



THE BULLETIN

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JANUARY 2009

EACH WEEK

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

Sunday 4th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Old Church
Sunday 11th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Old Church
Monday 12th	:	Watch and Talk Group	7.30 pm	Main Street, Cruden Bay
Sunday 18th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Old Church
Sunday 25th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Old Church
		Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Monday 26th	:	The Guild	7.30 pm	Old Church
		Face to Face with Bishop Bob Gillies		
Saturday 31st	:	Child Protection Training		Old Hall

NEXT MONTH

Sunday 1st	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Old Church
		Adult Sunday School		
Monday 16th	:	Kirk Session	7.30 pm	Old Hall

JANUARY HYMN BOOK - CH4.

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



Traditionally the Feast of the Epiphany (the visit to the manger of the three kings) is twelve days after Christmas on 6 January.

PARISH REGISTER

*(denotes church member)

DEATHS

*Mrs Nellie Angus, 5 Hatton Farm Gardens, Hatton.

*Mr Stanley Stewart, 9 Manse Terrace, Hatton.

NEW MEMBERS

by Profession of Faith

Mrs Alison Fletcher, 1 Inchmore Gardens, Boddam.

Mrs Rebecca Mackay, 7 New Block, Harbour Street, Cruden Bay.

HOLY
COMMUNION



25 January
Old Church 10 am

Duty Elders Betty Smith, Jack Young, Beatrice Fawkes, Betty Forrester, Helen Fowlie, Robert Petticrew, Kathleen Craig, Betty May, Shonah Taylor, John Lamb.

Child Protection Training

Saturday Morning, 31 January.

The Presbytery of Buchan's Child Protection Trainer, Mrs Louise Simpson, is running this course in our own Old Church Hall. The course is for all those who might be involved in working with children and will be open to members of neighbouring churches. Anyone interested in attending should speak with either Kathleen Craig (841221) or Katharine Hymn (812541).

SUNDAY MORNING DUTIES – OLD CHURCH

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Children
4 Jan	Mary Bratton Robert Esson	Hilda Davie	Betty Forrester Betty Morris	Holiday
11 Jan	Betty May Sarah Paterson	Hilda Davie	Jessie MacDonald Alison Neilson	Karla Buswell Marie Forsyth Brenda Cadger Joyce Fowlie Charlotte Lamb
18 Jan	Betty May Sarah Paterson	Violet Penny	Norma Forman Beatrice Fawkes	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid C or S Skinner Sharon Rennie Charlotte Lamb
25 Jan	Iris Durno Sandy Beedie	Beatrice Fawkes	Mary Esson Elizabeth Bruce	Karla Buswell Marie Forsyth Brenda Cadger Mary Bratton Charlotte Lamb
1 Feb	Iris Durno Sandy Beedie	Beatrice Fawkes	Rosemary Reid Anne Cady	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid C or S Skinner Joyce Fowlie Charlotte Lamb
8 Feb	Sandy Smith Margaret Adams	Beatrice Fawkes	Mary Bratton Elma Cumming	Karla Buswell Marie Forsyth Brenda Cadger Sharon Rennie Charlotte Lamb
15 Feb	Sandy Smith Margaret Adams	Jean Beedie	Doreen Buchan Sharon Rennie	No Junior Church
22 Feb	Isobel Young Jack Young	Betty Forrester	Liz Carnie Iris Durno	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid S or C Skinner Mary Bratton Charlotte Lamb

TO THOSE ON SUNDAY DUTY **If you are unable to fulfil your duty, please try to find your own replacement before informing Sandy Beedie - 841370.**

Dear Friends

A very Happy New Year to you all

We mean it when we say A Happy New Year to people, but even as we say it we are aware that, for some people, sadness, disappointment or tragedy awaits. Indeed 2008 I will remember as a year which ended with many people glad to get it past, hoping that 2009 will be less traumatic.

When life becomes hard, faith in God is often put on trial. There are many Christians who will testify how it was their faith that sustained them through their time of trial. Others, however, find that it is at such times that they can be overwhelmed with doubt.

