

*CRUDEN
PARISH
CHURCH*

BULLETIN



Our new elders after they were ordained
at the end of August

OCTOBER 2007

DIARY DATES

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EACH WEEK (apart from holidays)

Sundays 10.00 am Children's Sunday Club in the Old Church & Stables

Wednesday 3rd	:	Time for Chat and Coffee	10.30 am	Old Hall
		Choir Practice	7.30 pm	Old Hall
Sunday 7th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Old Church
		Adult Sunday School	St Paul – his Letters	11.30 am
		EVENING SERVICE	6.00 pm	West Church
Sunday 14th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Old Church
		Cruden Churches Walk	11.30 am	Udny
		EVENING SERVICE	6.00 pm	West Church
Monday 15th	:	Watch & Talk Group	7.30 pm	at the home of
		Marilyn Samways, Burnview, Main Street, Cruden Bay		
Sunday 21st	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Old Church
		Adult Sunday School	Christianity Spreads 1	11.30 am
		EVENING SERVICE	6.00 pm	West Church
Monday 22nd	:	Kirk Session	7.30pm	Old Hall
Wednesday 24th	:	Choir Practice	7.30 pm	Old Hall
Sunday 28th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Old Church
		SERVICE OF HARVEST THANKSGIVING		
		Adult Sunday School	Christianity Spreads 2	11.30 am
		EVENING SERVICE	6.00 pm	West Church
		SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION		
Monday 29th	:	The Guild	7.30 pm	Old Hall
		Stretching the Mind	Quiz Time	

THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL COME OUT ON **28 October**. Copy for inclusion to be handed in to the Manse as soon as possible.

FROM THE MINISTER 28 September 2007

Dear Friends

I don't often use this letter to talk about events on the world's stage and so you might have suspected that I am only concerned with what affect Cruden Parish. However as I sit down to write this I cannot get out of my mind what is currently dominating our news headlines – the events unfolding in Burma.

As a congregation, our world focus tends to be focussed on Africa and Malawi in particular but the support we give Christian Aid each year means our generosity reaches round the world. It is not often we find reason to focus on Asia but now the news is reminding us of the great injustice people suffer in Burma as a result of the appalling military dictatorship.

I heard that over 50% of the country's wealth is spent on the army. With no external enemy, this is purely to ensure the soldiers are motivated to do what the generals order even if it means firing at their fellow countrymen and women.

The fact is that so many in that land suffer severe poverty to allow those in power to retain that power and their rich and very privileged lifestyle.

I heard on the TV that other countries cannot interfere because it is an internal matter which does not affect other nations. I would question the morality of that United Nations stance. It is tantamount to saying you cannot brutalise other people with impunity but you can brutalise your own people as much as you like.

It leaves me wondering what depths of brutality can dictators get away with before other nations are able to intervene. Maybe it is time to say that the internal affairs of a country become a matter for external action rather than just concern if there is a clear, undeniable and very significant abuse of human rights.

Why is it taking so long for cruel dictators to realise that you can deny human rights but you will never quench the aspiration for freedom and justice in those who were created in the image and likeness of God. We can only admire the courage of the Buddhist monks in that land and the ordinary people whose only wish is for justice and freedom.

Your friend and minister

Rodger Nairn

GLEANINGS FROM A STUDY LEAVE NOTEBOOK

*We spend our days talking more
and more about less and less!*

As St Augustine remarked, there is no advantage in standing before God with nothing in your hands if your heart is consumed with the desire for everything.

We easily forget that no matter what we possess, someday our life will end and all our things will be left behind for others to haggle over.

Obsession with the passing flow of events, with the fantasy world of creative imagination prevents us from looking deep into ourselves to see who we really are.

On most days it is hard to hear God's whispers because we are deafened by the rushing waters of our lives, the passing evens and the shouting people around us.

St Augustine said that the people who do the most talking are those with least to say.

