

ANNUAL STATED MEETING

of

CRUDEN PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 29 March 2015

(as part of the morning service)
PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON SESSION COMMITTEES

Cruden Parish Church Spring 2015

Diary Dates SPRING 2015

Morning Service every Sunday at 10 am

MARCH

Wednesday 4rd Coffee & Chat – Church Hall 10.30 am

Choir Practice in Hall 7.30 pm

Friday 6th World Day of Prayer in St James' Church 7 pm

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

Tuesday24th Craft Group in Hall 2 pm

Sunday 29th PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

Annual Stated Meeting

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Monday 30th Guild in Hall 7.30 pm

"Clan Cancer Support" - Ruth Brown

APRIL

Wednesday 1st Coffee & Chat – Church Hall 10.30 am

Choir Practice in Hall 7.30 pm

Friday 3rd GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 7 pm

Service conducted by Rev Allan Fawkes

Sunday 5th EASTER SERVICE

Tuesday 7th Craft Group in Hall 2 pm

Monday 12th Watch & Talk Group – Main St Cruden Bay 7.30 pm

Thursday 16th Messy Church – Hatton Public Hall 3.30 pm

Tuesday 21st Craft Group in Hall 2 pm

Monday 27th Guild AGM in Hall 7.30 pm

"A bit of this and that" - Gordon Hay

Tuesday 28th Craft Group in Hall 2 pm

MAY

Tuesday 5th Craft Group in Hall 2 pm

Wednesday 6th Coffee & Chat – Church Hall 10.30 am

Choir Practice in Hall 7.30 pm

Saturday 9th Christian Aid Buttery Morning - Church Hall 10am

Tuesday 19th Craft Group in Hall 2 pm

Thursday 21st Messy Church – Hatton Public Hall 3.30 pm

Sunday 24th SERVICE AT ST JAMES' 9.30 am

Sunday 31st MORNING SERKVICE

Sacrament of Holy Communion

HOSPITAL VISITING

Every now and then we hear of someone who has been in hospital and they are not being visited by the church. In recent years it has become more difficult for churches to visit members in hospital due to patient confidentiality and the onus is now on the patient, or their family, to let us know that they are in hospital if they wish us to visit. If you know that you are going into hospital for a period of time or find

yourself in hospital and you would appreciate a visit from the church, can you please either contact one of the District Elder team or myself and we will endeavour to fulfil your request. You will find the contact

details on the back page of the Bulletin.

Robert Esson, Session Clerk



RETIRING AND SERVING

We would thank for their service over the last year the members who are due to retire at this year's Annual Meeting

Mrs Helen Smith, Mrs Debbie Macintosh, Mrs Maureen Reid

Members who continue to serve on our Session Committees are:

Mrs Kathryn Anderson, Mr Ken Bruce, Mrs Janice Hutchison, Mr James Hyman, Mrs Fiona Stephen.

As always, those nominated at the Annual Stated Meeting should either be present to declare their willingness to accept nomination or have given previous assurance that they are willing to serve.

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING THERE WILL BE THREE VACANCIES TO FILL.

If there are more nominations than vacancies, those nominated will retire to the vestry and voting will be done by a show of hands.

2014 ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

The Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator has laid down its requirements for the presentation of charity accounts. Compliance is required to maintain charitable status. All Church of Scotland congregations are obliged to present an Annual Report which involves much more than the presentation of figures. The Kirk Session has decided that because of the size of the annual report, only the two page summary in the middle of this Bulletin will be issued to members. A full copy of the Annual Report can be had from the church welcome area or by requesting a copy from the Treasurer.

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

With this Bulletin, members should find the annual commitment card. Members are asked to participate in the campaign by returning a card when their visitor calls in the next three weeks.

FROM YOUR FORMER MINISTER

4 Waulkmill Steading, Charlestown, Fife

19 February 2015

Dear Friends

It saddened me greatly yesterday to look at a website and see a picture of the burnt out West Church and I want to pass on my regards to all those who share this sadness. We knew that the building did not have a future but it was devastating to see what happened.

