

# *The Bulletin*



## **Cruden Parish Church Summer 2018**

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## Diary Dates Summer 2018

Worship services will continue every Sunday in the Church at 10 am

### JUNE

Sunday 3rd	Prayer time in the Vestry 11.15 am
Sunday 10th	Cake & Candy in aid of Christian Aid
Tuesday 12th	Craft Group in Hall 1.30 pm
Thursday 14th	Cruden Church Outing (details inside)
Sunday 17th	Special Invitation Sunday (details inside)
Sunday 24th	Congregational Walk leaving church hall at 11.30 am Portsoy – Findlater Castle – Portsoy Circular
Tuesday 26th	Craft Group in Hall 1.30 pm

### JULY

Sunday 8th	Cake & Candy in aid of Christian Aid
Tuesday 10th	Craft Group in Hall 1.30 pm
Sunday 22nd	Congregational Walk leaving church hall at 11.30 am: Aberdeen Beach Esplanade to Footdee
Tuesday 24th	Craft Group in Hall 1.30 pm

### AUGUST

Sunday 5th	Prayer time in the Vestry 11.15 am
Tuesday 7th	Craft Group in Hall 1.30 pm
Sunday 12th	Cake & Candy in aid of Christian Aid Congregational Walk leaving church hall at 11.30 am: Tyrebagger Sculpture Trail
Tuesday 21st	Craft Group in Hall 1.30 pm

## SEPTEMBER

Sunday 2nd	Prayer time in the Vestry 11.15 am
Tuesday 4th	Craft Group in Hall 1.30 pm
Wednesday 5th	Choir Practice in Hall 7.30 pm



### **Weekend of Invitation**

The Weekend of Invitation is a national event being held on the 15 to 17 June and your Kirk Session has agreed to participate in the event. National research has shown that there are many in our country who are waiting to be invited to church.

We live in a society where many feel that they live in isolation and in fear of their faith and this can be a difficult barrier to cross for many different reasons. However, your Kirk Session have been praying for all in our parish that you feel the presence of God in your life. If you are one of those then Sunday 17 June is for you.

Please give prayerful thought and accept the invitation to come and join us at the family service at 10.00am in the church or to the open air Songs of Praise at Port Erroll Harbour at 3.00pm when musical accompaniment will be provided by the Salvation Army Band. The open air service will be followed by a BBQ. Better still come to both!

## **Sponsored Walk & Annual Outing**

A huge thank you to all sponsors and all who took part in the Sponsored Walk on 29 April in aid of the Church Outing. Approximately £750 has been raised to date.

An open invitation is extended to anyone wishing to join us on Thursday 14 June when we are going to the Heritage Museum & Christies Garden Centre in Fochabers followed by High Tea at Morris's Hotel in Oldmeldrum.

A bus will pick up in Cruden Bay at 12.30 pm and Hatton Village Hall at 1 pm. If you would like to come please can you notify Shonah Taylor (841519) or Hatton Post Office, Irene Will (841532), Muriel Cantlay (841219), Wilma Moir (841516) or Rosemary Pittendrigh (812220).

**"Imagine our homes and families where love is the way. Imagine neighbourhoods and communities where love is the way.**

**"Imagine governments and nations where love is the way. Imagine business and commerce where this love is the way.**

**"Imagine this tired old world where love is the way. When love is the way - unselfish, sacrificial, redemptive.**

**"When love is the way, then no child will go to bed hungry in this world ever again.**

**"When love is the way, we will let justice roll down like a mighty stream and righteousness like an ever-flowing brook.**

**"When love is the way, poverty will become history. When love is the way, the earth will be a sanctuary."**

Bishop Michael Curry  
Sermon for the wedding of the  
Duke and Duchess of Sussex





With no house to house being carried out again this year, a Christian Aid envelope is enclosed for your consideration. If you wish to donate, it would be greatly appreciated if

you could return the envelope or telephone for collection to any of the following:

