

The Bulletin



Cruden Parish Church of Scotland **Winter 2015-2016**

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Diary Dates Autumn 2015

Worship services will continue every Sunday morning in
Cruden Parish Church at 10 am

DECEMBER

Tuesday 1st	Craft Group in Hall 2 pm
Wednesday 2nd	Coffee & Chat in Hall 10.30 am Choir Practice in Hall 7.30 pm
Tuesday 8th	Craft Group Christmas Party in Hall 2 pm
Sunday 13th	Christingle Service 4 pm
Monday 14th	Guild Christmas Party – St Olaf 7 pm
Thursday 17th	Messy Church in Hatton Public Hall 3.30 pm
Sunday 20th	Christmas Family Service
Thursday 24th	Christmas Eve Service 7.00 pm
Sunday 27th	Carols & Lessons

JANUARY

Monday 11th	Watch & Talk Group - Main St, Cruden Bay 7.30pm
Tuesday 12th	Craft Group in Hall 2 pm
Thursday 21st	Messy Church in Hatton Public Hall 3.30 pm
Monday 25th	Guild in Hall 7.30 pm – Hannah Goodlad Youth Moderator of the General Assembly
Tuesday 26th	Craft Group in Hall 2 pm
Sunday 31st	MORNING SERVICE Sacrament of Holy Communion

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 3rd	Coffee & Chat in Hall 10.30 am Choir Practice in Hall 7.30 pm
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Monday 8th	Watch & Talk Group - Main St, Cruden Bay 7.30pm
Tuesday 9th	Craft Group in Hall 2 pm
Thursday 18th	Messy Church in Hatton Public Hall 3.30 pm
Saturday 20th	Beetle Drive – in Hall 2 pm
Tuesday 23rd	Craft Group in Hall 2 pm
Monday 29th	Guild in Hall 7.30 pm – “Transatlantic Travels” Philip Cantlay

MARCH

Wednesday 2nd	Coffee & Chat in Hall 10.30 am Choir Practice in Hall 7.30 pm
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CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The Kirk Session has decided that the charity to benefit from the offerings at the Christmas Eve service this year will be Epilepsy Scotland.

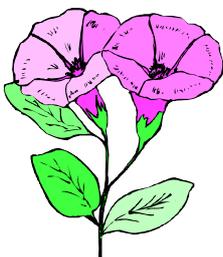
The Kirk Session has also decided that the **Christmas Eve service will be at 7 pm.**

HOLY COMMUNION 31 January 10 am

Duty Elders: Irene Will, Betty Smith, Beatrice Fawkes, Wilma Moir, Sandy Smith, Kathleen Craig, Adrian Smith, Annette Garden, Muriel Cantlay, Betty Forrester.



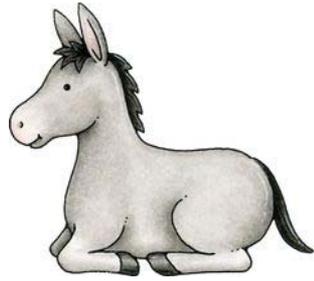
2016 FLOWER CALENDAR



The 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.

What The Donkey Saw

No room in the inn, of course,
And not that much in the stable
What with the shepherds, Magi, Mary,
Joseph, the heavenly host –
Not to mention the baby
Using our manger as a cot.
You couldn't have squeezed another cherub in
For love or money.
Still, in spite of the overcrowding,
I did my best to make them feel wanted.
I could see the baby and I
Would be going places together.



By U A Fanthorpe

BUSY TIME FOR SINGERS

The Ythan Singers will be performing along with the Haddo Choir at Haddo Chapel on Sunday 6 December at 3 pm: Carols for choir and congregation, Tickets are available from Mary Smith of the Haddo Choir at £9 each which includes tea after the performance.



On Friday 11 December the Ythan Singers will be holding their Christmas Carol Concert in St Mary-on-the-Rock, Ellon at 7.30 pm with Carols for choir and congregation and excerpts from Handel's Messiah. No tickets required, just come along and enjoy the Festive Music. There will be a retiring offering in aid of charity.

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church is thriving with a good attendance of children old and new, even during the school holidays. The children enjoy the stories, singing and craft activities. The adults who come along seem to enjoy it too. Although all children need to have an adult with them don't worry if you can't come yourself. Lots of children come with Grandparents, neighbours or adult friends. We welcome all church members to come for a visit and we always have room for more volunteers.

Forthcoming Events

Christingle service - 13 December We hope lots of Messy Church members will want to come.

Christmas party - 17 December

Hope to see you there.

The Messy Church team



CRUDEN CRAFT GROUP

Many of us recently filled a box for Blythswood but the charity needs donations all year round so when the Craft Group heard that they were short of mittens we set to and produced lots of pairs which will be handed over very soon along with hats and scarves. Knee blankets were donated to Woodend Hospital where some elderly resident may enjoy using them. In time for Christmas, donations will be made to Peterhead Maternity Hospital and the Apex Centre in Peterhead. Recently there was a request for help from a member of the congregation and we dressed four life size baby dolls for her pupils. Hopefully the colourful new clothes are adding to their enjoyment of playing with them.