OUR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

The Psalms that we shall be considering in October are

October 7 - Psalm 24

October 14 - Psalm 27

October 21 - Psalm 46

October 28 - Psalm 67

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EKWENDENI - FUND RAISING

A very successful Cake and Candy Sale combined with a number of very generous donations brought the total funds raised to £930. It was good to have Sena Allen to open the sale and to give us first hand knowledge of the needs of the people of Malawi. We wish to say a big **Thank You** to everyone who supported this event in so many different ways and whose enthusiasm brought about the excellent result. The donation of knitting, pens and pencils, bed linen and other items continue to be handed in on almost a weekly basis and we would like to thank all those who have contributed goods for the boxes we send out to Ekwendeni Hospital throughout the year.

Annette Garden

WATCH & TALK GROUP 17th September (Formerly the Video/DVD Group)

Our first Meeting for a new session was held at the home of Annette Garden and we decided to give our Group a new name as we are never sure whether we will be watching a Video or a DVD.

This month we watched a Video called Galloping Through The Gospels presented by David Nunn. It is a condensed story of the Life of Jesus Christ during his teaching years, starting mainly from his Baptism by John the Baptist in the river Jordan and going through to his death on the Cross in a place called Golgotha. We were taken through all the well known places mentioned in the Bible where Jesus visited during his few short years as a Teacher. Those of us who had been on the Pilgrimage to Israel in May recognised quite a few of the places visited by David Dunn. The Group found this Video very interesting and enjoyed watching it.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 15th October in the home of Marilyn Samways, Cruden Bay

Jenny McGarrol

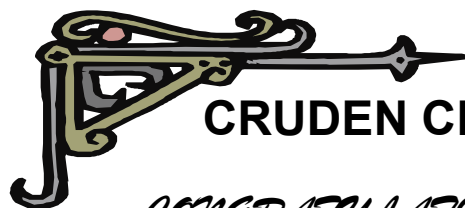
KIDS ANSWERS

Teacher: Maria, go to the map and find North America.

Maria: Her it is.

Teacher: Correct. Now class, who discovered America?

Class: Maria.



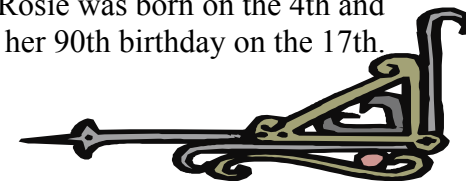
CRUDEN CHURCH FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS

Mrs Isobel Cannon, 5 Aulton Road, Cruden Bay who will be celebrating her 80th birthday this month.

The minister would welcome, in writing please, e-mail preferred, any news for this feature in the Bulletin. He feels that it should not simply be a list of anniversaries and birthdays.

September was an eventful month for Rosemary and Archie Reid of Manse Road, Hatton. Granddaughter Rosie was born on the 4th and Rosemary's Mum, Lillabet, celebrated her 90th birthday on the 17th. Lots to give thanks for.



PANTOMIME TRIP

Cruden Church Social Committee would like to organise a trip to the pantomime. It will probably be on Saturday 8 December, a matinee performance of Snow White at the Arts Centre in Aberdeen. The tickets are not available yet but will cost no more than £10. Transport will be arranged (cars or a bus). In order to gauge interest **you are asked to add your name to the sheets on the church notice boards.**

Use the Guestbook - Please

On our website www.crudenchurch.org.uk there is a Guestbook page. This is not just for those elsewhere in the world to use. We would be delighted to get feedback from members looking at the site. Tell us what you think of it, or what you feel we have missed out.

Your helpful comments would be most welcome

CRUDEN CHURCH MEMBER TO RUN THE NEW YORK MARATHON

Sian Lamb from Cruden Bay along with her friend Marie (both now trained nurses) are running the New York Marathon in November to raise money for *Children with Leukaemia*. They are paying all their own expenses - flights, hotel, etc. - and have pledged to raise several thousand pounds in sponsorship in return for a Marathon place. They train very hard in between working 12 hour shifts in their respective hospitals, although it isn't easy for them to find the time, and they are determined to finish the race, even if not in a record-breaking time!