I am sure, like me, many of you found yourself remembering the times you were in the Church. I recall how for over 30 years I conducted services there including weddings and funerals; how the best attended Watchnight services were in that church; special youth services; flower and vegetable shows, Guild interviews of a future First Minister and other special people; and so much more. These memories remain important to me and I hope you can say likewise.

It is now fully a year since I retired. A year ago I had such mixed feelings for it was not easy to leave 40 years of my life behind. I felt, and I am not sure if I was right, I needed to make a complete break. During the last twelve months I have often thought of you. For example, when I attended an Advent Study in our local church, I found myself recalling with gratitude all those who faithfully attended such things in Cruden. When I attend a communion service now, I look at the chancel and I picture the Cruden elders who so diligently performed their duties.

Recently Alison and I had reason to be up in Aberdeen and we took the opportunity to walk round the Old Church and were pleased to see the successful installation of the new windows. May things continue to go well with you and may you find a new minister soon to lead you in all your worship and witness. God bless you all.

Your friend and former minister Rodger Neilson.



Robert Esson made this statement about the West Church to the congregation before worship on Sunday 22 February 2015

This week has been a very sad one for Cruden Parish Church and I know that many in our community have been devastated by the fire which has destroyed the West Church. I know we stopped using it in 2007 but many still have fond memories of worshiping there over a long number of years.

I was told of the fire about 7.45 on Wednesday morning and made my way straight there and looked on in utter shock and horror as the fire developed resulting in the building being totally destroyed, and I know others there at the time felt the same. The fire service did all they could to extinguish the fire but their efforts were in vain.

In early 2008, shortly after we stopped using the church the electricity was disconnected by Hydro Electric, they followed their usual practice of removing their main fuses at the meter which was situated just inside the

windows on the gable end of the building facing on to Main Street.

There was no electrical supply to the rest of the building and the fire was not caused by an electrical fault.

A police and fire service investigation is ongoing and we just have to leave them to get on with their investigation.

Aberdeenshire Council have also been involved and their surveyor has visited the site and they are fully aware of the situation.

Arrangements were made for a structural engineer to visit the site on Wednesday morning and in his view the building is unsafe and should be demolished.

The building is insured through the Church of Scotland Insurance Company and a loss adjuster acting on behalf of the insurance company visited the site on Wednesday afternoon. He has agreed with the recommendation of the structural engineer and we were asked to obtain three quotes from demolition companies to clear the site. Three companies have visited the site and at present we are waiting to hear back from them, once we do, the estimates will be passed on to the loss adjuster and what happens thereafter will be up to the insurance company to decide.

We have been informed by
Aberdeenshire Council that they have a
duty of care over war memorials and
they have indicated that they will
remove the war memorial and store it
safely until such time as a new location
can be found for it. I have been
informed that the Hatton Hall
Committee have agreed that it can be
fitted to the hall wall.

The Church bell has been removed and the Kirk Session will have to decide what it wants to do with it. We are hoping that the clock face can be safely removed and again the Kirk Session will have to decide what to do with it.

The situation has been very fluid and changing on a daily basis and as far as I am aware we have acted on all the advice we were given by all the

has agreed with the recommendation of professionals who have been involved the structural engineer and we were in dealing with the situation.

I am extremely grateful to Bob Forman who unhesitatingly agreed to offer his assistance in dealing with the aftermath of the fire and his help has been invaluable in dealing with all the organisations we have had to deal with in the last few days.

I would like to conclude with a short prayer.

Lord God

We are all extremely shocked and saddened at the fire which has destroyed your church and our former place of worship. Many in our community and beyond have very fond memories of worshiping there and we find what has happened difficult to comprehend, at the same time we give thanks that for those memories and may they never be lost. Lord God we pray that you are with all in our community who this week are feeling a great sense of shock and horror at what has happened and please comfort and support us in the days and weeks ahead and may your guiding light continue to lead us safely into the future.

Hear our prayer in the name of your Son, Iesus Christ. Amen.

