

# *The Bulletin*



## **Cruden Parish Church Winter 2018-2019**

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

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## Diary Dates WINTER 2018-2019

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

### DECEMBER

Monday 10th	Guild Christmas Party St Olaf 7 pm
Thursday 13th	Messy Church in Hatton Public Hall 3.30 pm
Sunday 16th	Time for Prayer – Mary Garden Room 11.15 am  Christingle Service 4 pm (Joint service with St James' and the Congregational Church)
Sunday 23rd	Christmas Family Service
Monday 24th	Christmas Eve Service 11.30 pm

### JANUARY

Sunday 6th	Time for Prayer – Mary Garden Room 11.15 am
Tuesday 8th	Craft Group in Hall 1.30 pm
Thursday 17th	Messy Church in Hatton Public Hall 3.30 pm
Tuesday 22nd	Craft Group in Hall 1.30 pm
Sunday 27th	MORNING SERVICE Sacrament of Holy Communion
Monday 28th	Guild in Hall 7.30 pm Scots Evening with Gordon Hay and Friends

### FEBRUARY

Sunday 3rd	Time for Prayer – Mary Garden Room 11.15 am
Tuesday 5th	Craft Group in Hall 1.30 pm
Wednesday 6th	Choir Practice in Hall 7.30 pm
Tuesday 19th	Craft Group in Hall 1.30 pm
Thursday 21st	Messy Church in Hatton Public Hall 3.30 pm
Monday 25th	Guild in Hall 7.30 pm. The Golden Triangle – India Slides Philip Cantlay and Joan Henderson

## MARCH

Sunday 3rd	Time for Prayer – Mary Garden Room 11.15 am
Tuesday 5th	Craft Group in Hall 1.30 pm
Wednesday 6th	Choir Practice in Hall 7.30 pm

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## Advent(ure)

**“In the beginning the Word already existed” (John1:1)**

The Gospel of John is the Gospel least referred to at Christmas, probably because there is no mention of the birth of Jesus in a lowly stable. Instead John tells us that “In the beginning the Word already existed”. This takes us right back to the first book in the Bible, Genesis, which begins with the words “In the beginning” . So it could be said that John is taking us right back to the creation, further than any other Gospel.

What this should tell us is that God’s word has power and purpose. As a result of all the faults and failings of Old Testament times he sent his only Son who invites us to get to know him better. He wants to show us who He is, and how we can get to know him better.

Today we have the Internet, Facebook, Twitter etc which we use for communicating with each other, however God speaks to us in a spiritual way through Jesus in order to enrich our lives.

Christmas should not be regarded as some event to brighten up the winter months, it should not be regarded as the season of sales which many wait anxiously for.

Christmas contains the secret to the universe and to the meaning of life. It contains Jesus.

So this Christmas why not go on an adventure and ensure that Jesus becomes the focus of life, not only for Christmas but also beyond.



## FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND

One night I dreamed a dream.  
As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.  
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.  
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,  
One belonging to me and one to my Lord.

After the last scene of my life flashed before me,  
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.  
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,  
especially at the very lowest and saddest times,  
there was only one set of footprints.

This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.  
"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,  
You'd walk with me all the way.  
But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of my life,  
there was only one set of footprints.  
I don't understand why, when I needed You the most, You would leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you,  
Never, ever, during your trials and testings.  
When you saw only one set of footprints,  
It was then that I carried you."



There were lots of footprints in the sand at the November meeting of Messy Church.

Here's how: Draw an outline of your foot on the paper; spread lots of glue round it, and then scatter the sand - mostly on the paper!

What a good way to remember the poem, *Footprints in the Sand* and to know that God is there to help us at the most difficult times in our lives,

## **MESSY CHURCH**

I would like to begin this report by complimenting the children who attend Messy Church. They are well behaved, enthusiastic, listen well and a pleasure to be around. We have been trialling Messy Science this session and the children have responded well. The other activities have been as usual, with messy ones always popular. We are grateful to our talented story tellers and musicians who come along and contribute so much to Messy Church. Thanks also to our many helpers. Messy Church is in good heart. Come along, see for yourself and bring a child. December 13th meeting PARTY TIME!!!!



## **Christmas Offerings**

The Kirk Session has agreed that our special Christmas offerings this year should go to Social Bite, an organisation dedicated to ending homelessness in our country.

Social Bite is on a mission to bring Scotland together, to build a collaborative movement to end homelessness here. To do that we need to make houses available to the homeless, we need to fund a support resource for people to sustain their tenancies, and we need to integrate these vulnerable and marginalised people back into society – where they belong.

We need people from all walks of life in Scotland to come together and stick up for the most vulnerable people among us.

