

***CRUDEN
PARISH
CHURCH***

***BULLETIN
MARCH 2010***

ANNUAL STATED MEETING

of

CRUDEN PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 7 March 2010 (as part of the morning service)

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

**ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON
SESSION COMMITTEES**

RETIRING AND SERVING

We would thank for their service over the last year the members who are due to retire at this year's Annual Meeting

Mrs Elizabeth Carnie, Mrs Lindsey Savage, Miss Margaret Adams.

Those who continue to serve on our Session Committees are:

Mrs Kathryn Anderson, Mrs Mary Coutts, Mrs Mary McNaughtan,
Mrs Sarah Paterson, Mrs Helen Smith, Mr David Singleton.

As always, those nominated for service should either be present to declare their willingness to accept nomination or have given previous assurance that they are willing to serve.

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING THERE WILL BE 3 VACANCIES TO FILL.

If there are more nominations than vacancies, those nominated will retire to the vestry and voting will be done by a show of hands.

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DIARY DATES

MARCH 2010

EACH WEEK

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

Fairtrade Fortnight

22 February – 7 March

Wednesday 3rd	:	Coffee and Chat	10.30 am	Hall
		Choir Practice	7.30 pm	Hall
Thursday 4th	:	The Church and Sexuality – Session 1	7.30 pm	Hall
Friday 5th	:	WORLD DAY OF PRAYER	7.00 pm	Cruden Church
Sunday 7th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Church
		Annual Stated Meeting		
Monday 8th	:	Video Group	7.30 pm	Burnview, Main Street, Cruden Bay
Tuesday 9th	:	Guild Presbyterial Council AGM	7.30 pm	Trinity Church
Sunday 14th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Church
		Service conducted by Mrs Anthea Macnee, Strichen		
Monday 15th	:	The Church and Sexuality – Session 2	7.30 pm	Hall
Thursday 18th	:	The Church and Sexuality – Session 3	7.30 pm	Hall
Sunday 21st	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Church
		Service conducted by the Rev Fred Coutts		
Tuesday 23rd	:	The Church and Sexuality – Session 4	7.30 pm	Hall
Wednesday 24th	:	Choir Practice	7.30 pm	Hall
Sunday 28th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10 00 am	Church
		Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Monday 29th	:	The Guild	7.30 pm	Hall
		Eileen Grant	Nursing Angels	
Wednesday 31st	:	Choir Practice	7.30 pm	Hall

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

PARISH REGISTER

*(denotes church member)

DEATH

* Mr George Summers, 17 Cantlay Court, Cruden Bay.
Mr W Dawson, 19 Blackcraig Road, Cruden Bay.

BAPTISM

Stephanie Aimee Forbes, 80 Braehead Drive, Cruden Bay.

WEDDING

23 January

Richard Parker & Jessica Rodsett, 83 Polmuir Road, Aberdeen

HOLY COMMUNION



28 March
10 am

Duty Elders John Lamb, Jack Young, Wallace Donaldson, Sandy Smith, Mary Bratton, Kate Clark,
Jim MacDonald, Peter Slamaker, Shonah Taylor, Beatrice Fawkes

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

With this Bulletin, members should find the annual commitment card. In the next 3 weeks, these cards will be collected by a church visitor. Members are asked to participate in the campaign by returning a card.

**NEXT COFFEE and CHAT OLD HALL
WEDNESDAY 3 MARCH 10.30 am**

TO THOSE ON SUNDAY DUTY If you are unable to fulfil your door duty, please try to find your own replacement before informing Sandy Beedie – 841370 for door duty or Wilma Moir – 841516 for tea duty.

SUNDAY MORNING DUTIES 10 am

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Children
7 Mar	Alison Neilson Michael Buchan	Liz Bruce	Mary Coutts Norma Forman	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger C or S Skinner Helen Smith Charlotte Lamb
14 Mar	Alison Neilson Michael Buchan	Violet Penny	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 Wilma Moir	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
4 Apr	Joyce Willox Adrian Smith	Mary McNaughtan	Anne Cadey Jessie MacDonald	Easter Holidays
11 Apr	Joyce Willox Adrian Smith	Elma Watson	Liz Carnie Lewis McKechnie	Easter Holidays
18 Apr	Rosemary Reid Mary Bratton	Norma Forman	Marilyn Samways Norma Forman	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger C or S Skinner Joyce Fowlie Charlotte Lamb
25 Apr	Rosemary Reid Mary Bratton	Jean Beedie	Kathleen Craig Dorothy Cruickshank	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid S or C Skinner Mary Bratton Charlotte Lamb

FROM THE MINISTER 24 February 2010

Dear Friends

It has been some year so far! When I came back from holiday a few days ago I did not expect to return to snow which I hoped I had left behind at the beginning of the month. It seems as if we have been coping with snow ever since before Christmas and I can't remember when last we had a winter like this.