Dealing with Doubt

Many things in life are uncertain, and is often difficult for people to accept God's promises without having doubts. Doubts are a normal part of life, but Christians can know that their awareness of and faith in God will give them the ability to weather the storms and doubts they face on life's journey. Is it possible to really trust God to keep his promises? How can you know for sure that God really loves and cares for you.

DEALING WITH DOUBT is a series of Adult Sunday School sessions starting at the beginning of February when we shall consider this topic under the headings

1. Can We Be Sure?
2. Put Firm Foundation
3. The Unending Battle
4. Our Constant Helper
5. Strength for Each Day
6. Suffering and Loss

By means of this course I hope to show that God will provide the strength we need. *He isn't going anywhere. He is there for every step of the journey.*

Your friend and minister

Rodger Nailor

GLEANINGS
from a Study
Leave Notebook

More sermons are ruined by going off
at a tangent than by anything else.

One secret of power and interest in preaching is to discuss some question with an individual in mind provided we are discreet enough to avoid the insolence of a pointing finger.

Cicero's remark, that how we say something is of much greater importance than what we say, is relevant to preaching. In a sense, every sermon is only worth the result it produces. The moment that the art in preaching becomes intrusive is the moment when the thoughts of the people turn from the message to the messenger.

It is certainly easier to get at the average mind by a picture than by an idea. An illustration is a window to let in air and light.

Few sermons ever err by brevity.



CRUDEN CHURCH FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS

Mrs Betty Morris, Mossgiel, Parkview, Hatton, who will be celebrating her 80th birthday this month.
to Mr & Mrs G Summers, 17 Cantlay Court, Cruden Bay, who will be celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

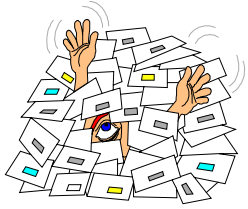
The minister would welcome, in writing please, any news for this feature in the Bulletin



Thought for the New Year

I have the strength to face all conditions by the power
that Christ gives me. Philippians 4 verse 13.

POSTAGE STAMPS



Please do not throw away the stamps from all the cards which you received this Christmas. Those attending church on Sundays are invited to bring used postage stamps cut carefully from envelopes and postcards. Please place them in the receptacle by the Church notice board. If you cannot bring them yourself, please ask a friend to do so.

A vertical spiral binding on the left side of a notebook page, with the spiral in blue and black.	<p style="text-align: center;">WANTED</p> <p>We are looking for more people to join the rota of those willing to give up a little time to help keep our buildings clean and tidy. If interested, please phone the Minister (841229) for further information.</p> <p>VOLUNTEER'S CORNER</p>
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CONGREGATIONAL WALKS

If you want to start the new year with a good walk, then come along and join us at Ellon for a riverside walk of three miles leaving the church hall at 11.30 am on Sunday 11th January. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us for this easy walk suitable for all ages, bring a picnic. For further information please contact me on 01771 62428

Robert Petticrew



2009 FLOWER CALENDAR

This is on the notice board in the Old Church welcome area and members are invited to add their name beside any date on which they would wish to place flowers on the communion table. It is hoped that the early months of this year will soon be filled.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 2009

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is usually observed between 18 and 25 January. As we did two years ago, we are looking for people to observe it – **on their own**. A pamphlet of prayers and reflections, with the theme “RECONCILE YOUR PEOPLE”, is available to anyone who would like privately to work their way through these eight days guided by the leaflet. The headings for each day are:

Face to Face

Day 1 - with Difference

Day 2 - with Violence

Day 3 - with Poverty

Day 4 - with Creation

Day 5 - with Prejudice

Day 6 - with Pain

Day 7 - with Dialogue

Day 8 - with Hope

If you would like to do this sometime around the last fortnight of January (it won't matter if it is not over 8 consecutive days) please let the Minister know and he will pass on the leaflet. If enough people take up this opportunity, then there will be an invitation to come together (non-obligatory) for one evening at the very end of the month. If you are interested, please get in touch right away.



CHURCH BOOKSTALL

Annette Garden and I are sometimes asked when we have the Bookstall if we receive a discount from Wesley Owen, Aberdeen. Good news has come our way, since recently we agreed to have regular bookstalls and publicise any Wesley Owen promotions. We are guaranteed 10% discount from all our sales. As a result of your support in 2008 at two bookstalls £58.39 has been passed on to the Church Treasurer. Thank you.