You can read a little bit about the history of the West Church on our website: www.crudenchurch.org.uk/history.htm#west

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Year ended 31 December 2014

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		Unr	estricted Fund	<u>s</u>	Restricted	Fund	Total	Total
		2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2013
		General	Fabric/Organ	Activities	Project	Burnett		
Receipts	Note		12 & 13	(see over)	15			
Donations	4	50,053.06	300.00	2,124.20	0.00		52,477.26	55,813.01
Legacies		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Funds Generation		2,666.06	0.00	0.00	13,587.62	0.00	16,253.68	20,268.73
Interest		27.65	0.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.87	27.90
Investment income	8	128.60	550.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	678.60	689.07
Rental of premises	6	435.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	435.00	555.00
Weddings & Fune	rals	840.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	840.00	480.00
Grant and Loan		0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	1,000.00
Other Receipts	-	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	1,059.51
Total Receipts		54,450.37	850.22	2,124.20	15,587.62	0.00	73,012.41	79,893.22
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Cruden Parish Church

STATEMENT OF BALANCES

Year ended 31 December 2014

		2014 General	Funds 2014 Fab/Org	2014 Activities	Restricted Fund 2014 Project	Fund 2014 Burnett	Total 2014	Total 2013
Bank Balances			12 & 13		15			
Brought forward		40,292.47	617.36	3,151.85	18,543.09	930.46	63,535.23	46,255.14
Surplus for the ye	ar Note	-15,457.87	-42.54	-476.69	-13,256.75	0.00	-29,233.85	18,089.71
Carried forward	7	£24,834.60	£574.82	£2,675.16	£5,286.34	£930.46	£34,301.38	£64,344.85
Investments at market value (cost £ 9,002.20)	Note 8	4,811.11	12,892.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,703.11	16,667.91
Assets Gift Aid Receivab	le		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>Liabilities</u> Loan repayment	Note 11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

The accounts approved by the Kirk Session on 28 January 2015

Signed for and on behalf of the Kirk Session

Robert M Esson

Rosemary Pittendrigh

Session Clerk R n Essor

		2014	Activities Fu	inds		
Income	Ekwendeni	Junior Church	Guild	Flower	Messy Church	Totals
Donations	10.00	380.00	1,126.00	15.00	593.20	2,124.20
Legacies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fundraising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank & Deposit interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other receipts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	10.00	380.00	1,126.00	15.00	593.20	2,124.20
Expenditure						
Charitable activities	10.00	224.32	1,230.15	76.00	1,060.42	2,600.89
Other costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	10.00	224.32	1,230.15	76.00	1,060.42	2,600.89
Surplus	0.00	155.68	-104.15	-61.00	-467.22	-476.69
Opening Balance	378.74	451.37	1,025.90	164.39	1,131.45	3,151.85
Closing Balance	378.74	607.05	921.75	103.39	664.23	2,675.16

CRUDEN WALKING GROUP 2015

A lively discussion at our February planning meeting when we considered a number of possible walks has resulted in the following being agreed.

Sunday 15 March Inverugie

Sunday 19 April Auchmacoy Estate (with the Guild)

Sunday 10 May Udny Station to Ellon

Saturday 13 June Loch Muick circular, (8 miles) with short

walk round head of loch, or in Ballater itself

Sunday 12 July Fraserburgh to Lonmay

Saturday 16 August Crovie to Troup Head

Sunday 20 September Formartine/Windyhills at Woodlands of

Fyvie

Sunday 18 October White Cow Woods to Fetterangus

The walks are in the order of 4/5 miles with potential for providing shorter versions of say 3 miles or so.

For the March walk, as is usually the case, we will leave the Church Hall at 11.30 am. Bring a picnic and have a good afternoon. If you require more information please contact Margaret Wisely 01779 813075.



