

**CRUDEN
PARISH
CHURCH**

BULLETIN

FEBRUARY 2009



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DIARY DATES

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EACH WEEK

Sundays 10 am Children's Sunday Club in the Church & Stables

Sunday 1st	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Church
		followed by Adult Sunday School	11.30 am	Church
Wednesday 4th	:	Coffee and Chat	10.30 am	Hall
		Choir Practice	7.30 pm	Hall
Sunday 8th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Church
		followed by Adult Sunday School	11.30 am	Church
Monday 9th	:	Watch and Talk Group	7.30 pm	Burnview, Cruden Bay
Wednesday 11th	:	Presbyterial Council at Cruden Church – Youth for Christ	7.30 pm	
Thursday 12th	:	Walking Group Planning Meeting	7.30 pm	Hall
Sunday 15th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Church
		including celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism		
		followed by Adult Sunday School	11.30 am	Church
Monday 16th	:	Kirk Session	7.30 pm	Hall
Wednesday 18th	:	Choir Practice	7.30 pm	Hall
Sunday 22nd	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Church
	:	ANNUAL THINKING DAY SERVICE		
		followed by Adult Sunday School	11.30 am	Church
Monday 23rd	:	The Guild “Quiz Time”	7.30 pm	Hall

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

COFFEE and CHAT CHURCH HALL
WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH 10.30 am

PARISH REGISTER

*(denotes church member)

DEATHS

*Miss Charlotte Simpson, 12 Quarry Road, Hatton.

*Mrs Margaret Clyne, 8 Cantlay Court, Cruden Bay

COMING IN MARCH

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Once again, with the March Bulletin will come the annual commitment card for members. Within the first three weeks of March, these cards will be collected by a church visitor. Please show your support to the church by returning a card.

MORE DETAILS NEXT MONTH

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 6 March

St James' Episcopal Church 7 pm

The service for 2009

"In Christ There Are Many Members, Yet One Body"
was prepared by Christian women of Papua New Guinea

ANNUAL STATED MEETING

CRUDEN PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 8 March 2009

(as part of the morning service beginning at 10 am)

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON SESSION COMMITTEES

SUNDAY MORNING DUTIES 10 AM

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Children
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	Jean Beedie	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
1 Mar	Isobel Young Jack Young	Mary Esson	Kathleen Craig Mary Coutts	Karla Buswell Marie Forsyth Brenda Cadger Sharon Rennie Charlotte Lamb
8 Mar	John Lamb Wilma Moir	Mary Bratton	Dorothy Cruickshank Margaret Jamieson	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid S or C Skinner Helen Smith Charlotte Lamb
15 Mar	John Lamb Wilma Moir	Atholene Ritchie	Margaret Adams Lewis McKechnie	Karla Buswell Marie Forsyth Brenda Cadger Mary Bratton Charlotte Lamb
22 Mar	Anne McNaughton Mary Esson	Jean Beedie	Marilyn Samways Maureen McKenzie	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid S or C Skinner Joyce Fowlie Charlotte Lamb
29 Mar	Anne McNaughton Mary Esson	Maureen McKenzie	Beatrice Fawkes Betty Forrester	Karla Buswell Marie Forsyth Brenda Cadger Sharon Rennie Charlotte Lamb

Dear Friends

The dream becomes reality

The inauguration of the first black American President was truly a momentous occasion for the whole world. Those of us with long enough memories to remember watching the struggle of black Americans in the 1960's under the leadership of the charismatic Martin Luther King can appreciate how the world has changed on the other side of the Atlantic.

At the time, I don't think I fully appreciated the extreme racism of so many white Americans some of whom took the view that a black life was of no value and they were free to end it if they wanted. When, in our own time, we want to criticise extreme Muslims, we should remember the hate and violence of those who were bible believing, church going Christians not that long ago! Extremism in any shape and form is totally unacceptable and our culture and faith background has had its fair share. We have no reason to believe that in this respect white Christianity has a superior record.

