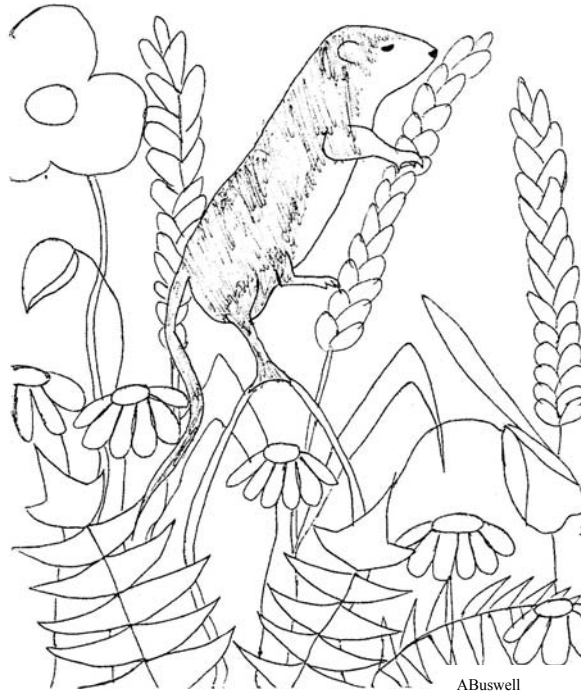


**CRUDEN
PARISH
CHURCH**

BULLETIN



NOVEMBER 2007



DIARY DATES

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EACH WEEK

Wednesdays 7.30 pm Choir Practice in the Old Church Hall

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

Sunday 4th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Old Church
		Adult Sunday School	Christianity Spreads (3)	11.30 am
		EVENING SERVICE	6.00 pm	West Church
Wednesday 7th	:	Pancake Chat Time	10:30 am	Old Hall
Thursday 8th	:	Session Management Committee	7.30 pm	Manse
Sunday 11th	:	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE	10.00 am	Old Church
		Adult Sunday School	Christianity Spreads (4)	11.30 am
		EVENING SERVICE	6.00 pm	West Church
Monday 12th	:	Watch and Talk Group	7.30 pm	Main Street, Cruden Bay
Tuesday 13th	:	Outreach Committee	7.30 pm	Manse
Sunday 18th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Old Church
		EVENING SERVICE	6.00 pm	West Church
		Bible Study Joseph - OT Hero (1)	6.45 pm	West Church
Monday 19th	:	Kirk Session	7.30 pm	Old Hall
Sunday 25th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Old Church
		Sacrament of Holy Communion		
		EVENING SERVICE	6.00 pm	West Church
		Guild Week Service		
		Bible Study Joseph - OT Hero (2)	6.45 pm	West Church
Monday 26th	:	Cruden Guild	7.30 pm	Old Hall
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FORTHCOMING DATE IN DECEMBER

Wednesday 5th	Pancake Chat Time	10:30 am	West Church
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FROM THE MINISTER 24 October 2007

Dear Friends

It is sometimes not easy being a minister. You get accustomed to all sorts of accusations such as you don't speak to people, you speak to the wrong people, you don't visit, you can't preach, you are a petty dictator and even you don't smile often enough. Any minister quickly realises that this sort of thing goes with the territory and takes consolation from the fact that such comments come often but not always from those less involved in, and therefore perhaps less informed about, the church.

Other things make it not easy sometimes to be a minister – when jobs need to be done and volunteers are not forthcoming or when projects need to be undertaken and there is not enough money to pay for them.

I fear that things can only get worse with the discouraging amount of legislation and bureaucracy being handed down from on high – and I do not necessarily mean from church headquarters. The Kirk Session heard at its October meeting on further changes to Child Protection procedures. It is now being suggested that, as well as all potential youth leaders providing 2 references, being interviewed and undergoing the Disclosure Scotland procedure to check on any relevant criminal convictions, in future organists, church officers even elders should all go through the vetting process. The logical conclusion of all this is that if there are any children in the church then all members attending worship should be vetted. However, it surely won't go that far.

The Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator is now laying down regulations for the publication of church accounts. The Kirk Session have been advised that starting next year with the accounts for this year they will have to be prepared in a totally different way involving information not previously required.