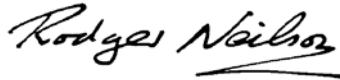
It has certainly impacted on our Sunday services. Considering the weather conditions, attendances at Christmas were reasonable but since then we have had the smallest Communion attendance possibly ever and then last Sunday the smallest attendance at a Guide Thinking Day service – the previous year there had been people in the gallery!

Does this run of poorer attendances make me despondent? Certainly not! On several occasions I have been amazed at how many people have turned up, driving on roads which have made me leave my car in the garage.

It is most encouraging to see the commitment that ensures people will be in church on Sunday morning despite the bad weather and when we put winter behind us it will be good to get back to our regular attendance levels.

Despite the snow, there are apparently signs of spring. Some birds have moved on to their summer breeding grounds already and on some days we can hear our commoner garden birds heralding the coming longer days and warmer weather. It is just over a month to Easter which means we are in the season of Lent. Traditionally this is a time when Christians give thought to their faith and how it does and should affect their lifestyle. Over the coming month I hope that you will take time off to reflect on your faith – what you believe, what the church means to you and what it means to set a Christian example in contemporary society. For that reason why not come along to the 4 evening sessions (see diary dates) when Cruden Church will be looking at the subject of Human Sexuality.

Your friend and minister



FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Church attenders have the opportunity to support Fair Trade during the designated fortnight (22 Feb to 7 March) when a stall will be available on Sundays 28 Feb and 7 March. We have a new supplier this year from Pittmedden who very kindly will donate to Cruden Church 10% of the takings. Please support us!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

7 pm Friday 5th March Cruden Parish Church

On Friday, March 5, Christian women of Cameroon, who wrote the service, invite men, women and young people from around the world to share with them in the World Day of Prayer Service which will begin as the sun rises in the Tobago Islands and will continue around the world over the next thirty six hours, until the sun sets over Alaska. People from the Christian communities in over 180 countries have the opportunity to worship and pray on the common theme

"Let Everything That Has Breath Praise God"

In Scotland, services are held in locations as diverse as churches, universities and schools, Sunday Schools, Youth groups, hospitals and eventide homes, hostels for the homeless, prisons and shopping centres.

Cameroon is on the west coast of South Africa, just north of the equator. It is divided into many geographical regions with the coastal plain in the south. Cameroon is rich in natural resources and is described as "Africa in miniature" and offers a striking variety of landscapes.

There is an astonishing cultural wealth, with more than 240 ethnic groups each with its own specific culture. It is well known for its styles of music and is therefore well placed to take up the theme - "Let Everything That Has Breath Praise God"

The women of Cameroon remind us that with every breath we take we renew the gift of life and for this we praise God. On March 5, along with our friends in the Congregational and Episcopal Churches, we will join with people all over the earth and with all creation. Together we will fulfil the call of Psalm 150: "Let everything that has breath praise God."

CRUDEN CHURCH GUILD

**Our next meeting is on Monday 29 March when the guest speaker is Eileen Grant – Nursing
Angles.**

CRUDEN PARISH CHURCH QUIZ NIGHT

Cruden Bay Golf Clubhouse on 12 March at 8 pm.

**Why not decide to make up a team of four (£10 team entry) and come along for a fun evening.
As always, there will be a raffle.**

WATCH AND TALK GROUP

“Divorce Jewish Style”

The whole story of 'Divorce Jewish Style' was about how difficult it can be for a Jewish woman to get a divorce from her Jewish husband, especially if they do not live in Israel. Any woman, living in London for example, can go to the civil court and obtain a legal divorce, but under Jewish Law she must also receive a 'Get' from her husband. A 'Get' is a Script written by a Scribe and given to the wife as an acceptance of a Jewish divorce. Without it, a woman is still considered to be married to her husband which makes a legal divorce appear to be a bit of a farce.

In Israel things seem to be changing slowly but not so outside Israel. The majority of Rabbis go by the teachings of the Torah, believing the Laws of God were given to Moses and there is no changing such divine law.