- Rosemary Reid, 11 Manse Road, Hatton – Tel: 841531
- Beatrice Fawkes, 3 Northfield Gardens, Hatton – Tel: 841814
- Hatton Market, Station Road, Hatton
- Mary Bratton, 169 Braehead Drive, Cruden Bay – Tel: 812573
- Rosemary Pittendrigh, 21 Links View, Cruden Bay- Tel: 812220
- Post Office, Main Street, Cruden Bay
- Cruden Parish Church
- or Donate online at [caweek.org](http://caweek.org) or call **08080006006**

The theme of Christian Aid week this year is **“Stand together for dignity, for equality, for justice.”**

Poverty is an outrage against humanity. It robs people of their dignity and lets injustice thrive. But together we have the power to transform lives. Will you Stand Together with us this year to help families live full lives, free from poverty?

Rosemary Pittendrigh

**Cake & Candy Stalls**

To raise funds for **CHRISTIAN AID**, there will be Cake & Candy Stalls held in the Hall after the services on **10 June, 8 July and 12 August** when all donations for the stalls will be most welcome.

Further details from Beatrice Fawkes (841814)

## BALMEDIE at 80



Guess the year - Shirley Bassey and Anthony Hopkins were born, the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco was officially opened, and George VI was crowned King after his brother Edward abdicated to marry Mrs Simpson.

It is of course 1937, and on 27 October that year Balmedie House near Aberdeen was opened by Lord Polwarth with the express purpose that it would become 'a place where lonely people are cared for'. The house was purchased from the Lumsden family for the princely sum of £2,000 and a further £3,000 was spent to make it fit for purpose. There was accommodation for 35 residents sleeping in dormitories. The house used 10 tons of coal a month to keep it warm!

In 1962 major renovations were undertaken to improve the living accommodation. To fund these improvements, the board rate was raised from 12 shillings and sixpence to 15 shillings (75pence) a week!! Then in 1992 the house was closed for several months while further refurbishment took place, followed by another upgrade in 2006 when 32 ensuite bedrooms were created and a new wing was created. Ann Reid, Service Manager for the past six years told Crossreach News 'Balmedie has come a long way from its beginnings and much

has changed - for example, no more dormitories or coal fires! The level of care and support has increased and staff are qualified professionals are who work to very high standards as evidenced by Care Inspectorate top grades of 6 across all areas. Yet much has also stayed the same; the glorious views from the house, the rabbits on the lawn & the distant sound of the sea. The practical outworking of Christian care and compassion continues through the commitment of everyone who works there, and the friendship & contentment found by those older people who live at Balmedie, plus the love of God which never changes but sustains us each day. ‘

So how did the home mark it's 80th Birthday? ‘Our celebrations started back in August with a Family Barbecue, birthday balloons, cakes and a marquee plus dancing on the lawn to Jack the Entertainer. Then on our actual birthday, 27th October, we began with a Thanksgiving Service followed by a three course meal, cake and refreshments, then dancing & singing which went on until late in the evening. I suppose we are a bit like the Queen having two birthdays!! Looking back, 2017 has brought many happy memories and the enthusiasm of the residents and the dedication of the staff has made me realise what is important in life. I can't promise that I'll be here for our 85th Birthday, but knowing the Staff it will be another day to remember.’

*Taken from Crossreach News Issue 1 2018.*

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There have been fewer children at Messy Church but those attending have enjoyed the wide variety of activities provided by our enthusiastic helpers. We have added messy science to our repertoire and the water filled bottles to make music proved popular. Joshua was the theme for the day. Look out for floating and sinking next time. We have come to the end of our session and the team would like to thank all those people who help make Messy Church such a happy , lively and friendly place. We resume in September when we hope to see lots of children.

Future Messy Church dates: 20 September, 18 October, 15 November

**The Messy Church Team.**

## CRUDEN CHURCH WALKING GROUP 2018



On the 23 March 2018 seven folk made their way to the Braes of Gight near Methlick for our first walk of the year.