Beatrice Fawkes

One of those present at last February's Snowdrop Dinner left behind a shawl (black with embroidered flowers) and then was told by the hotel that it had been given to a church member and then the trail goes cold. If this rings a bell with anyone who can help locate the shawl, please inform the Minister.

Heavenly Email

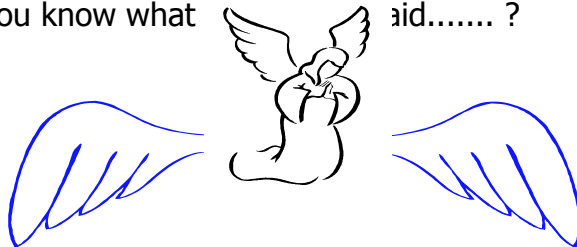
One day God was looking down at Earth and saw all of the rascally behaviour that was going on. He decided to send an angel down to Earth to check it out. So he called one of His angels and sent the angel to Earth for a time.

When she returned, she told God, "Yes, it is bad on Earth; 95% are misbehaving and 5% are not." He thought for a moment and said, "Maybe I had better send down a second angel to get another opinion."

So God called another angel and sent her to Earth for a time, too. When the angel returned she went to God and said, "Yes, the Earth is in decline; 95% are misbehaving and 5% are being good." God was not pleased.

So He decided to E-mail the 5% that were good because He wanted to encourage them.... give them a little something to help them keep going.

Do you know what said..... ?



You didn't get one either, huh?

PRAYER FOR THE OLDER ADULT

Blessed are they who understand
My faltering step, my shaking hand
Blessed who know my ears today
Must strain to hear the things they say

Blessed are they who seem to know
My eyes are dim my mind is slow
Blessed are they who look away
When tea is spilt on the cloth today

Blessed are they with cheery smile
Who stop to chat a little while
Blessed are they who never say
You've told that story twice today

Blessed are they who make it known
That I am loved, respected and not alone
And blessed are those who ease the day
Who join me in worship when I pray

THE GUILD

Guild members will meet on
Monday 25 January in the Old
Church at 7.30 pm when they
will enjoy the company of
Bishop Robert Gillies who will
be interviewed by the Minister.

Have you ever wanted
to visit the wonderful
Island of Iona off the
west coast of Scotland?

NOW IS YOUR
CHANCE
Details below

Iona Pilgrimage 27 September – 2 October

- leaving on the afternoon of Sunday, 27 September; evening spent in Oban; catch the Monday morning ferry from Oban to Craignure, Mull; take the bus across Mull from Craignure to Fionnphort; take the ferry from Mull to Iona
- doing the trip in reverse on Friday 2 October leaving Iona after breakfast and returning home by the evening
- each day on Iona, weather permitting, there will be walks to the different parts of the island (good walking shoes required) as well as opportunity to attend the daily worship in the Abbey.

Already 10 people have signed up for the trip. Further information can be found in the leaflets placed in the Church or the Hall or by phoning Alison Neilson on 01779 841229.



20th November 2008

Mrs. R. Pittendrigh Treasurer
Rosebank Cruden Bay Peterhead AB42 ONJ

Dear Mrs. Pittendrigh

Acknowledgement Receipt - General use ref. 307

Greetings from LISAP in the blessed name of our dear Lord. I would like to express my most sincere and heartfelt gratitude for your donation of £500.00.

Our needs are many and HIV and AIDS poses new challenges each and every day. Your donation will help to meet such. People in the community will continue to be reached with our services. Once again thank you.

Malawi is busy now, this is the time that people break their backs to prepare their gardens. We expect rains to start anytime from now, then crop planting will be done. Please keep praying for these as those who can not afford fertilizers labour in vain, the harvest is so small.

Our work is going on well, the daily challenges are our stepping stones.

These remind us not to rely in our own strength or wisdom, but on God.

I wish you His blessings as you prepare and celebrate the birth of the king of kings.

Regards and appreciation.

Mphatso Nguluwe
Programme Director

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