The winter session of Messy Church finished on a high note with a very enjoyable Christmas Party. The new session, still in Hatton, has been very well attended with lots of enthusiastic children enjoying all the usual activities. We have introduced a

colouring competition which has proved to be very popular. With so many children attending we are grateful to all the parents who have taken part in the activities and helped with the clearing up. More help would be welcome so if you would like to become an occasional helper please contact Kathleen on 841221 or Beatrice on 841814. The next session is on Thursday 16th March please come along.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10 -16 MAY 2015



The Buttery Morning will be on Saturday 9 May from 10.00 am until 11.30 am in the Church Hall. Raffles will be on sale as usual. Also a tombola.

The House-to-House collection, to be organised by Mary Bratton in Cruden Bay and Rosemary Reid in Hatton, will take place during the week of 10 - 16 May. Every year we need to recruit a few different collectors. Even if you can only do one evening or a couple of hours collecting, that would be a big help. Please think about offering your services to either of these two ladies.

We appeal to those who are tax payers to complete the Gift Aid part on the envelope - this has a value of 28% currently, which means for every £10 gifted, we can claim another £2.80 from the government in tax, which is a very worthwhile boost for charities.

MALAWI

In recent months Malawi has been hit by severe weather and we have received an update on the situation from Mphatso Nguluwe who visited Buchan Presbytery a few years ago and some of us had the privilege of meeting. Mphatso is matron of aids project LISAP and she writes.

This is just to give you a brief update of the recent damage that has happened in the area where we are working as LISAP. On 23rd January 2015, heavy storms affected schools and homes and many people have been affected. This is in addition to

what already happened earlier this month and last month where more than 300 households were affected. In this area, TA Kilupula 145 households were affected of which 123 houses completely collapsed. 451 people were affected of which 95 are children under the age of 5. In the area of education, 10 school blocks and 23 teachers' houses have been damaged. This is a dire situation of which just the sight of it makes one's heart heavy. Please keep praying for us.

VACANCY UPDATE

We were finally given permission by Presbytery in November to start the process of looking for a new minister. The first step was to appoint a Nominating Committee and this took place at the Congregational meeting on 30 November.

The sole task of the Nominating Committee is to look for and recommend one person who in their opinion is suitable to be the minister of the congregation and parish for the foreseeable future. The guidelines for the work of the Nominating Committee are very clear and strict in that their work has to be carried out in **private** and they are only allowed to discuss their remit with other members of the Committee. I would strongly urge you to respect this privacy and not put members of the Nominating Committee in an awkward position because they will not be able to answer your questions.

I know that everyone wants to know what is happening but we will have to exercise great patience and the Nominating Committee would appreciate your prayerful support for the task they are trying to fulfil in the hope that the Holy Spirit leads a suitable candidate to come forward as a potential minister for Cruden.

CRUDEN CRAFT GROUP

Following the sales table in December the Craft Group sent a donation of £150 to the Raven Trust to help with their shipping costs to Malawi. At the moment the charity is not accepting goods in Dundee, however last month we found an outlet nearer to home and were able to support the Congregational Church in Peterhead. They were delighted to receive a box filled with jumpers and blankets which will be sent to Iraq. The Blythswood charity was also supported by a donation of a box filled to the brim with scarves and hats.

The output from the group continues to be amazingly high and we are always grateful for donations of wool which have been handed in from members of the congregation. Last month we welcomed new members and are always pleased to see new faces at our fortnightly Tuesday afternoon meeting. There is no commitment to come every time, so why not just come along and enjoy the fellowship and a cup of tea. There will always be someone to lend a hand if you feel your knitting and crochet skills need refreshing!

Carol Paul

CRUDEN GUILD

At the November meeting m Connie Bartlett gave an interesting and varied floral demonstration. Her Christmas arrangements were very simple, and were made up with a mix of fresh and artificial materials including a fishbowl, a flowerpot and a box, finishing with a tall arrangement done with fresh flowers and greenery, which she named Peace. All through the evening, Connie's love of her garden and flowers came across to her audience.



Christmas party time this year was held at the St Olaf Hotel, in Cruden Bay. Members enjoyed an evening of good food and chat, once again well catered for and welcomed by Alison Warrander and her staff.

