

CRUDEN
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THE
BULLETIN



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DIARY DATES

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EACH WEEK

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

Wednesday 3rd	:	Time for Chat and Coffee	10:30 am	Hall
	:	Choir Practice	7.30 pm	Hall
Sunday 7th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	HALL
Monday 8th	:	Watch and Talk Group	7.30 pm	Main Street, Cruden Bay
Sunday 14th	:	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE	10.30 am	HALL
		Service conducted by the Rev Fred Coutts		
Wednesday 17th	:	Choir Practice	7.30 pm	Hall
Friday 19th	:	Church Quiz	7.30 pm	HALL
		Proceeds going towards the 2010/11 Property Project		
Sunday 21st	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	HALL
		Service conducted by the Guild		
Sunday 28th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	HALL
		Sacrament of Holy Communion		
		Service conducted by the Rev Fred Coutts		
Monday 29th	:	Cruden Guild	7.30 pm	Hall
		Rev Donald Martin – Visit to Malawi		

FORTHCOMING DATES IN DECEMBER

Wednesday 1st	:	Time for Chat and Coffee	10:30 am	Hall
Saturday 11th	:	Senior Citizens' Party	2.00 pm	Hall

PLEASE NOTE

As we enter the month of November, contractors will still be in the church dealing with the wet rot problem. At this stage we are not planning to be back in the church until the first Sunday in December. In particular the uniformed organisations will be advised that there will be no room for them at our Remembrance Sunday Service this year but it is hoped that some of their young people will be present to carry the poppy wreaths as usual.

Dear Friends

You will not be surprised to find that I feel the need to return to a topic in my letter in last month's issue, namely our 2010/11 Property Project to deal with the wet rot in the east wall of Cruden Parish Church and begin the restoration of the windows.

This work is vitally important for it is essential that the building be kept in good condition. Such work, however, is costly and presents us with a challenge. It was because there were insufficient funds to maintain two buildings that the sad step was taken to close Cruden West Church. We must not let the Old Church deteriorate for if problems are not dealt with right away they simply finish up costing more.

We are confident of getting financial help from the Church of Scotland General Trustees but no grant giving body give away money to those who sit back and do nothing themselves.

The congregation must make the effort to raise some funds for this project. We have no choice.

The church is of value to the whole community who make use of it for weddings and funerals. So we intend to invite the whole of the parish to contribute to our project fund. This means, along with your neighbours, you will receive through your letterbox an invitation to contribute to the fund. It is vitally important that you respond as well as you are able for we are seeking to raise several thousand pounds.

The Kirk Session has led the way for, at the meeting when the Elders agreed to appeal publicly for funds, they themselves donated £2,640 to launch the Appeal.

I would expect to let your know in the January Bulletin how successful this Appeal has been. It is my hope and prayer that the people of the parish would want to have a church that is well maintained and looked after.

Your friend and minister

Rodger Nairn

PARISH REGISTER

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DEATH

*Mr Norman Cardno, Norlyn, Manse Place, Hatton.

WEDDINGS

25 September

Gary Buchan & Fiona Skinner
26 Knockothie Road, Ellon.

9 October

Benjamin Macdonald & Sharon Cook
91 Fairview Crescent, Aberdeen.

15 October

Gary Park & Lynn Milne,
57 Portsoy Crescent, Ellon.

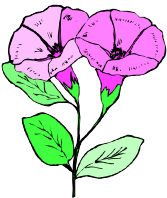
HOLY COMMUNION



28 November
10.00 am

Duty Elders Mary Bratton, Betty Forrester, Peter Slamaker,
Betty May, Kathleen Craig, Adrian Smith, Robert Peticrew,
Judith Taylor, Muriel Cantlay, Robert Esson.

2011 FLOWER CALENDAR



Calendar for the Old Church will now be found on the notice board at the Church and members are invited to add their name beside any date on which they would wish to place flowers on the communion table. The gift of such flowers is always greatly appreciated. In particular, it is hoped that the early months of next year will soon be filled up.