### **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

Sunday 16th December

4 pm

Cruden Parish Church

This will be a joint service with  
St James' and the Congregational Church





**Ythan Singers  
Christmas Concert**

*Twelve days of Christmas*

**Conductor: Morag Simpson  
Accompanist: Rosemary Lund  
Ellon Parish Church  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018  
2.30pm**

Donations at the door for  
toilettwinning: <https://www.toilettwinning.org>

					
					

Ythan Singers: Scottish Charity: SC038223: [www.ythansingers.co.uk](http://www.ythansingers.co.uk)

## Christmas Concert 9th December 2018

The Ythan Singers' Christmas concert is on Sunday 9th December at 2.30pm in Ellon Parish Church. It features many Christmas favourites including "The Huron Carol", "In the Bleak Mid-winter", the "Nativity Carol" and "Stille Nacht" but also some new additions to their repertoire; "Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming", "Feliz Navidad" and "The Twelve Days After Christmas".

The audience will be given a chance to sing "The Twelve Days of Christmas" in Doric and also join in with well-known carols. The concert will be conducted by Morag Simpson and accompanied by Rosemary Lund. All are very welcome, and it is certainly a concert not to be missed.

There will be a collection on the door for the charity, "toilet twinning" ([www.toilettwinning.org](http://www.toilettwinning.org)) which is a water and sanitation initiative.

After the concert everyone is welcome to join the singers for tea/coffee/mince pies and shortbread.



### Shoebox Appeal

This year we sent 90 boxes plus several bags of hats and scarves from the Craft Group. Thanks also goes to the Ellon Jazzercise group and Margaret Strachan and friends from Peterhead. Thank you to everyone who helped towards this magnificent total. Target of 100 for next year?

When you enter this Church it may be possible you will hear the Call of God. However it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile.

Thank you for turning off your phones.

If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place to talk to Him.

If you want to see him, send him a text while driving.



*From a poster found in a church in France*

## CrossReach plans exhibition to mark 150th anniversary

2019 is the 150th anniversary of the Church of Scotland's social care provision and CrossReach plans to mark it with a special exhibition - and we're looking for your help! Do you have any memorabilia from the past such as brochures or invitations which we could display? If so, please take photos of your items and e-mail them to:

[bdd@crossreach.org.uk](mailto:bdd@crossreach.org.uk). However, don't send the originals to us just now. We are also looking to borrow a full length Victorian mirror, so if you could lend us one, please e-mail us. Thank you!



## A NEW CAMPUS IN ERSKINE

CrossReach has opened a 'first class' education campus in Renfrewshire. The Erskine Waterfront Campus will provide a high standard of education for around 30 looked after children, aged 8 - 16yrs. The Campus was built off site by Portakabin Scotland and craned into position. CrossReach Chief Executive Viv Dickenson, who broke the ground at the site at Erskine Waterfront to formally start the building work said: 'Our existing staff team and their pupils have bright, modern classrooms containing all the facilities they need to make it a first class learning environment. CrossReach has been providing residential care and education for children, who for various reasons cannot live with their families, for more than 25 years. Over the last few years, there has been a move away from CrossReach's larger care and education provisions at Geilsland School in Beith and Ballikinrain School near Balfron to a model of smaller community houses, which will be clustered round a central education hub.'

Sheila Gordon, Director of Children and Families Services added: 'CrossReach is undergoing a period of big changes to how it provides residential child care. We now have 5 community houses and will open a further 3 houses over the coming year. This means we will be moving away from Ballikinrain. In many ways this is the end of an era but it is also the right thing to do in terms of achieving the best possible outcomes for the young people we are privileged to look after. The new education Campus at Erskine Waterfront in the shadow of the Erskine Bridge, will provide modern, comfortable and caring education to around 30 children and young people'.

Further Information to be found at [www.crossreach.org.uk](http://www.crossreach.org.uk)

## THE GUILD

The Guild met on Monday 29 October and we opened the meeting by singing “When we walk with the Lord”. The Guild theme this year is “Seeking the Way” and we welcomed our local fishmonger Stephen Bruce and his wife Rosalind from Peterhead. Stephen told us of his family heritage of fishing. He could trace his family back to when early fishing boats were used right up to the modern fishing boats of today when his brother continues to fish out of Peterhead. Stephen left fishing due to ill health and went to work for an oil company in Aberdeen. He supplied some of his work colleagues with fish from Peterhead. Unfortunately Stephen was made redundant and had to “seek the way” for a different choice of work. He discovered no one had registered as *Peterhead Fish Company* so he decided to start up his own fish company, selling and delivering fish locally. His business venture has gone from strength to strength, supplying fish to customers throughout many north east villages. He can even supply fish “on line”. (No pun intended!) Rosalind sang two lovely songs relating to fishing. Stephen is a committed Christian and was ready to share his faith with us. We all enjoyed an enlightening evening and closed the meeting by singing “Will your anchor hold”.



## Ythan Fiddlers Concert



The Guild held a concert by the Ythan Fiddlers in Hatton Hall on Friday 2 November. It was very well attended and we enjoyed a varied programme of Scottish music by the Fiddlers. Half way through the evening we enjoyed refreshments and home bakes and raffle prizes were drawn. Included in the programme were tunes from the

Fiddlers’ trip to Orkney and to Canada. A total of £600 was raised for Guild projects and funds.