There is, however, at least one Rabbi - Rabbi Riskin - who believes that what is written in the Talmud (another form of Civil and Ceremonial Law) is more acceptable and translates it's writings as meaning that a good Jew should use his Higher Will and give his wife a divorce, Jews using their lower Will would not be so inclined. In some cases the husband will not give his wife a 'Get' unless he is given quite large sum of money, possibly from her family, that is what we would call blackmail, while in other cases he has no wish to lose control over his wife and she becomes what is known as a 'Chained Wife'. It is a sad situation where two people have to live in unhappiness because one person is being greedy or vindictive or even both.

Jewish Divorce is obviously male dominated and if a husband does not want his wife to have her freedom she faces a lifetime of being a 'Chained Wife'.

Our next meeting is on Monday 8 March at 7.30 pm at the home of Mrs Marilyn Samways, 3 Main Street, Cruden Bay. As always all those who wish to join us will be made very welcome.

Jenny McGarrol

2009 ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

The Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator has laid down its requirements for the presentation of charity accounts. Compliance is required to maintain charitable status. All Church of Scotland congregations are obliged to present an Annual Report which involves much more than the presentation of figures. A full copy of the Annual Report can be had from the church welcome area or by requesting a copy from the Treasurer or the Minister.

CRUDEN CHURCHES WALKING GROUP

Torry Churches Trail, Aberdeen - 7 February

Robert Petticrew's illustrated fact sheets with maps provided a wealth of information on the history of the churches, the origins of St. Fittick's in the Bay of Nigg in the 12th century, the developments in the 19th and 20th centuries, the divisions within the churches and the various revival movements. It is fascinating reading and copies are available in the church foyer if anyone wants to do the tour or read the paperwork themselves.

We set off for a visual tour with the intention where possible of seeing inside any of them but we arrived just minutes too late to meet the group emerging from the Gospel Hall on Victoria Road.

The modest wooden Mission Hall on South Esplanade West, the Torry United Free (Continuing) Church on Grampian Road and the Salvation Army Hall on Glenbervie Road all appear to be in current use.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church on Victoria Road is no longer a place of worship, having been tastefully converted into flats in the 1990s. It had traced its origins to the advent of steam trawling in Aberdeen and had retained its fishing connections by commissioning a fifteen-foot model boat to hang from its ceiling. The boat was moved to St. Peter's in Fraserburgh when the building closed and the congregation now meet in the wooden hall to the rear.

Across the road Torry Church, with splendid spire, also ceased to function in the 1990s and now houses a creche.

Round the corner in Grampian Road, the Roman Catholic Sacred Heart Church, described as the most distinctive in Torry, appears to have been taken over by the local Polish community.

We left the best till last. Torry St. Fittick's on Walker Road, to which Ted and Sheila Harris belong, appears to thrive. Its well-appointed halls are used by various groups and architects' drawings on the notice board point to future development. The dance and drama group, which we peeked in on, were unable to let us into the church itself but we admired from the outside the splendid stained glass windows on the east and northeast walls.

We left for exploration at some future date the two oldest churches, namely St. Fittick's in the Bay of Nigg, and Nigg Kirk with soaring Gothic tower, and rounded off our trip with coffee at the new Marks & Spencer store in Union Square.

Margaret Wisely

MARCH HYMN BOOK - CH4



MARCH ISSUE

THE MAGAZINE OF
THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Down on the Farm Jackie Macadam learns about the church's role in the Care Farming initiative, which uses commercial farms and farming activity to promote mental and physical health.

'You'll Never Amount to Anything...' Profile of the Rev Neil Galbraith, co-founder of Glasgow the Caring City.

Divided and Reunited John R Hume examines the Church of the Holy Rude in Stirling.

From Lent to Pentecost In the second part of the series, the Rev Martin Allen examines John 19:19 – the Coronation at the Cross.

The Growing Church Holy Trinity Church in Wester Hailes, Edinburgh.

Struggling for Religious Autonomy The 3rd of Professor Peter Howie's pen portraits of the Reformation looks at the life of Andrew Melville.

Too Harshly Judged? The Rev James Martin suggests Judas Iscariot should receive a more sympathetic hearing.

Making a Difference David McLachlan calls on readers to support the Church and Society Council's postcard campaign to cancel the renewal of the Trident nuclear weapons system.

1500 Years of Christianity Jackie Macadam visits Luss, one of the oldest Christian settlements in Scotland.

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After the Christening of his baby brother in Church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys".