

**CRUDEN  
PARISH  
CHURCH**

**THE BULLETIN  
FEBRUARY 2010**

*"... those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary."  
(Isaiah 40:31)*

**LORD  
RENEW  
OUR  
STRENGTH**



*When eagles rise with strong and supple wings  
they leave below all earthbound things,  
and there in air so crisp, so clean  
they soar serene.*

*I'm weary of my worries, Lord, like weeds they choke my way.  
I struggle, stumble in the path, frustrated by delay.  
I yearn the peace your presence brings —  
Lord make me rise with eagle's wings.*

*I'm sickened by my sin again, my weakness slows me down.  
I limp, not run, this race for you — I'll gain no athlete's crown.  
The sludge of sin so strongly clings —  
Lord make me rise with eagle's wings.*

*Help me to gaze into your face  
and there to find forgiving grace,  
in your strong hands my worries place.  
Lord make me rise with eagle's wings  
until with joy my spirit sings  
In worship to the King of Kings.*

*Refresh me for the race.*

**NIGEL FIRTH  
African Inland Mission**

# DIARY DATES

## FEBRUARY 2010

### EACH WEEK

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

- Wednesday 3rd : Coffee and Chat 10.30 am Hall
- Sunday 7th : MORNING SERVICE 10.00 am  
Service conducted by Mrs Sena Allen, Peterhead
- Monday 8th : Watch and Talk Group 7.30 pm  
in the home of Marilyn Sanways, Burnview, Cruden Bay
- Sunday 14th : MORNING SERVICE 10.00 am  
Service conducted by Mrs Sena Allen, Peterhead
- Wednesday 17th : Choir Practice 7.30 pm Hall
- Sunday 21st : MORNING SERVICE 10.00 am Church  
: **ANNUAL GUIDE THINKING DAY SERVICE**
- Monday 22nd : The Guild Rev Peter Mander 7.30 pm Hall
- Tuesday 23rd : Kirk Session 7.30 pm Hall
- Thursday 25th : Walking Group Planning Meeting 7.30 pm Hall
- Sunday 28th : MORNING SERVICE 10.00 am  
Sacrament of Baptism - Admission of New Communicants

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

### FEBRUARY HYMN BOOK - CH4

COFFEE and CHAT CHURCH HALL  
WEDNESDAY 3 MARCH 10.30 am

# PARISH REGISTER

\*(denotes church member)

## DEATHS

Mr S Rennie, 5 Slains Crescent, Cruden Bay

\*Mr John Smith, 2 Northfield Gardens, Hatton

# COMING IN MARCH

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 5 March**

Cruden Parish Church 7 pm

The service for 2010

"LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH PRAISE GOD"

was prepared by Christian women of Cameroon

## ANNUAL STATED MEETING

CRUDEN PARISH CHURCH

**Sunday 7 March 2010**

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

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON SESSION COMMITTEES

## DIARY OF AN INTERIM MODERATOR

After the Rev Jimmy Wishart retired on 26 December, 5 funerals were required to be conducted by 19 January! February/ March commitments

are 24 February – meetings of Finance Committee and Kirk Session.

10 March – meeting of Deer Congregational Board

14 March – conduct worship before chairing the congregation's AGM

17 March – Meeting of Deer Hall Committee

Still to be arranged is a meeting that the Nominating Committee has to have with representatives of Presbytery.

*Rodger Neilson*

# SUNDAY MORNING DUTIES 10 AM

<b>Date</b>	<b>Door</b>	<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Teas</b>	<b>Children</b>
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	<b>NO JUNIOR CHURCH</b>
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
7 Mar	Alison Neilson Michael Buchan	Liz Bruce	Mary Coutts Wilma Moir	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger C or S Skinner Helen Smith Charlotte Lamb
14 Mar	Alison Neilson Michael Buchan	-	Betty Morris Sharon Rennie	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid S or C Skinner Joyce Fowlie Charlotte Lamb
21 Mar	Annette Garden Lewis McKechnie	Robert Esson	Margaret Jamieson Margaret Adams	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger C or S Skinner Mary Bratton Charlotte Lamb
28 Mar	Annette Garden Lewis McKechnie	Jean Beedie	Elizabeth Bruce Rosemary Reid	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid S or C Skinner Helen Smith Charlotte Lamb

The minister will be on holiday from 1st to 19th February and is grateful once again to the Rev Allan Fawkes who has agreed to provide pastoral cover. He can be contacted on 01779 841814.

## ***FROM THE MINISTER 24 January 2010***

Dear Friends

### **Adult Sunday School with a Difference.**

Normally Adult SS has taken place on Sundays after our morning worship. The next series will be different. It will be midweek on different days through March and it is expected that a greater number of people will want to try and attend.

It is common knowledge that there is one subject that is causing great concern in many of the main Christian denominations which, it has been suggested, threatens to result in significant splits similar to the divisions that characterised the churches in Scotland in the late 18th and 19th centuries.