After the Christmas Party on December 8 the group will have a break and resume in the New Year on 12 January 2016.

Carol Paul

STORM AT SEA

I love watching the waves at Cruden Bay during a storm. Storms at sea are quite awe inspiring: the white horses rushing to break on the shore with spray flying through the air. That's fine if you are safe on dry land watching the power of the waves, but quite another matter if you are out at sea during these storms. I saw a picture the other day of the north boat off the island of Hoy in Orkney. The bows were deep in a trough and the whole boat tossing about. I am not a good sailor at the best of times, but I certainly would not like to have been on that ferry!

And I certainly would have been terrified if I had been out on the Sea of Galilee in a little open boat that night when the sudden squall threatened the very survival of the disciples. I remember watching from the shore of that same Sea of Galilee when a sudden storm blew up with little or no warning and I watched the waves churning up what had been a smooth blue sea earlier in the day. But how quickly the storm blew over.

For me the real miracle of that gospel story of Jesus and the storm at sea was the realisation by the disciples that in difficult and dangerous times Jesus was there with them and could help them cope with the “storms of life”. The stilling of the storm was real for them not just when the storm blew over, but in the peace they found in their hearts.

As we reflect on the Christmas story we see God coming into our world to share our human life, including the terrors, the confusion and the anxiety that we all experience from time to time. God does not promise to take the storms of life away, but to help us cope with them.

May you have a peaceful Christmas.

Fred Coutts



CRUDEN CHURCHES' WALKING GROUP

Ellon Walks Sunday 20 September

The two pamphlets entitled "A-boot Ellon" and "Explore Ellon - Heritage Trail" provided us with a wealth of historical information about the area. This information was supplemented by Adrian and Patricia in their respective groups who provided us with fascinating snippets of local knowledge. We stayed as a group for the first half mile, starting from the riverside car park and passing on the way the Moot Hill sculpture, the Old School House, the Smiddy, the Annand Aisle and Pictish Stone in the Churchyard, and the Baillie Gordon Coat of Arms. At Golf Road we split up. The short walkers continued their Heritage Trail, through McDonald Park and back through the town, while the other group followed the Circular route. The additional loop of the new Academy gave us the chance to see the recently opened £36M Community Complex and the striking new footbridge.

Highlight of the walks for both groups was St Mary on the Rock, its beautiful stained glass windows quite outstanding. Discussions centred on the relatively recent induction of their new Rector while the other group recalled with fondness the former Rector Gerald Stranraer-Mull and his close friendship with Rodger over the years and the fellowship of the combined inter-denominational services with St James.

The "Pend" was the venue for our coffees before heading home.

White Cow Woods – 18 October

For the final walk of the year ten walkers set off for an amiable stroll round White Cow Woods in pleasant sunshine, taking in some of the views over the rolling Buchan countryside. We then adjourned to the excellent venue of Strichen Lodge where we all enjoyed a lovely cuppa with a fancy piece.

We now look forward to arranging our walks for next year.



The Social Committee is planning a Beetle Drive for Children and Adults on Saturday 20 February 2016 in the Church Hall at 2.00 pm. More details later.

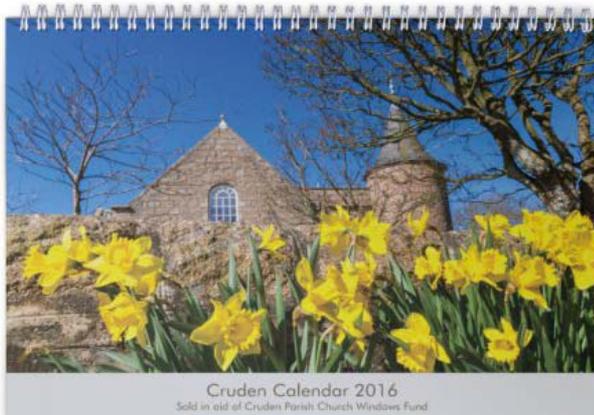
THE GUILD



Our speaker for the first meeting of the new session on 28 September was Margaret Grant who is well known to the members of Cruden. Margaret's thought provoking and inspiring talk on this year's Guild theme "Go in Peace" was greatly enjoyed by all. Beatrice gave a comprehensive vote of thanks.

At a well attended meeting in October we were treated to a most interesting talk by Ian Finnie on "Hearing dogs for the deaf", aided and abetted by his trusty four legged friend, Cinders. Ian explained how the dogs are trained, whilst Cinders demonstrated how she would alert Ian to the door bell, the alarm clock or a fire alarm. Ian gave a most fascinating and amusing talk on the experiences of living with a much maligned handicap, whilst Cinders amazed us with her ability to be his ears. Lorraine thanked Ian and Rosemary wished everyone a safe journey home with a reminder that on 30 November, Stuart Jamieson will talk to us on his travels to New Zealand and Texas. All welcome to come along.

