

*CRUDEN
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THE BULLETIN

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DIARY DATES

JANUARY 2010

EACH WEEK

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

Sunday 3rd	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	
		Service conducted by Mrs Ros Armitage, Blackhills		
Sunday 10th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	
		SOUPER SUNDAY – Service conducted by Members		
Monday 11th	:	Watch and Talk Group	7.30 pm	3 Main Street, Cruden Bay
Wednesday 13th	:	Choir Practice	7.30 pm	Hall
Sunday 17th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	
		Service conducted by the Rev Fred Coutts, Hatton		
Sunday 24th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	
		Pulpit supply still to be arranged		
Monday 25th	:	The Guild	7.30 pm	Hall
		Gillian Budge – Teaching English in Borneo		
Tuesday 26th	:	Week of Prayer Act of Worship	7.30 pm	Hall
Wednesday 27th	:	Choir Practice	7.30 pm	Hall
Sunday 31st	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	
		Sacrament of Holy Communion		

JANUARY HYMN BOOK - CH4.

THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL COME OUT ON **31 JANUARY**. Copy for inclusion to be handed in to the Manse as soon as possible.

HOLY COMMUNION



31 January
Old Church 10 am

Duty Elders Katherine Hyman, Sandy Smith, Mary Bratton, Kathleen Craig, Wallace Donaldson, Judith Taylor, Irene Will, Robert Esson, Rosemary Pittendrigh, Betty May.

DIARY OF AN INTERIM MODERATOR

Last month I mentioned that I had been appointed as Interim Moderator for Deer Parish Church. From the point of view of taking steps to fill the vacancy more will be involved right away than later on. Currently, my Deer diary is as follows:

3 January – preach the church vacant.

17 January – conduct worship prior to chairing a meeting of the congregation which will appoint a Nominating Committee (formerly called Vacancy Committee).

24 February – meeting of Deer Kirk Session.

10 March – meeting of Deer Congregational Board

14 March – conduct worship before chairing the Annual Meeting of the congregation.

Still to be arranged is a meeting that the Nominating Committee has to have with representatives of Presbytery and I expect that it will be held before the end of January. Here's hoping that there will be a minimum of pastoral situations to deal with!

Rodger Neilson

PS And on 23 January I shall be preaching in Auchterless and Auchaber churches having led a Presbytery Quinquennial Visitation Team to meet with the officebearers of both these congregations.

SUNDAY MORNING DUTIES – 10 am

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Children
3 Jan	Isobel Young Robert Esson	Muriel Cantlay	Wilma Moir Lewis McKechnie	Holiday
10 Jan	Muriel Cantlay Sandy Smith	Muriel Cantlay	Margaret Jamieson Margaret Adams	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger C or S Skinner Mary Bratton Charlotte Lamb
17 Jan	Muriel Cantlay Sandy Smith	Violet Penny	Jessie MacDonald Liz Bruce	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid C or S Skinner Helen Smith Charlotte Lamb
24 Jan	Iris Durno Sandy Beedie	Beatrice Fawkes	Anne Cadey Marilyn Samways	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger C or S Skinner Joyce Fowlie Charlotte Lamb
31 Jan	Iris Durno Sandy Beedie	Beatrice Fawkes	Norma Forman Dorothy Cruickshank	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid C or S Skinner Mary Bratton Charlotte Lamb
7 Feb	Margaret Adams Jack Young	Atholene Ritchie	Liz Carnie Iris Durno	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger C or S Skinner Helen Smith Charlotte Lamb
14 Feb	Margaret Adams Jack Young	Jean Beedie	Kathleen Craig Beatrice Fawkes	No Junior Church
21 Feb	Jim MacDonald Wallace Donaldson	Jean Beedie	NO TEAS	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid S or C Skinner Joyce Fowlie Charlotte Lamb
28 Feb	Jim MacDonald Wallace Donaldson	Betty Forrester	Elma Cumming Betty Forrester	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger C or S Skinner Mary Bratton Charlotte Lamb

FROM THE MINISTER 14 December 2009

Dear Friends

A very Happy New Year to you all

Sitting down at my desk just before Christmas to write this letter, I want to share with you the encouragement I have received because of various things that have happened recently.