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

SUNDAY MORNING DUTIES

10 am

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas
7 Nov	Kate Clark	Betty Forrester	NO TEAS
14 Nov	Beatrice Fawkes	Mary Bratton	NO TEAS
21 Nov	Wallace Donaldson	Mary McNaughtan	NO TEAS
28 Nov	John Lamb	Marilyn Samways	NO TEAS
5 Dec	John Lamb Sandy Smith	Rosemary Reid	Betty Morris Dorothy Cruickshank
12 Dec	Mary Bratton Jack Young	Betty Forrester	Rosemary Reid Doreen Buchan
19 Dec	Mary Bratton Jack Young	Beatrice Fawkes	CHRISTMAS BRUNCH
26 Dec	Adrian Smith Robert Esson	Robert Esson	Alison Neilson Lewis McKechnie

Date	Children	Date	Children	Date	Children
7 Nov	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger S or C Skinner Helen Smith Charlotte Lamb	14 Nov	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid S or C Skinner Joyce Fowlie Charlotte Lamb	21 Nov	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger S or C Skinner Mary Bratton Charlotte Lamb
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The Minister was visiting one of her oldest church members and ventured to say, “At your age you should be thinking about the hereafter.” Back came the reply, “Oh I do, I do. No matter where I am, in the lounge, upstairs, in the kitchen or in the basement – I ask myself, ‘now what am I here after?’”!!!

It was a 102 year old lady who, when asked if she had any worries, replied: “Not since I got my eldest son into an old people’s home.”

PLEASE NOTE

The Diary Dates and Communion Duty list found elsewhere in this issue was printed earlier in October and subsequently too early for the following information about a concert and communion duty.

The Ythan Singers have offered to provide a concert in aid of our Project Appeal. This will take place in the church on the afternoon of **Sunday 5 December**. It was good of the Ythan Singers to consider our situation on this way and I would expect the concert to be even better attended by the congregation as a way of saying thank you.

The Kirk Session has decided that in the event of the **November Communion Service** being held in the hall, then all the elders listed on the inside back cover of this Bulletin will not be required. Wilma Moir, responsible for Communion arrangements, will inform those who will be asked to help.

WATCH AND TALK GROUP 11 OCTOBER

The History of the Bible - The story of Abraham

This DVD proved to be both interesting and enlightening. Abraham is not only looked upon as the Father of the Jews but also of Christians and the Muslims. He is thought to have been born in Ur of the Chaldees in the country of Iraq. God directed him to leave Iraq, so he travelled with his wife and servants for many years finally settling in the land of Canaan. Through a covenant with God, he believed this land was given to him and all his descendants and to this day the Jews believe this to be the case. The Muslims also lay claim to this land reputed to have been promised to them by Abraham through their prophet Muhammad.

In spite of Abraham's legacy - not because of it - rivalry has existed between Muslims and Jews for centuries. Muslims trace their ancestry back to Ishmael, Abraham's son by his wife's servant, Hagar. The Jews trace their ancestry back to Isaac, Abraham's son by his wife, Sarah.

Did God really want the world to be so divided through his chosen son, Abraham, or is there now a political state unbelievably far removed from what he must have hoped for? To learn more about the life of Abraham and his obedience to God, a more detailed story can be found in Genesis chapters 12 to 25.

Our next meeting is on Monday 8 November at 7.30 pm at the home of Mrs Marilyn Samways, 3 Main Street, Cruden Bay. As always all old and new members will be made most welcome.

Jenny McGarrol

CRUDEN CHURCH GUILD

On Monday 27 September, it was good to see the meeting so well attended. Rosemary Pittendrigh welcomed members to the first Guild meeting of the new session. She announced that the current Guild Theme “What does the Lord require of us”, focuses this session on “Called to Love Mercy”. This incidentally is the topic next month.