Lorraine Neilson



Cruden Church Calendars are still available priced £8 for wall and desk. They are available at Hatton Market, Cruden Bay Post Office or by phoning Beatrice Fawkes on 01779 841814.

PARISH REGISTER

DEATHS

Mr Jonathan Burnett, 20 Castle Road Cruden Bay.

Mr Lewis McKechnie, 9 Danesburgh Cottages, Cruden Bay.

WATCH AND TALK REPORT

At our first meeting on 14 September we watched “In the Steps of St Peter” in which David Suchet described the early life of St Peter as a fisherman by the lake of Gennesaret. The programme was beautifully filmed and gave insight into the special relationship Peter had with our Lord.

Then in October we watched “Fern Britton meets Desmond Tutu”. The character of this amazing spiritual leader came through as he described his early struggles with apartheid and the pain he endured when leading the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. There was laughter and sadness in this interview and we were left with a sense of awe that so much could be achieved with faith, by one man.

This month “The Frankincense Trail” gave us a most enjoyable evening. Kate Humble followed the camel trail from the Waddi Rum to Petra and on to Gaza and Jerusalem, carrying with her a bag of frankincense to be used as incense at the Christmas Eve service.

We learned that frankincense from the Boswellia tree was a profitable trade in centuries past for the Bedouins who sold it to the Romans for their religious ceremonies. The scenes in the desert and Jerusalem brought back memories for those in our group who have made the pilgrimage to Jerusalem.

Annette Garden

The next issue of the Bulletin will be published at the beginning of March.

Please send all material to be included

before Sunday 21 February 2016 to:

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Sunday Morning Duties 10 am

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Children
6 Dec	Irene Stott Fiona Stephen	Mary Bratton	Doreen Buchan Mary Bratton	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid
13 Dec	Irene Stott Fiona Stephen	Betty Forrester	June Manning Liz Carnie	Karla Buswell Helen Smith
20 Dec	Margaret Bruce Ken Bruce	Beatrice Fawkes	Beatrice Fawkes Marilyn Samways	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid
27 Dec	Margaret Bruce Ken Bruce	Trish Smith	Iris Durno Elma Cumming	School Holidays No Junior Church
3 Jan	Joyce Willox Adrian Smith	Muriel Cantlay	Kathleen Craig Janice Hutchinson	School Holidays No Junior Church
10 Jan	Joyce Willox Adrian Smith	Muriel Cantlay	Beatrice Fawkes Margaret Bruce	Karla Buswell Helen Smith
17 Jan	Mary Bratton Liz Carnie	Violet Penny	Marilyn Samways Norma Forman	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid
24 Jan	Mary Bratton Liz Carnie	Marina Bruce	Rosemary Reid Margaret Adams	Karla Buswell Helen Smith
31 Jan	Helen Harper Barrie Harper	Trish Smith	Irene Stott Fiona Stephen	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid
7 Feb	Helen Harper Barrie Harper	Fiona Stephen	Wilma Moir Jennifer Emslie	Karla Buswell Helen Smith
14 Feb	Michael Buchan Kathleen Craig	Fiona Stephen	Doreen Buchan Mary Bratton	School Holidays No Junior Church
21 Feb	Michael Buchan Kathleen Craig	Betty Forrester	Liz Carnie June Manning	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid
28 Feb	Isobel Young Jack Young	Betty Forrester	Elma Cumming Iris Durno	Karla Buswell Helen Smith
6 March	Isobel Young Jack Young	Rosemary Pittendrigh	Kathleen Craig	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.

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Session Clerk	Robert Esson	
Treasurer	Rosemary Pittendrigh	
District Elders	Betty Forrester	Hatton
	Beatrice Fawkes	Hatton
	Muriel Cantlay	Rural
	Robert Petticrew	Rural
	Sandy Smith	Peterhead
	To be appointed	Cruden Bay
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	Betty May	Cruden Bay
Bond Treasurer	Muriel Cantlay	
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Christian Aid	Rosemary Pittendrigh	
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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	
Press Officer	Mary Bratton	
Roll Keeper	Mary McNaughtan	
Safeguarding	Kathleen Craig	
Teas	Beatrice Fawkes	
Transport	Janice Hutchinson	Hatton
	Rosemary Pittendrigh	Cruden Bay
Walks	Margaret Wisely	
WFO Treasurer	Annette Garden	

Committee Conveners

District Elders	To be appointed
Education and Worship	To be appointed
Finance	Rosemary Pittendrigh
Membership and Outreach	Kathleen Craig
Property	Robert Esson
Social	Betty Forrester