After a leisurely picnic lunch at the Forestry Commission car park, we set off on the walk. We stopped at the ruins of Gight Castle which looms over the River Ythan and was for hundreds of years the home of the Gordons of Gight, distant cousins of the Gordons of Haddo. The Castle is perhaps most renowned for being the childhood home of George Gordon, better known as the poet Lord Byron, whose mother Catherine was the last Gordon to reside there. Due to the gambling habits of Byron's father the castle was sold to the Earl of Aberdeen for his son Lord Haddo. The premature death of Lord Haddo, due to a riding accident, led to the abandonment of the Castle as a residence and its decline into ruin.

We set off again downhill towards the river then climbed up the steps into the woods where the snowdrops were out in full bloom. We followed the track round the woods and after crossing a few wooden bridges we came back down on to the banks of the River Ythan where we then made our way back to the car park.

The sun shone, a light breeze was blowing, we had walked 3.9 miles and everyone enjoyed the fellowship and the lovely fly cup at Formartines on the way home.

On Sunday 29 April we joined with Cruden Guild for the annual sponsored walk. This year we started with our usual picnic lunch at Aden Park then after a wee shower of rain the sun came out and ten walkers set off through Aden Park then across the main road towards Pitfour Lake. On our way round the Lake we could see at a distance an Osprey nest and the osprey sitting on the tree. The swans were busy having a feed of the young tender shoots of winter barley or floating leisurely along in the lake. After the walk we enjoyed refreshments at the café at Aden Park.

If you would like to join us on the walks please contact Maureen Esson on 01779 813049. You will be most welcome.



## **CRAFT GROUP**

The craft are responding to a request for children's hats and scarves which will be added to the Blythswood boxes later in the year. We are enjoying this task and each fortnight sees more colourful sets being completed for the children. Recently a box containing a variety of items was donated to Blythswood when the lorry visited Peterhead and around the same time several boxes were handed in to the Baptist Church in Peterhead to assist in their mission work. Janice Hutchison's new church in Aberdeen – St Mary's Parish in King Street - had asked if their work could be included along with ours and we were pleased to be able to assist them.

Beatrice and Carol had the opportunity to visit Nan Laing in Banff Care Home where she is now a permanent resident. A crochet blanket and an Aran cardigan were gifted from group. We were delighted to find Nan in good health and happily settled in her new home where she is nearer to family.

**Carol Paul**

## **CRUDEN GUILD**

At our February meeting Fred Coutts, with his great storytelling ability, provided an evening of true fellowship when he spoke to us on the Guild Theme – Go in Love. An informal evening in the company of Mary Bratton demonstrating her floral art skills was enjoyed by members in March. We ended our Session with the AGM in April when the following were elected to serve on the Committee:

Muriel Cantlay; Wilma Moir; Shonah Taylor & Irene Will. We then enjoyed an excellent variety concert from the Ladies of Newburgh SWI with their accompanist Rosemary Lund.



# Heart & Soul 2018

Celebrating the life of the Church

Heart & Soul is a Church gathering which takes place in Princes Street Gardens, Edinburgh during the week of the General Assembly and this year it was on Sunday 20 May, so by the time that you read this it will have been and gone.

The theme for the General Assembly and Heart & Soul this year is *Peace be with You*. This will be the theme for both the daily worship at the Assembly and during Heart & Soul.

Churches and Presbyteries from all over the country are encouraged to take part in the event by hiring a stand to show-case their area. Buchan Presbytery will be attending again this year and a few members from our church will be spending time helping out on the day. The main aim for the day is to highlight the diversity of our area and the excellent quality of life in the hope that prospective ministers might be attracted to the area.

Heart & Soul has become one of the highlights of General Assembly week and there is always a great buzz about the afternoon when fellow Christians from around the country come together and share fellowship.