The church is a voluntary organisation and with all these new rules and regulations coming into place, I just wonder what effect they will have in encouraging people to volunteer in the future. When volunteering ceases to be attractive then life will not get any easier for ministers. **I am profoundly grateful for all the support which I get here in Cruden** and will do my best to ensure all these changes have minimum impact on the enthusiasm and commitment of so many faithful people.

Your friend and minister

Rodger Neilson

GLEANINGS
FROM A
STUDY LEAVE

Our success in God's eyes will be based on our humble efforts to do the best we can.

As used in scripture and by Augustine, worldly ambition stands for the malignant desire to be important on earth and to be prepared to use any means to achieve that end. It is malignant in that it leads to separation from God, it is willing to sacrifice morality and other people and it destroys a balanced perspective on life.

The Christian faith insists that we are important not because of what we do but because of what we love and what we are.

It is sad when our self-respect depends on earthly accomplishments wrapped in the praise of others. Life has been a success when it ends with a clear conscience and when standing at the beginning of eternity, God remembers our lives on earth with a smile.

Praise is good or bad depending on the reason behind it and our reaction to it.

OUR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

The Psalms that we will be considering in November are

November 4 Psalm 55 : 12 - 22 November 11 Psalm 65

November 18 Psalm 119 : 105 - 112 November 25 Psalm 122

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The Adult Sunday School held at the end of September and the beginning of October about Paul was an enjoyable and informative experience. Spread over

three weeks, we looked at Paul's character and his personality, an overview of Paul's three missionary journeys, and finally the many letters Paul wrote. The sessions were attended by about a dozen members of the congregation each week and required much participation from those attending to gather information from the Bible. We worked in collaboration from brightly coloured mini worksheets which will serve as useful mind joggers.

Paul is a well known and much preached about character from the Bible, but this set of Adult Sunday School sessions gave us more of an insight into Paul as an individual and an overview of his life, and his importance in the growth of the early Christian Church. It also gave us an opportunity of fellowship together with good humour and learning, which can only make us stronger Christians.

Karla Buswell

BIBLE STUDY are you interested?
SUNDAY EVENINGS 6.45 pm - 8.15 pm
AT THE WEST CHURCH, HATTON
JOSEPH – A MAN OF MERCY

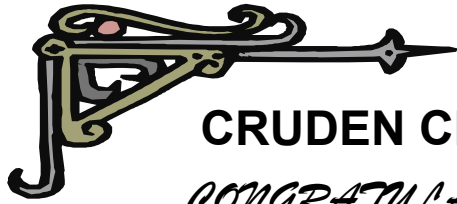
In the following three studies on the life of Joseph we shall see a man who experienced all the negative circumstances necessary to destroy a person, but who triumphed over them.

November 18th Genesis 37 and 39
FOR THOSE WRONGED AND TEMPTED

November 25th Genesis 40 and 41
FOR THOSE WHO ARE DISAPPOINTED

December 2nd Genesis 42 - 45
FOR THOSE WHO MUST LEARN TO FORGIVE

All are invited to come along to all or some of these evenings.
Why not come earlier to the evening service which starts at 6 pm.

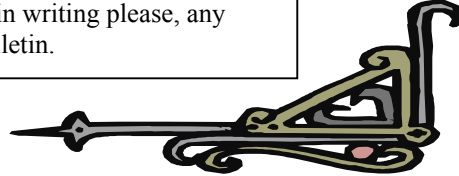


CRUDEN CHURCH FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS

to **Mr & Mrs R Norrie, Hawthorn Cottage, Cruden Bay** and
Mr & Mrs F Stott, 12 Laird's Walk, Boddam who celebrate
their Ruby Weddings this month.

The minister would welcome, in writing please, any
news for this feature in the Bulletin.



FAREWELL AND SINCERE THANKS TO TED AND SHEILA HARRIS

We have known for a while that Ted and Sheila Harris would be moving from Ardallie into their new home in Aberdeen. Therefore it came as no surprise at the October Kirk Session meeting when their letter of resignation from the Session was read out.