BUT LET SIAN TELL HER OWN STORY

(and make sure you check out her website)

Friends, Relatives and folk wot know me...

Having spent the last three years working extremely hard to get my nursing degree, I suddenly found myself with time on my hands (in between 12 hour shifts) to do something other than study or work. Hmmmm, what to do with my new found couple of days a week? Ah, of course, RUN A MARATHON! Not one to do things by half, why not the biggest, best and most exciting.....

The ING New York City Marathon Nov. 4, 2007
NEW YORK ROAD RUNNERS' PREMIER EVENT

My running career to date has evolved from the odd lumbering 20 mins on the treadmill at the gym to a few 10k races (in the second of which I came spectacularly last!) and four half marathons, breaking absolutely no records with a best time of 2 hrs 20 mins. So, as any attempt at the marathon distance is, quite obviously, not going to be distracting the Olympic Selection Committee, I decided to have a much better goal than gold and glory, that of raising WADS of CASH for.....



and

that is where you come in....

I do my bit....

- ❖ Train like a dafty, running miles and miles in all weathers
- ❖ Fly to New York *
- ❖ Put on Mr Men/Little Miss running vest (it's actually quite groovy!)
- ❖ Run 26.2 miles cheered on by 2 million spectators
- ❖ Spend the next week walking in a strange manner making funny wincing noises with each step (but beaming with pride and flashing my finisher's medal!)
- ❖ Give Children with Leukaemia A MASSIVE CHEQUE!

....and you do yours

- ❖ Think to yourself "Wow, that's ACE!"
- ❖ Log on to www.bmycharity.com/sianandmarie07
- ❖ **OR** see me in person
- ❖ **PLEDGE/DONATE SOME CASH!**
- ❖ Log on to www.realbuzz.com to read my training blog (in the official ING NY Marathon training blogs section) and track my progress.
- ❖ Watch the race on CNN and look for me in my Mr Men/Little Miss vest



* All travel and accommodation costs will be covered by me personally.....**EVERY PENNY** donated will go to **CHILDREN with LEUKAEMIA** (and please don't forget to **GIFT AID** it!)



BRASS SPECTRUM

An evening of light entertainment by five young vibrant brass players endeavouring to bring music to life for the enjoyment of all.

Thursday 11 October Haddo House Library 7.30 pm

Tickets £10 Concession £8 and Children £5

Telephone 07711 809803

Saturday 13 October St Mary's Church, Inverurie 8 pm

Tickets £9 Concession £7 and Children/Students £1

Telephone 01467 624629

LIFE AND WORK - IN OCTOBER'S ISSUE

Global warming – truth or myth?

Three writers this month offer Christian perspectives on the environmental debate of our time. **Fred Dinning**, an engineer and convener of the Church committee behind a recent report on energy; **The Rev Dr John Cameron**, who claims the global warming debate has been “hyped into an article of religious faith” and **Dr Stuart Monro OBE**, Scientific Director of Dynamic Earth and Kirk elder, who looks at the issue from a geological perspective.

Harvest blessings

In her regular monthly column, the Moderator, the **Rt Rev Sheilagh Kesting** offers a harvest thanksgiving message. She expresses concern about the growing lack of knowledge about the food in our homes among youngsters.

A green warrior

Robin Harper, Scotland's first Green MSP and joint leader of the party in Scotland, is the subject of this month's profile.

Multi-faith Scotland

In the first of a new series Laurence Wareing explores Islam and Sikhism.

A moderating influence

Recent Kirk legislation allows elders to act as Interim Moderators in a vacancy. Two elders write about this new role.

God's own country

The Rev Bryan Kerr highlights the challenges of rural ministry.

Space for the stranger

Douglas Galbraith looks at worship 'beyond the walls'

And more.... Comment, book reviews, travel, finance, lively letters, news from far and near, prize crosswords.... all for £1.60!