Between the summer and Christmas, elders have been involved in our weekly worship. I have listened carefully to the prayers that they have offered and have been thrilled at the contribution they have made. There has been a freshness in their prayers for ourselves and others which, probably because of rather than despite my years of experience, I sometime struggle to achieve. I am convinced that our worship has been greatly enhanced by the involvement of these elders and would thank them very warmly.

Encouragement also came from the Sunday evening Advent studies in the church hall. The numbers attending any evening varied from 14 to 17 and the fellowship was both friendly and warm. Over the course of the weeks we all talked about various issues thrown up in our booklet and relevant to the whole idea of God coming to earth in the person of one born as a baby in Bethlehem. I got the clear impression that those who came along enjoyed these evenings and it was great, also, to have their assistance in putting up the Christmas trees in the church and hall.

Yesterday we had our Christingle Service and over 50 people were present and it was wonderful to see everyone in a circle round the front pews holding their Christingle and singing our final hymns by candlelight. A considerable amount of work has to be put in to prepare for the service and I want to say a sincere thank you to our Junior Church leaders who first came up with the idea and have ensured its continuing success.

It is good to start the year knowing that Cruden Church is in good heart – where good things happen made possible by good people!

Your friend and minister

Rodger Neilson

STUDY CLEANINGS

on the subject of
LOVE

Real friends are those who, when you've made a fool of yourself, don't feel that you've done a permanent job

We may give without loving, but we cannot love without giving.

Do not judge your friend until you stand in his place.

Faults are thick when love is thin.

The door to the human heart can be opened only from the inside.

SOUPER SUNDAY 10 JANUARY

The 2009 General Assembly passed a deliverance Inviting congregations of the Church of Scotland and its partner churches worldwide to observe Sunday 10 January 2010 as a day of worship, reflection and fund-raising on the theme of the church's response to HIV, and instruct the Project group to produce worship resources to enable congregations to hold Souper Sunday services and events.

Cruden Kirk Session decided that it would observe Souper Sunday and follow the pattern established by Lothian Presytery who had a similar day last year.

The service on 10 January will be conducted by elders, assisted by members using the resources that have been made available.

After the service a Soup and Bread lunch will be served in the hall and those who enjoy it are invited to make a donation to the Church's HIV Aids Project.

CONGREGATIONAL WALKS

If you want to start the New Year with a good yet easy walk, then come along and join us at Auchreddie, a walk of three miles leaving the church hall at 11.30 am on Sunday 17 January. Everyone is welcome to come along for this easy walk suitable for all ages, bring a picnic. For further information please contact me on 01771 62428.

Robert Petticrew

CRUDEN CHURCH GUILD

The November meeting of Cruden Church Guild was held on St Andrew's Day, with an appropriate programme of Scottish songs rendered by Mr Gordon Mackay of Cruden Bay. Rosemary Pittendrigh introduced Mr Mackay, praising his musical talent and his gift for passing on his skills to young people. The programme of songs travelled through many places in Scotland, and included The Braes o' Killiecrankie, the Mingulay Boat Song, Bonnie Dundee and The Banks and Braes o' Bonnie Doon before finishing up at home with The Northern Lights of Auld Aberdeen. Needless to say, Guild members joined in the songs with gusto and a vote of thanks was given to Mr Mackay by Wilma Moir. The cold evening also included welcome refreshments of soup and trifle. The number attending was again high, and extra chairs had to be fetched to the tables to accommodate everyone.

The last meeting of 2009 was the Guild's welcome Christmas dinner, held at the Red House Hotel on 14 December. 27 members gathered for an evening of good food and good company, finished off with a "Secret Santa", a quiz and some competitive singing. Our thanks go to Rosemary Pittendrigh for her hard work in putting together the various aspects of the evening. We now look forward to 2010 and a continuing programme of interesting evenings on the last Monday of each month.

Vena Hockell

BOOK STALL

Books sold at the recent stall raised around £310 for Wesley Owen. With small donations to the bookstall plus 10% from the proceeds approximately £40 will be given to the Church.

Annette and I very much enjoy choosing and promoting books and appreciate the support given to us. Thank you

Beatrice Fawkes

Fair Trade Fortnight

22 February – 7 March. 2010.

Look out for more info in the New Year.