For almost 30 years Ted and Sheila have been fully involved in the life of the congregation and there has been no organisation in the church or any planned event which has not benefited from their support and commitment.

The Session and its committees, the Choir, the Guild, the Bible Study groups will all miss them because they are two people who always sought to offer a positive and supportive input wherever they were involved.

We **warmly** thank them, wish them **well** in their new home and look forward to **welcoming** them as well-remembered visitors whenever they find themselves back in Cruden.

The National Guild has declared November 18 to 25 as **GUILD WEEK** in the hope of encouraging churches to focus on the work and fellowship of the Guild. Cruden Guild are recognising Guild Week by their members conducting the evening service on 25 November.

LIFE AND WORK - IN NOVEMBER'S ISSUE

A LIFE OF SERVICE

Peter Wilson, chief constable of Fife Police, is the subject of this month's profile and expresses concern at the increasing pressure on Scotland's police officers as a result of the loss of community. Wilson, a lifelong Christian, also reflects on his faith and his role as the public face of the G8 summit at Gleneagles in 2005.

THE SAINTS OF SCOTLAND

To mark All Saints' Day on November 1, the legacy of Scotland's early Christians is explored along with a guide to some of the country's lesser-known saints, including St Boisil (the man who gave his name to St Boswells in the Borders), St Nathalan (an Aberdeenshire farmer who became bishop) and St Baithene (a cousin of Columba).

A YEAR-ROUND OPERATION

The Lady Haig Factory in Edinburgh produces the 4.1 million poppies sold across Scotland this month. Thomas Baldwin reflects on the factory's history and discovers the business of producing poppies is not just for November.

MULTI-FAITH SCOTLAND

In the second of a 3-part series, Laurence Wareing learns about Judaism and Hinduism.

FAITH IN FINANCE

Financial columnist Simon Bain meets a Scot who is preaching the importance of faith in financial management. Crown Financial Ministries is a Christian financial advice network which has now crossed the Atlantic thanks to the volunteer interest of two professional financiers.

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*

Volunteer or be asked! That is the Question?

Once again we would like to recruit more people to join the team of elders **AND** members who **WELCOME** worshippers at the church door and hand out hymnbooks. Those involved usually do two successive Sundays once or perhaps twice a year. If you would like to help, please inform the Session Clerk, Sandy Beedie, (841370).

Likewise, there is a need to increase the team of willing volunteers – male or female – who help serve **TEA AND COFFEE** after the morning service. Most people are only on for one week every three months or so. If you would be willing to join the team, please inform Mary Esson, (812206).

WATCH AND TALK GROUP

October 15

Watch and Talk Group

This month's DVD was called The Jewish Roots of Jesus. Jesus was born and brought up a Jew and he never lost sight of his Jewish heritage but during his life his compassion for people of all Creeds is perhaps what caused some of us to perhaps forget that Jesus was in fact, at all times, a Jew.

The DVD dealt mainly with Orthodox Jews of modern day, who seem to have carried their traditions and customs with them through the ages, even from as far back as Moses, with little change. Their Sabbath - the Jewish equivalent of the Christian Sunday - with all its customs, is still held every week when families get together and celebrate their strong religious customs and beliefs. Even today a lot of time is given to educating the young Jewish boys into the reading of the Torah, which might be likened to the Christian Bible and the Muslim Koran. It was a very interesting DVD, giving us an insight into the Jewish faith. They appear to have no grey areas which perhaps cannot be said for other religions.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 12th November in the home of Marilyn Samways, Cruden Bay.

Jenny McGarrol

CRUDEN CHURCHES WALK

The last of this season's walks started in the beautiful and tranquil setting of Udney Green. We visited the church built in 1821 and then on to the mort house used to stop the grave robbers two centuries back. In glorious sunshine we walked past Udney Castle and on to Pitmedden village, Pitmedden post office and back to Udney Green finishing off in the Buchan Hotel, Ellon for a welcome cuppa.

I would like to thank all those who have joined us on the walks this year and made it a success and look forward to our walk planning meeting in February.