After the reading and the prayer, Rosemary introduced the speaker for the evening. Mr Will Whyte, from Fraserburgh gave a most interesting presentation and talk. He spoke of his charity work helping survivors of the Far East tsunami and of boat building in Sumatra and Java. He did the whole presentation in his ‘mither tongue’, which was wonderful, for some of the members!!!! Beatrice Fawkes expressed our appreciation by giving the vote of thanks.

After tea, Rosemary announced the projects for this year. International Justice Mission - Terrify no More. Cambodia . And the Ministries Council - A place for Hope (UK).

After the closing hymn, Rosemary wished everyone a safe journey home, and reminded us that next month’s speaker will be Gwen Noble. All are welcome to attend.

Lorraine Neilson

SOCIAL EVENTS

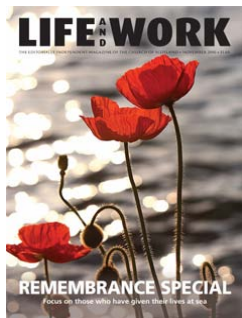
Quiz A quiz is to take place on Friday 19 November 2010 in the Old Church Hall at 7.30 pm. Teams of 4 are invited to take part. Charge per team is £10 (inc refreshments). For further details and if you wish to enter please contact Beatrice Fawkes, telephone 841814.

Attention Senior Citizens! A Christmas Party is being arranged for you on Saturday 11 December at 2 pm in the Old Church Hall. Please put the date in your diary.

Beatrice Fawkes

NOVEMBER HYMN BOOK Mission Praise

Last year's start time for the Remembrance Sunday service of 10.30 am will be continued this year.



NOVEMBER ISSUE OF THE MAGAZINE OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Remembrance: For Those in Peril on the Sea A new memorial to the Merchant Navy. The work of the Fishermen's Mission 'Churchill's Pirates'. The Rev Scott Brown, new Chaplain of the Fleet Remembrance reflection and prayer by the Moderator

Prisoners Week A Glasgow project supporting released prisoners Staging The Life of Jesus in an American maximum security prison.

A Travelling Faith Jackie Macadam meets Jessie Smith, whose roots lie in the Scottish Travelling community.

'Called to Love Mercy' Lynne McNeil reports from the annual meeting of The Guild.

Changing Lives Delegates and guests of this year's National Youth Assembly share their experiences.

A Salty Christian The Very Rev Dr James Simpson writes about Louise Whitfield, wife of the philanthropist Andrew Carnegie.

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Please note that the Minister will be on holiday from 11 November to 3 December. Anyone requiring the services of a minister during that period should contact the Rev Allan Fawkes (01779 841814) who will make suitable arrangements.

OCTOBER CHURCH WALK

Sunday 17 October - Port Elphinstone

Our group of 7 set off from Davidson Park along the South bank of the River Don, passing under the A96 bridge spanning the river and heading along the Old Kemnay Road, initially a broad tree lined drive and thereafter a rather narrow muddy path. We were nevertheless rewarded with splendid views of the rolling countryside, the winding river, and the mass of Bennachie.

A short section of farm track took us across the B993 to a small forest area which proved to be a bit of an obstacle (or assault) course. We scrambled over a steel 7-barred gate, several moss covered dry stone dykes and barbed wire fences before emerging unscathed at Crichie farm just above Thainstone.

Our next objective after recrossing the A96 was a small Pictish stone circle in a field on the outskirts of Port Elphinstone and from there we descended gently to river level where we continued along a restored path by the canal to its north most end. An informative monument described how the canal, opened in 1805 and using horse drawn vessels, provided the Garioch with access to national and world markets for its local Kemnay granite, Foundland slate and agricultural products.

We rounded off our 4 mile walk with coffee at the nearby garden centre. This concludes our programme this year and we look forward to resuming again next spring.

Margaret Wisely

THE EARL HAIG FUND SCOTLAND

This Fund was founded by Field Marshal Earl Haig, Commander-in-Chief of the British Army, with the aim of giving practical help in time of need to all who served in the Armed Forces and their dependants. The first Poppy Appeal took place in 1921 and, shortly afterwards, the Earl Haig Fund Scotland adopted the poppy emblem and Lady Haig established the Poppy Factory in Edinburgh. The Fund is a registered charity and the principal means of raising money is through the Scottish Poppy Appeal which takes place every November in the week leading up to Remembrance Sunday.