What has happened in the USA shows that nothing is ever written in stone and that things do change. The younger people involved in the Civil Rights movement could never have imagined what they would see in their own lifetime. What joy must have been theirs when Barak Obama became President of the United States in a ceremony which gave God his due place

Sharing in the leading of worship

I am delighted that a number of the elders who have undertaken some training in worship leading will be involved for 8 weeks through to the middle of March. I have asked them to lead us in the prayers and read the scriptures at our morning services. I am sure that those attending church will welcome listening to a different voice and so will offer the elders their encouraging support.

Your friend and minister

Rodger Nailor

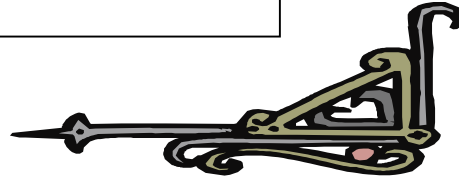


CRUDEN CHURCH FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS

to **Mrs Helen Thomson, 15 Castle Road, Cruden Bay** who will be celebrating her 90th Birthday this month.

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



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

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 **on February 1st** 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

February 1st at 11.30 am in Cruden Parish Church and for the following 5 Sundays.

GLEANINGS FROM A STUDY LEAVE NOTEBOOK

The first thing that really matters in any service is atmosphere.

Advice for Preachers

When we preach doctrine it should not be like dissecting a corpse but in such a way that shows our beliefs are real and living, the affirmations of the soul.

We are preaching for divine results, for a verdict for God.

Earnestness or intensity is a commanding note in all preachers. It must arise naturally out of the message.

Emotion has a place in our preaching, provided we give it restraint and dignity. Humour should only be used with a delicate touch.

Not to be heard is as bad as not being understood.

In the relation of an individual believer to Jesus there is implied a definite relation of love and service to all other believers and to the needy world.



THANKS

Once again, Cruden Church is grateful to Mr Alistair Bain, Longside for agreeing to audit our church accounts this year along with Shonah Taylor.

THE GUILD

For the Guild meeting on **Monday 23rd February**, we will be having a Quiz Night. As always, you will be made most welcome at the Church Hall at 7.30 pm.

WATCH AND TALK GROUP

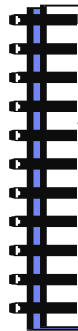
The January DVD was a film made by Anthony Thomas on the origin and teachings of the Qur'an (Koran). It is an extremely interesting DVD but almost impossible to write a report about.

The interpretation of the Qur'an varies in so many ways from country to country and knowing what one is supposed to believe and understand is not only difficult but very contradictory. Where, in some cases people believe in forgiveness, others believe in "an eye for an eye". Many such comparisons can be highlighted throughout the Islamic faith making it impossible to know exactly where the teachings of the Qur'an are leading its followers.

The next meeting will be on Monday 9 February at the home of Mrs Marilyn Samways, Cruden Bay, at 7.30 pm. All interested in joining the group will be made very welcome. We shall watch the final part of this DVD which apparently deals with women's position in the world according to the Qur'an - that should be interesting!

Jenny McGarrol

Those using WFO envelopes should ensure they are using the current year's envelopes and not last year's. It is also most helpful when people DO NOT return a batch of envelopes but put all their contents into one envelope, marking on it the amount enclosed. **THANK YOU.**



VOLUNTEER'S CORNER

WANTED

Someone prepared to sit at a computer and enter data into a lot of forms. If interested please phone the Minister (841229) for further information.

CRUDEN CHURCHES WALKING GROUP

A highlight for the Walking Group this year was the carol singing they organised round the two villages of Hatton and Cruden Bay. A troop of 28 from the Parish Church, St James and the Congregational Church traversed around singing beneath lampposts to provide light. Unfortunately we did not manage to cover the whole of the villages but we did our best in a limited time. Thanks are due to all those who came to their door to wish us well and join in the singing, to Jim MacDonald who accompanied us with his guitar, to Alison Neilson for organising and promoting it all. The evening finished with mulled wine and mince pies generously provided by Muriel and Philip Cantlay at Uppermill. The weather was good, the singing was good, the company was good and the hospitality great. Above all, thank you to all the carol singers.