Robert Petticrew

HOME COMMUNIONS

The minister would be pleased to offer the opportunity to anyone unable to attend church to receive home Communion at the end of November. Please let your District Elder (failing which the Minister) know if you wish to avail yourself of this opportunity.

THE EARL HAIG FUND SCOTLAND

This Fund was founded by Field Marshal Earl Haig, Commander-in-Chief of the British Army, with the aim of giving practical help in time of need to all who served in the Armed Forces and their dependants. The first Poppy Appeal took place in 1921 and, shortly afterwards, the Earl Haig Fund Scotland adopted the poppy emblem and Lady Haig established the Poppy Factory in Edinburgh. The Fund is a registered charity and the principal means of raising money is through the Scottish Poppy Appeal which takes place every November in the week leading up to Remembrance Sunday.

On Remembrance Sunday, opportunity will be given to the congregation to donate to the Earl Haig Fund.

NATIONAL YOUTH ASSEMBLY

Spiritual development is a key part of the Christian faith-journey. This fact was at the heart of this year's National Youth Assembly, held in Dundee from the 7–10 September. The Assembly took as its theme *Now, Next, Later*, and examined aspects of spiritual development, both personal and corporate. Under this rubric, topics discussed included the issue of Christian social care, human sexuality, local Church projects and world mission. Such subjects afforded the delegates the chance to think about themselves and how they relate to others.

As ever, debate was passionate but gracious, and the delegates also put great vigour into various workshops and seminars. However, for many, if not most, the high point of each day was worship, which incorporated a variety of styles. This year saw 300 young people attend the Assembly, evidence of the important place the event occupies within the Church of Scotland.

Judith Taylor

Bulletin readers might remember that in a earlier issue it was revealed that Judith, one of our new elders ordained in August, had the rare distinction of being asked to be Moderator of the Youth Assembly for the second year running.

OLD CHURCH ORGAN

The organ builder has informed us that having got into the heart of the organ he has discovered problems due to flooding, mice and asbestos! He is pleased at the progress he is making and so we are hoping that we shall have it back in use by Christmas.

SUNDAY MORNING DUTIES 10 am OLD CHURCH

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Children
4 Nov	Betty May Robert Petticrew	Betty Forrester	Norma Forman Lewis McKechnie	Karla Buswell Marie Forsyth Brenda Cadger Joyce Fowlie
11 Nov	Lewis McKechnie 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
2 Dec	Robert Esson Lewis McKechnie	Mary Bratton	Betty Forrester Elizabeth Bruce	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Helen Smith S or C Skinner
9 Dec	Robert Esson Lewis McKechnie	Betty Forrester	Irene Will Margaret Adams	Karla Buswell Marie Forsyth Brenda Cadger Joyce Fowlie
16 Dec	Mary Bratton Iris Durno		CHRISTMAS BRUNCH	In Church
23 Dec	Mary Bratton Iris Durno	Beatrice Fawkes	Mary Esson Beatrice Fawkes	Holiday
30 Dec	Sandy Beedie Anne McNaughton	Mary Esson	Mary Esson Elma Cumming	Holiday

SUNDAY EVENING DUTIES 6 pm WEST CHURCH

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

Date	Door	Flowers
2nd	Joyce Willox	Rosemary Reid
9th	Joyce Willox	Betty Forrester
16th	Jim MacDonald	
23rd	Jim MacDonald	
30th	Margaret Adams	

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DEATHS

*Mrs Evelyn Cardno, Norlyn, Manse Place, Hatton.
Mr Howard Ross, Mains of Longhaven.

HOLY COMMUNION



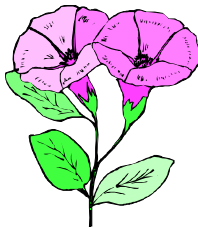
25 November
Old Church 10.00 am

Duty Elders Annette Garden, Irene Will, Kate Clark, Betty Smith,
Robert Esson, Jack Young, Wallace Donaldson, Peter Slamaker,
Shonah Taylor, Andrew Clyne.

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.

2008 FLOWER CALENDAR



Calendar for the Old 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.

THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL COME OUT ON **25 NOVEMBER**. Copy for inclusion to be handed in to the Manse as soon as possible.

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

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