The next issue of the Bulletin will be published at the beginning of September. Please send all material to be included before

**Sunday 19 August 2018 to:**

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**@CrudenParishChurch**

## Sunday Morning Duties 10 am

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Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Children
3 June	Ken Bruce Margaret Bruce	Beatrice Fawkes	June Manning Wilma Moir	Mid-term Holiday No Junior Church
10 June	Debbie Mackintosh Betty Forrester	Trish Smith	Margaret Adams Rosemary Reid	Katherine Hyman Beatrice Fawkes
17 June	Debbie Mackintosh Betty Forrester	Jean Beedie	Marilyn Samways Mary Bratton	Helen Smith Rosemary Reid
24 June	Mary McNaughtan Beatrice Fawkes	Norma Forman	Margaret Bruce Doreen Buchan	Maureen Reid Betty Forrester
1 July	Mary McNaughtan Beatrice Fawkes	Muriel Cantlay	Liz Carnie Kathleen Craig	Katherine Hyman Mary Bratton
8 July	Coreen Phillips Betty May	Rosemary Pittendrigh	Rosemary Reid Margaret Adams	School Holidays No Junior Church
15 July	Coreen Phillips Betty May	Irene Stott	Jennifer Emslie Beatrice Fawkes	School Holidays No Junior Church
22 July	Katherine Hyman Wilma Moir	Norma Forman	Norma Forman June Manning	School Holidays No Junior Church
29 July	Katherine Hyman Wilma Moir	Muriel Cantlay	Wilma Moir Marilyn Samways	School Holidays No Junior Church
5 August	Maureen Esson Robert Esson	Iris Durno	Irene Stott Fred Stott	Mid-term Holiday No Junior Church
12 August	Maureen Esson Robert Esson	Joyce Willox	Rosemary Reid Margaret Adams	School Holidays No Junior Church
19 August	Coreen Phillips Margaret Adams	Betty Forrester	Mary Bratton Margaret Bruce	School Holidays No Junior Church
26 August	Coreen Phillips Margaret Adams			Katherine Hyman Helen Smith
2 Sept	Shonah Taylor Irene Will	Muriel Cantlay	Kathleen Craig Elma Cumming	
9 Sept	Shonah Taylor Irene Will		Iris Durno Jennifer Emslie	

### 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** Ali MacLeod  
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<b>Session Clerk</b>	Robert Esson	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Rosemary Pittendrigh	
<b>Contact Elders</b>	Betty Forrester	Hatton
	Beatrice Fawkes	Hatton
	Joyce Willox	Hatton
	Muriel Cantlay	Rural
	Robert Petticrew	Rural
	Robert Esson	Peterhead
	Maureen Esson	Cruden Bay
	Kate Clark	Cruden Bay
	Kathleen Craig	Cruden Bay
	Betty May	Cruden Bay
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<b>Communion</b>	Adrian Smith	
	Joyce Willox	
<b>Flowers</b>	Betty Forrester	
<b>Guild</b>		
<b>Junior Church</b>	Katherine Hyman	
<b>Life and Work</b>	Rosemary Pittendrigh	
<b>Organist</b>	Stephen Calder	
<b>Presbytery Elder</b>	Robert Esson	
<b>Press Officer</b>	Mary Bratton	
<b>Roll Keeper</b>	Mary McNaughtan	
<b>Safeguarding</b>	Kathleen Craig	
<b>Teas</b>	Beatrice Fawkes	
<b>Transport</b>	Robert Esson	Hatton
	Rosemary Pittendrigh	Cruden Bay
<b>Walks</b>	Maureen Esson	
<b>WFO Treasurer</b>	Carol Paul	

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**Committee Conveners**

<b>Finance</b>	Rosemary Pittendrigh
<b>Membership and Outreach</b>	Kathleen Craig
<b>Property</b>	Robert Esson
<b>Social</b>	Betty Forrester