The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland has asked congregations to consider this subject this spring and that is what we will do in March.

We shall do so primarily by listening to different sides of the debate **before** we draw any conclusions.

#### CRUDEN CHURCH CONSIDERS HUMAN SEXUALITY

There will be four midweek meetings in March.

#### **Thursday March 4**

Setting the scene.

The Minister will explain how complicated this subject is when you consider its wide range which goes beyond the subject of same sex relationships and also affects the way we approach the bible.

#### **Monday March 15**

Time to Take a Stand

The Rev Peter Dickson of High Hilton Church, Aberdeen will talk on the issues as he sees them and on why it is important that the Christian Church holds fast to its principles.

#### **Thursday March 18**

Time for Change

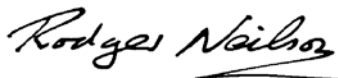
The Rev Keith Blackwood of Mannofield Church, Aberdeen will explain his views on the subject and why the church must strive to be more inclusive.

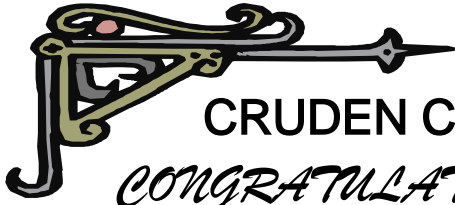
#### **Tuesday March 23**

Reaching conclusions

The Minister will summarise what has been said by the two guest speakers (having checked with them that they are happy with his summary) and invite discussion on all that has been learnt over the previous three sessions.

Your friend and minister





## CRUDEN CHURCH FAMILY

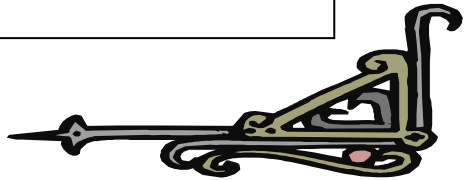
### CONGRATULATIONS

to **Mrs Gertrude Kelman** (formerly Mill Cottages, Hatton) who will be celebrating her 90th Birthday this month.

to **Mr Alexander Ritchie**, “Coire Cas”, 13 Hobshill Place, Hatton, who will be celebrating his 80th Birthday this month.

to **Mr & Mrs J Munro**, Braco Farm, Hatton, who will be celebrating their Silver Wedding Anniversary this month.

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



### SOUPER SUNDAY

Well done to Karla Buswell, Beatrice Fawkes, Betty Forrester and Betty May who helped by James Hyman conducted our Souper Sunday Service so well.

**£275** was raised for the Church of Scotland's HIV/Aids Project. Thanks are due to Wilma Moir and her team for organising a successful and popular Soup lunch.

Photographs are on the Church Website

### HAITI APPEAL

Well done members of Cruden Parish Church! In just 8 days a magnificent **£430** has been raised for the Haiti Appeal and this will be channelled, as usual, through Christian Aid. Clearly the TV pictures of the calamity have raised our compassion levels. It is amazing that even after being trapped for ten days people have been rescued from the rubble.

# STUDY GLEANINGS

## On the subject of LOVE

Friendship is to be purchased only by friendship.

*Let us be the first to give a friendly sign, to nod first, smile first, speak first, and – if such a thing is necessary – forgive first.*

If a single person achieves the highest kind of love, it will be sufficient to neutralise the hate of millions.

*To handle yourself, use your head;  
To handle others, use your heart.*

The only safe and sure way to destroy an enemy is to make him your friend.



## 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 22nd February**, the guest speaker will be the Rev Peter Mander of St James' Episcopal Church. As always, you will be made most welcome at the Hall at 7.30 pm.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Events being planned in the near future are

- A Session Dinner on 9 March
- A Quiz Night at Cruden Bay Golf Clubhouse on 12 March
- A concert by the Aberdeen choir "Acclamations" on 16 June
- An open air service and picnic on a summer Sunday !

Please look out for further details.

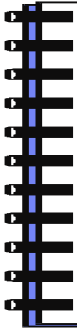
# WATCH AND TALK GROUP

The severe weather at the beginning of the year led to the January meeting being cancelled. The next meeting is on 8 February at the home of Marilyn Sanways.

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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 total amount enclosed. **THANK YOU.**



## VOLUNTEER'S CORNER

### WANTED

People who will make a positive difference to the lives of others by deciding on one item that they will now only buy if it is a Fairtrade product.

### 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

**STOP PRESS** There will be concert by Spectrum Brass in St James Church on Thursday 25 February at 7.30 pm.



# CRUDEN CHURCHES WALKING GROUP

February is going to be a busy month with a walk and a planning meeting for the next twelve months, but first the walk.

**Torry churches trail** - we will walk round 11 present and former places of worship in this part of Aberdeen. Everyone is welcome to join us, leaving the church hall at 11:30 am on **Sunday 7th**.