*If you would like to read Life & Work, the magazine of the Church of Scotland,
contact Isobel Young on 812360*

REMINDER

BLYTHSWOOD SHOE BOX APPEAL

Boxes should be handed in to:

Cruden Bay Mrs Jenny McGarrol, 3 Ward Street (812408)

Hatton Mrs Jean Beedie, 37 Manse Road (841370)

OR the Old and West Churches on Sunday mornings and evenings respectively.

Please note that boxes should be handed in by the END OF OCTOBER

If you do not want to fill your own shoebox but would like to donate items, please bring them to the church and place in the receptacle provided.

PARISH REGISTER

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DEATH

*Mr Andy Smith, Norwood, Main Street, Hatton.
Mrs Meggie Murdoch, Hatton Farm Gardens, Hattton
Mrs Anne Cobban, Sunnybank Nursing Home, Cruden Bay

HOLY
COMMUNION



28 October
West Church 6 pm

Duty Elders Shonah Taylor, Margaret Jamieson, Peter Slamaker,
Robert Petticrew, Muriel Cantlay, Joyce Willox

HYMN BOOKS

From now until Christmas, the hymnbook used in the Old Church will be CH4. On those same Sundays, Combined Mission Praise will be used for our evening services in the West Church.

REMINDER TO THOSE ON SUNDAY DUTY

If unable to do door duty, please inform Sandy Beedie - 841370. This should be done by the preceding Friday to allow correct names to be listed on the service order. If unable to do tea duty, please inform Mary Esson - 812206. We would prefer, if you are unable to fulfil your duty, that you endeavour to find your own replacement before informing Sandy or Mary as appropriate.

STARTING ON 18 NOVEMBER
ADVENT BIBLE STUDY SERIES
Sunday Evenings West Church 6.45 pm
Look out for further details next month

SUNDAY MORNING DUTIES 10 am OLD CHURCH

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Children
7 Oct	Peter Slamaker Shonah Taylor	Beatrice Fawkes	Margaret Jamieson Irene Will	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Helen Smith S or C Skinner
14 Oct	Peter Slamaker Shonah Taylor	Marina Bruce	Mary Bratton Betty Forester	School Holiday
21 Oct	Helen Smith Irene Will	Mary Esson	Margaret Adams Lewis McKechnie	School Holidays
28 Oct	Helen Smith Irene Will	Norma Forman	Dorothy Cruickshank Elma Cumming	Harvest Service
4 Nov	Betty May Robert Petticrew	Betty Forrester	Norma Forman Lewis Mckechnie	Karla Buswell Marie Forsyth Brenda Cadger Joyce Fowlie
11 Nov	Betty May Robert Petticrew <i>Betty Forrester</i> <i>Kathleen Craig</i>	Mary Bratton	Remembrance No Teas	Sunday
18 Nov	Sandy Smith Marilyn Samways	R Pittendrigh	Jessie MacDonald Alison Neilson	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Helen Smith S or C Skinner
25 Nov	Sandy Smith Marilyn Samways	Mary McNaughtan	Kathleen Craig Iris Durno	Karla Buswell Marie Forsyth Brenda Cadger Sharon Rennie



SUNDAY EVENING DUTIES 6 pm WEST CHURCH

OCTOBER

Date	Door	Flowers
7 Oct	Aileen Milne	Beatrice Fawkes
14 Oct	Aileen Milne	Joyce Willox
21 Oct	Alison Neilson	
28 Oct	Alison Neilson	Joyce Willox

NOVEMBER

Date	Door	Flowers
4th	Nan Laing	Betty Forrester
11th	Nan Laing	Mary Bratton
18th	Jenny Radford	Wilma Moir
25th	Jenny Radford	

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"		Robert Petticrew
<i>Peterhead</i>		Sandy Smith
<i>Cruden Bay</i>		Jack Young
"		Kate Clark
"		Betty May

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Life & Work Isobel Young

Christian Aid Mary Esson

Junior Church Katherine Hyman

Communion Adrian Smith

Guild Muriel Cantlay

Flowers Betty Forrester

Cleaning Co-ordinator Beatrice Fawkes

West Church Teas Betty Morris

Old Church Teas Mary Esson

Church Walks Robert Petticrew

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