On Remembrance Sunday, opportunity will be given to the congregation to donate to the Earl Haig Fund.

STUDY GLEANINGS

From "MEDITATION"

by Jim Downing

Nav Press 1982

Turn pebbles of Christian truth into jewels of Christian experience."

The Old Testament picture of the New Testament truth of John 15:5 is found in Jeremiah 17:7,8

The OT tree, with its taproot drawing nourishment from the river, is a picture of a Christian, the taproot of whose soul is in contact with Jesus Christ, and who is therefore sharing His life and bearing His fruit.

Nearly 10,000 thoughts pass in and out of our minds daily.

A young boy who recently moved into a new neighbourhood made friends with a boy whose grandmother lived with him. It seemed to the newcomer that every time he saw the elderly woman she was reading her bible. So he asked his new friend, "Why is she always reading the Bible?" The grandson replied, "I don't know. Maybe she is swotting for her finals."

Have you ever used the expression "go to sleep"? Where do you go?

You may have heard the old story about the person who wanted guidance from the bible and his practice was to open it at random.

1. And Judas hanged himself. 2. Go thou and do likewise. 3. What thou doest, do quickly.

If you were to die in the middle of praying and were to suddenly find yourself before God, would you finish the sentence?

Communion is an alternating impact of two personalities communicating and integrating their lives into that of the other person. It is fellowship at the highest level. It produces a mutually pleasant result. It is a two-way communication where we listen intently and then share intently. Communion (with God) is engaging our hearts with the heart of God.

In every public building there are lighting signs indicating exits by which a person may leave the building. Generally, these are alternate ways to the one by which he entered the building. He is never totally surrounded by closed doors. It is the same in our Christian lives; no matter how much we feel we are surrounded by temptations, God has placed exits there.

The factor which enables a plane to take off, i.e. the law of gravity to be overcome, as well as the shape of the wing etc, there is the need for forward motion. As long as the forward motion is maintained, the plane will remain airborne. This is the principle for the victorious Christian life.

When Albert Einstein first came to America, an enterprising reporter asked him to give his theory of relativity in just a sentence or two. Einstein reportedly said, "Let me illustrate relativity. If you have the bad fortune to sit on a hot stove for one minute, it will seem like an hour; but if you have the good fortune to sit next to a very attractive lady for one hour, it will seem like a minute." This suggests time is relative to enjoyment. Time does not drag when we are enjoying ourselves

From the writings of Ignatius of Loyola : After you have visited a flower garden and are getting ready to leave its beauty, what is the irresistible impulse that you have? Why, it is to pick a flower, to take some of the fragrance of the garden home. It serves as a remembrance of the beauty we saw. As we conclude our time alone with God, the final step is to select the most refreshing part of our time of communion and fix it so firmly in our minds that we will remember it throughout the day.

I heard of an incident in which a penitent was confessing his wrong doings. In the process, he said, "I want to confess that I stole some hay from my neighbour." The priest said, "Be more specific. How much did you steal?" The penitent said, "I stole half a load, but make it a whole load. I'm going to get the other half tonight."

During British naval manoeuvres, involving a column of cruisers, a signal was given to execute a 90 degree turn. The captain of one cruiser missed the signal and almost collided with the ship ahead. The formation was totally disrupted. When the commotion finally settled down, the admiral in command sent an urgent signal to the offending captain. "Captain, what is your intention?" The captain, having reflected on what his inattention had cost his naval career, replied, "Sir, my intention is to buy a farm." We develop skill in spiritual warfare by being alert to the Holy Spirit's signals

As we exercise the positive, the negative diminishes in strength. So as we nourish our souls in meditation, communion and obedience, we respond to Christ and more easily hear the inner voice of God.