The planning meeting is on Thursday 25th at 7:30 pm in the church hall. Everyone is welcome to come along when good suggestions will be required for local Sunday walks and longer Saturday walks within two hours drive from Cruden.

I would like to thank all who have supported the walking group in the past year and would welcome anyone that would like to join us for a pleasant walk, good chat (and nice restaurants!) all over the north east.

*Robert Petticrew.*

## **Greetings from Australia**

### **From Alexis Morrison (nee Wallace).**

I have just received the October and November Church Bulletins from my brother Michael Wallace and feel moved to add my tribute to the work Chris and Jess Anderson did as Guide Leaders for us in the '60's.

I enjoyed Ann and Barbara's tribute and Jean's too and am frequently amazed at how often, even as a 60 year old Grandma, I remember.....

- rain on camps, half cooked sausages eaten off sticks on Uppermill's land,
- washing jumpers at the Manse for Rev. and Mrs Menzies to obtain my laundry badge, ( I still love washing garments by hand!!),
- the hottest sun I had ever felt, massive blisters on Esther Low's back,
- the smell of cigars and real coffee in Basle, while in Switzerland
- and the friendships forged during our years in the Hatton Guides.

Vale Jess and greetings to all ex-Girl Guides I knew.

My parents, Eddie and Lexie Wallace are well and enjoying the warm weather here in Australia and send warm wishes to all.

They celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary in March 2009!!

I welcome any emails to [alexis.morrison@bigpond.com](mailto:alexis.morrison@bigpond.com)

**Best wishes, Alexis**

# LIFE AND WORK

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SCOTLAND'S CARERS

## IN FEBRUARY'S ISSUE

**Carers Special** Around 1 in 8 of the population of Scotland are thought to be voluntary carers, saving the economy over £7 billion. Jackie Macadam focuses on carers' issues and the Church's involvement.

**A Caring Church** Syd Graham, convenor of CrossReach, discusses the contribution of carers and how the churches can support them.

**Seeds of Hope** The Sunflower Garden, a CrossReach project working with young carers.

**A Quilt of Love** The work of a support group for families who care for the children of addicts.

**A Carer With Connections** Profile of carer, campaigner and church elder Isobel Allan.

**Securing the Reformation** Professor Peter Howie portrays the life of John Knox.

**The Growing Church** In the first of a series looking at churches which are bucking the trend of falling numbers, Thomas Baldwin visits Arbroath: St Andrew's.

**From Lent to Pentecost** The Rev Martin Allen starts a new series guiding readers through this period of the Christian year.

**Service, not Sacrifice** The Moderator encourages readers to sacrifice their time in service to mark Lent.

**Too Harshly Judged?** The latest figure up for reputation rehabilitation is the St Peter.

**Spending Cuts or..?** The Church of Scotland's Head of Stewardship, the Rev Gordon Jamieson, reflects on the need to prioritise and prune

**Restoring Economic Faith** Dr Murdo Macdonald focuses on the church's responsibility to rebuild trust in financial institutions

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## CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Thanks to the generosity of those attending our Watchnight and Christmas Day services, the Scottish Bible Society will receive £173 from Cruden Parish Church. They will forward the money to a special project in North East Brazil being supported as part of their 200th Anniversary celebration. The Brazil Bible Society are planning to operate a vehicle that will provide essential medical, dental and spiritual care and the Scottish Bible Society have promised to raise £200,000 for the project.

**22 February - 7 March**

Fancy a Big Brew? That is the theme chosen for this year's fortnight. Last year the focus was on bananas and this year it is on tea – it is over thirty years since Fairtrade tea first became available. However now only 10% of tea sold in the UK is Fairtrade. Can you help raise that figure?

By using the envelope you should find inside this Bulletin, you are invited to donate to Traidcraft Exchange which is currently touching the lives of over 25 million people in Africa and Asia. Either by bringing it back yourself or giving it to someone else to return, just make sure it comes back to the Church before the end of February. And please remember that **if you pay tax** and fill in your details on the envelope, then each pound you give will be increased by another 28p.

There will be a Fairtrade Stall in the Church Hall on Sundays 28 February and 7 March.

## Prayer in a teacup      A nice cup of tea!

**How I relish its versatility.**

**The way it restores and revives me in the morning,  
calms and comforts me as I prepare for bed,  
shared so easily with friends, consolingly familiar when;  
I'm alone,  
its warmth a constant blessing.**

**And I take it all for granted, forgetting the miracle of  
growth and harvest,  
the painstaking labour that brings it to my, cup,  
the way this everyday drink connects me to people all  
round the world.**

**As I add water to my tea  
to release all its goodness, all its potential,  
so I pray for the splash of your living water in my life,  
Lord, "  
releasing all I have to offer in your name.**

**As I drink my tea, sweetened with your love,  
bless those for whom it is a livelihood,  
and stir up in me your thirst for justice. Amen**

**Now, just let me put on the kettle:..!**