If you have power  
to make someone smile, DO IT!  
THE WORLD NEEDS MORE OF THAT.





## CRUDEN CHURCH WALKING GROUP

The last two walks of the year took place in September and October when we did The Aden Park to Stuartfield circular and Longside to Peterhead.

Robert Petticrew led the first walk so we set off from the car park at Aden Park and leisurely made our way to Old Deer. On the way we met a young couple who were doing all they could to persuade their very young son it was time to go home but he was having none of it ... so he decided he was going to join us on the walk instead, and he set off walking with the men in the group. It was a lovely moment but after a wee bit he spotted the tree house and that seemed more interesting, so off he went quite happily with his parents.

From Old Deer we headed for Stuartfield and what a beautiful display of summer flowers greeted us from the dam as we entered the village and all the way through. On leaving the village we walked towards Beneaiah and made our way back towards Aden Park a distance of approximately 4 miles.

Our October walk started at Longside where seven walkers set off in hazy sunshine along the old railway line towards Peterhead. The trees and countryside were beautiful in their autumn colours – God’s own country at its best! After nearly six miles we arrived at our destination and enjoyed a cuppa at Morrisons.

We will soon be looking for walks for next year so if anyone has ideas or knows of a lovely walk please let Maureen Esson know. We are always looking for somewhere new to walk.

**Maureen Esson**

Tel: 01779 813049 or 07949792233



### 2019 FLOWER CALENDAR

The Calendar for the Church will now be found on the notice board at the Church door 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.



# PARISH REGISTER

## DEATHS

Mr Jimmy Mathers, Bayview Care Home, Cruden Bay  
Mrs May Dickson, formerly Braehead Drive, Cruden Bay

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## HOLY COMMUNION

27th January 10 am

**Duty Elders** Wilma Moir, Betty Forrester,  
Beatrice Fawkes, Jim MacDonald, Mary Bratton,  
Adrian Smith, Kate Clark, Robert Esson,  
Shonah Taylor, Maureen Esson.



## HOME COMMUNION

Home Communion is available for those of our members who are housebound. If you are housebound (or know someone who is ) and wish to receive home Communion can you please let us know by contacting Robert Esson (Tel 01779 813049) or any of our Contact Elders whose details are on the back page of this Bulletin.

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

**Sunday 17th February 2019** to:  
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## Sunday Morning Duties 10 am

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Date	Door	Flowers	Teas
2 Dec	Helen Harper Barry Harper	Mary Bratton	Margaret Adams Rosemary Reid
9 Dec	Maureen Esson Robert Esson	Betty Forrester	Margaret Bruce Ken Bruce
16 Dec	Maureen Esson Robert Esson	Betty Forrester	Liz Carnie Elma Cumming
23 Dec	Debbie Macintosh Betty Forrester	Betty Forrester	Beatrice Fawkes Kathleen Craig
30 Dec	Debbie Macintosh Betty Forrester	Robert Esson	Iris Durno Beatrice Fawkes
6 Jan	Mary McNaughtan Mary Bratton	Muriel Cantlay	Norma Forman June Manning
13 Jan	Mary McNaughtan Mary Bratton	Muriel Cantlay	Rosemary Reid Margaret Adams
20 Jan	Carol Paul Stewart Paul	Fiona Stephen	Mary Bratton Doreen Buchan
27 Jan	Carol Paul Stewart Paul	Marina Bruce	Irene Stott Fiona Stephen
3 Feb	Robert Petticrew Jim MacDonald		Liz Carnie Kathleen Craig
10 Feb	Robert Petticrew Jim MacDonald		Elma Cumming Iris Durno
17 Feb	Iris Durno Peter Slamaker		Beatrice Fawkes Norma Forman
24 Feb	Iris Durno Peter Slamaker	Beatrice Fawkes	June Manning Marilyn Samways
3 March	Joyce Willox Adrian Smith	Maureen Esson	Margaret Adams Rosemary Reid
10 March	Joyce Willox Adrian Smith	Mary Bratton	Mary Bratton Doreen Buchan

### 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  
aliowl@hotmail.com Tel: 01771 622992 Mob: 07821 670705

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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
<b>Gift Aid Treasurer</b>	Muriel Cantlay	
<b>Bulletin</b>	841320 Fred Coutts	
	bulletin@crudenchurch.org.uk	
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<b>Cleaning</b>	Rosemary Pittendrigh	
<b>Communion</b>	Adrian Smith	
	Joyce Willox	
<b>Flowers</b>	Betty Forrester	
<b>Guild</b>	Muriel Cantlay	
<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>Education &amp; Worship</b>	Katherine Hyman
<b>Finance</b>	Rosemary Pittendrigh
<b>Membership and Outreach</b>	Kathleen Craig
<b>Property</b>	Peter Slamaker
<b>Social</b>	Betty Forrester