It was a stormy day when we walked around Ellon in January. Leaving the car park we turned left stopping at a small monument that commemorates the Moothill court where the Earls dispensed justice and collected rent. We then went around the glebe parkland and on to Castle Street where we viewed the deer park. Muriel Simmers told us of her school days at Ellon during the war years pointing out where the air raid shelter was located. We passed through the tree-lined avenue in McDonald Park and on to the railway line passing the Station Hotel, crossing Station Road and over the Ythan bridge, down the steps to the river bank and walking towards Ellon again taking the path under the new road bridge then up unto the Auld Brig which took us to the Buchan hotel where we had some refreshments.

The next walk is at Logie Buchan on 8 February, a short walk suitable for everyone, leaving the church hall at 12:15 pm.

The Walking Group planning meeting is on Thursday 12 February at 7:30 pm in the church hall when we shall sit around drinking coffee, looking at leaflets and maps and decide where we want to walk in 2009. Everyone is welcome to come along and help plan another successful year.

Robert Petticrew.

FEBRUARY HYMN BOOK - CH4

LIFE ^A_N_D WORK

IN FEBRUARY'S ISSUE

A Church for All A series of articles on how the church caters for the disabled, including interviews with a wheelchair-bound elder and a minister who runs services for the learning disabled. The Rev Douglas Nicol, Secretary of the Mission and Discipleship Council, outlines some of the work going on in the Kirk.

Explain the Holy Ghost Profile of Tony Phelps-Jones, director of mission and ministry for the Christian charity for the Learning Disabled, Causeway Prospects.

Shawlands to Sarajevo A remarkable partnership between a Scottish church and a church-run Sarajevo clinic.

Ministry of Care Jackie Macadam meets Scotland's first Parish Nurse.

A Unique Hero Christopher Reekie marks the bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

The right time? Gordon Jamieson argues for stewardship campaigns even in times of economic downturn.

Grassroots credit Patrick Hynes outlines an ecumenical microcredit project, in which the Church of Scotland invests, that helps entrepreneurs in India and worldwide.

First Generation John R Hume begins a new series on the Kirk's historic places of worship at the 12th century Dalmeny Parish Church.

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CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Thanks to the generosity of those attending our Watchnight and Christmas Day services, Erskine Hospital which cares for disabled servicemen and women will receive from Cruden Parish Church **£338.75.**

YEAR'S END PRESENTATION AND THANKS

At the last service of 2008, the choir sang all the year's seasonal anthems – from Easter through to Christmas. The occasion was Rosemary Lund's final playing of the organ before standing down as one of our regular organists.

Just before the service ended, the appreciation of not only choir but also congregation for Rosemary's contribution was marked by a presentation to her by the Session Clerk, Robert Esson. Rosemary has sent a note to Robert in which she writes -

Just a short note to thank you all for the wonderful flowers and the exceedingly generous cheque. I would like to say how I enjoyed immensely playing the wonderful organ at Cruden Parish Church and the lovely welcome I always received. I even enjoyed the choir practices when things didn't seem to be going right; whether it was the singers or the accompanist to blame, we always got there usually with a laugh. Thank you once again for your kind generosity and no doubt I will see you all sometime in the not too distant future. With kindest and fondest regards

Rosemary

Postscript

Who would have realised on that Sunday morning when we were saying our farewell to Rosemary how quickly she would be back at the organ. Three days later, the Minister was mightily relieved to find that Rosemary, with only two hours notice, could play for a funeral!

BUCHAN EAST PRESBYTERIAL COUNCIL

Cruden Parish Church will play host to the members of the various Church Guilds who come together to form the Buchan East Presbyterial Council on Wednesday 11 February at 7:30 pm.

Their guest speaker is from the organisation Youth for Christ and it is hoped that members of Cruden Guild will turn up in good number for the occasion.