Kirk Session Dinner

Elders are asked to keep Tuesday, 9 March 2010 free for a Session Dinner in the Red House Hotel.

From Poppy Scotland

Awarded to Cruden Parish Church

In recognition of the outstanding work carried out on behalf of Poppy Scotland and for making a real difference to the lives of veterans and their families in Scotland.

Amount collected £155.00 Awarded on 11 November 2009

Week Of Prayer For Christian Unity January 2010 VOLUNTEERS WANTED

You are witnesses to these things Luke 24:48

Churches around the world traditionally mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from 18 to 25 January in the octave between the feasts of St. Peter and St. Paul.

The global organisers (the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity and the World Council of Churches) of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity asked **SCOTLAND** to host the week in 2010 to mark the centenary of the first world mission conference that met in Edinburgh. This gathering is traditionally seen as the beginning of the modern ecumenical movement, which seeks the visible unity of the world's divided churches.

Scottish churches are also involved in celebrations for the anniversary of the 1910 conference on the theme, "Witnessing to Christ today". Scotland therefore suggested as the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2010, "You are witnesses to these things" (Luke 24:48).



WILL YOU VOLUNTEER?

For the last two years around a dozen people have responded to a Bulletin invitation to take part in the Week of Prayer. All they had to do was look at the daily readings for eight days in their own time and at their own convenience. This year the daily readings are available from the Minister. All you need do is work your way through each day. It should only take about 10 - 15 minutes. Don't worry if you miss a day, just catch up in your own time.

- Look at the questions that begin each day.
- Look up the readings in your bible (If anyone would like to borrow a Good News Bible from the church, contact the minister.)
- Still keeping the initial questions in mind, slowly read the passage for reflection and the prayer that finishes it
- Then spend a few moments in thought and prayer.
- Finally consider the invitation on the Bulletin page after the readings.

Week Of Prayer For
Christian Unity January 2010
VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Those who have been involved in previous years in the Week of Prayer have had the opportunity to come together to chat about their experience of reading through the material and to share in an informal act of worship created by the writers of the readings and prayers.

This year an invitation goes out to all our church members to come to an act of worship at the end of the Week of Prayer. This will take place
in the Hall at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 26 January.

Whether you have worked through the readings each day or not, you can still come along and join in the songs and prayers.

WILL YOU COME?



**VOLUNTEER'S
CORNER**

WANTED

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.

Next Session Meeting

To give adequate time for the accounts to be fully finalised, there will **not** be a meeting of the Kirk Session in January. Completion of the accounts is always delayed for the Treasurer has to await figures from the Church Headquarters which do not come until toward the end of the month.

The next meeting of the Session will therefore be in February to allow the Session to approve the accounts before the Annual Meeting. Since the Minister is on holiday on the first three Mondays of February and the Guild meets on the 4th Monday, the next meeting of the Session will be on **Tuesday, 23 February.**

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.

HOMECOMING POSTSCRIPT

Cruden Parish Church wanted to ensure a warm welcome was given to any overseas visitors coming to Scotland and to Cruden during the Government's Year of Homecoming, and we said so on our website, adding that we would be pleased to give a memento of their visit to all who worshipped with us on Sunday mornings.

Well despite all the effort we put into it, it was probably the year when we had the least number of overseas visitors. Throughout the year, as far as we were aware we only had four from overseas to our worship services:-

- Flora Griffiths from Muscat, Oman in Hatton, here to share in the 40th wedding anniversary of her grandparents, Fred and Mary Coutts in Hatton
- Marion Moffat and Alex Palazzola from Ontario, Canada, visiting Marion's sister, Anne McNaughton in Cruden Bay
- Liz Turner from British Columbia, Canada, over in Cruden Bay for the second December running.

We were delighted to welcome them all and present them with one of our church paperweights.

This year we shall want to ensure that any visitors are given a warm welcome whether from overseas or from this country.

CRUDEN CHURCH ONLINE

Some overseas visitors to the parish have checked out our website from the other side of the world but how often do our members with computers look at their own church website. It is worth checking it out now again even though it is only to see what photographs of church events have found their way there.

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