At the start of the New Year, Mr Eric Mallarkey spoke about the Annual Tractor Rally. The rally which takes place in May, started in 1995 with 7 tractors and last year 95 vehicles took part. The route goes from Fetterangus to Fyvie Castle and to date £75,000 has been raised and presented to local charities. Members enjoyed the video with lots of well known faces taking part in the annual rally.

Lorraine Neilson

PARISH REGISTER

DEATHS

Mr Joe Nicholson, 157 Braehead Drive, Cruden Bay. Mr William Watson, 17 Danesburgh Cottages, Cruden Bay.

HOLY COMMUNION

29 March 10 am

Duty Elders: Betty Forrester, Annette Garden, Mary Bratton, Robert Petticrew, Kathleen Craig, Betty Smith, Irene Will, Jim MacDonald, Shonah Taylor, Wilma Moir.



31 May 10 am

Duty Elders: Jim MacDonald, Robert Esson, Adrian Smith, Betty Smith, Betty May, Sandy Smith, Beatrice Fawkes, Annette Garden, Shonah Taylor, Kathleen Craig.



To date the **Smartie Tube Collection** has raised a magnificent £825. Filled tubes can still be returned to Shonah Taylor and proceeds will continue to go towards the Project Fund.

The next issue of the Bulletin will be published at the beginning of June 2015. Please send all material to be included **before Sunday 25 May** to: Ladebank, 1 Manse Place, Hatton AB42 0UQ

bulletin@crudenchurch.org.uk

Sunday Morning Duties 10 am

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Children
1 Mar	Joyce Willox Adrian Smith	Mary Bratton	Norma Forman Lewis McKechnie	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid
8 Mar	Margaret Bruce	Marilyn Samways	Janice Hutchison	Karla Buswell Helen Smith
15 Mar	Margaret Bruce Ken Bruce	Jean Beedie	Jim MacDonald Betty Morris	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid
22 Mar	Sandy Smith Betty May	Irene Stott	Margaret Adams Rosemary Reid	Karla Buswell Helen Smith
29 Mar	Sandy Smith Betty May	Beatrice Fawkes	Fiona Stephen Irene Stott	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid
5 Apr	Helen Harper Barrie Harper	Mary McNaughtan	Mary Bratton Doreen Buchan	School Holidays No Junior Church
12 Apr	Helen Harper Barrie Harper	Elma Watson	Liz Carnie Kathleen Craig	School Holidays No Junior Church
19Apr	Debbie McIntosh Betty Forrester	Lewis McKechnie	Elma Cumming Iris Durno	School Holidays No Junior Church
26 Apr	Debbie McIntosh Betty Forrester	Norma Forman	Beatrice Fawke Norma Forman	Karla Buswell Helen Smith
3 May	Fiona Stephen Irene Stott		Margaret Adams Janice Hutchison	School Holidays No Junior Church
10 May	Fiona Stephen Irene Stott		Jim MacDonal Wilma Moir	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid
17 May	Muriel Cantlay Sarah Paterson	Anne McNaughton	Lewis McKechnie Rosemary Reid	Karla Buswell Helen Smith
24 May		SERVICE AT ST JAM	ES'	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid
31 May	Muriel Cantlay Sarah Paterson	Jean Beedie	Irene Stott Fiona Stephen	School Holidays No Junior Church

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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Sandy Smith Peterhead
To be appointed Cruden Bay

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Communion Adrian Smith

Joyce Willox

Flowers Betty Forrester

Guild Rosemary Pittendrigh
Junior Church Katherine Hyman
Life and Work Isobel Young
Organist Stephen Calder
Presbytery Elder Robert Esson
Mary Bratton

Press Officer Mary Bratton
Roll Keeper Mary McNaughtan
Safeguarding Kathleen Craig

Teas Beatrice Fawkes

Transport Beatrice Fawkes Hatton Rosemary Pittendrigh Cruden Bay

Walks Margaret Wisely
WFO Treasurer Annette Garden

Committee Conveners

District EldersTo be appointedEducation and WorshipTo be appointed

Finance Rosemary Pittendrigh

Membership and Outreach Kathleen Craig

Property Robert Esson

Social Betty Forrester