for decades he preached the love of God for all people.

We meet again on Monday 12th January 2015 when present and any new members will be most welcome.

Annette Garden

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## **2015 FLOWER CALENDAR**



The Flower Calendar for the 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.

## **AUTUMN WALKS**

The walkers this year visited Inch and Dunnideer in September, and Monymusk in October.

Guides for the Inch walks were Muriel's son Douglas and daughter-in-law Morag. Led by Douglas, the "long walkers" made their way through countryside to reach a footpath at the west approach to Dunnideer. A gradual and steady climb brought us to the remains of a stone circle. From there the fortification lines of the prehistoric vitrified fort were visible like contour lines on the hill. We picked our way carefully to the top, with its 13th century tower, partly built from the remains of the fort, enjoying excellent views of the surrounding countryside.

The "short walkers" had had an equally interesting afternoon with Morag, strolling gently round the village and through the policies of Drumrossie House. The highlight for them was the local museum, where they would have been happy to have spent the whole afternoon. As it was, we regrouped and went to Kellockbank for tea and further chat.

In October the walkers were in Monymusk where the unseasonal weather allowed them to eat their packed lunches at picnic tables placed near the War Memorial. A group of nine tackled the longer walk through the Monymusk estate. Walking along the edge of the River Don, the trees were in autumn colours and on the ground, horse and spanish chestnuts were visible. Moving nearer to Monymusk House, the walkers discovered a burial ground with two headstones belonging to the Grants of Monymusk.

The other group walked from the Square down past Monymusk Parish Church on a tarred road (obviously a favourite with the locals) where they enjoyed the scenery in the warm autumn sunshine.

The two groups reunited and visited the church, parts of which are 800 years old, examining plaques in memory of the Forbes and Grant families.

A welcome cup of tea/coffee awaited the thirsty walkers in the Grant Arms Hotel.

Margaret Wisely and Beatrice Fawkes

## PARISH REGISTER

### BAPTISMS

23 November

Willow Henderson, No1 Yonderton Cottage, Hatton  
Ewan Cantlay, West Sandend, Cruden Bay

### DEATHS

Mrs McKillop-Smith, 8 Aulton Drive, Cruden Bay  
Mr James Anderson, Colliehill, Longhaven

### WEDDINGS

30 August

Matthew Cowie & Claire Adamson, 44 Coral Gardens, Peterhead

## CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to:

Mrs Eleanor Anderson, 26 Northfield Gardens, Hatton who will be celebrating her 80th Birthday in January

## HOLY COMMUNION

25 January 10.00 am

Duty Elders : Wilma Moir, Beatrice Fawkes,  
Annette Garden, Betty May, Kate Clark,  
Mary Bratton, Peter Slamaker, Robert  
Petticrew, Rosemary Pittendrigh, Sandy  
Smith.



The next issue of the Bulletin will be published at the beginning of March 2015. Please send all material to be included **before Sunday 22 February** to: Ladebank, 1 Manse Place, Hatton AB42 0UQ [bulletin@crudenchurch.org.uk](mailto:bulletin@crudenchurch.org.uk)

To get everything into this issue I have had to edit down a couple of the articles. Apologies to the authors! Because we are now publishing the Bulletin only every 3 months, it would be good if contributors kept their items to no more than 300-350 words.

## Sunday Morning Duties 10 am

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Children
7 Dec	Marilyn Samways Wilma Moir	Mary Bratton	Liz Carnie Mary Bratton	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid
14 Dec	Rosemary Reid Irene Will	Betty Forrester	Kathleen Craig Elma Cumming	Karla Buswell Helen Smith
21 Dec	Rosemary Reid Irene Will	Beatrice Fawkes	Beatrice Fawkes Doreen Buchan	School Holidays No Junior Church
28 Dec	Irene Stott Fred Stott	Robert Esson	Iris Durno Norma Forman	School Holidays No Junior Church
4 Jan	Irene Stott Fred Stott	Betty Forrester	Janice Hutchison Jim MacDonald	School Holidays No Junior Church
11 Jan	Shonah Taylor Kate Clark	Betty Forrester	Margaret Adams Lewis McKechnie	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid
18Jan	Shonah Taylor Kate Clark	Muriel Cantlay	Rosemary Reid Betty Morris	Karla Buswell Helen Smith
25 Jan	Kathleen Craig Michael Buchan	Marina Bruce	Irene Stott Fiona Stephen	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid
1 Feb	Kathleen Craig Michael Buchan	Atholene Ritchie	Marilyn Samways Mary Bratton	Karla Buswell Helen Smith
8 Feb	Margaret Bruce Ken Bruce	Beatrice Fawkes	Doreen Buchan Liz Carnie	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid
15 Feb	Margaret Bruce Ken Bruce	Beatrice Fawkes	Elma Cumming Beatrice Fawkes	School Holidays No Junior Church
22 Feb	Joyce Willox Adrian Smith	Joyce Willox	No Teas Guide Thinking Day	Thinking Day
1 Mar	Joyce Willox Adrian Smith	Mary Bratton	Norma Forman Lewis McKechnie	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid

**Reminder to those on duty.** If you are unable to do door or tea duties, please endeavour to find someone to do them for you.

**Interim Moderator** Rev Bob Fowlie  
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	Beatrice Fawkes	Hatton
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	Robert Petticrew	Rural
	Sandy Smith	Peterhead
	Kate Clark	Cruden Bay
	Betty May	Cruden Bay
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	Rosemary Pittendrigh	Cruden Bay
<b>Walks</b>	Margaret Wisely	
<b>WFO Treasurer</b>	Annette Garden	

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**Committee Conveners**

<b>District Elders</b>	Kate Clark
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<b>Social</b>	Betty Forrester