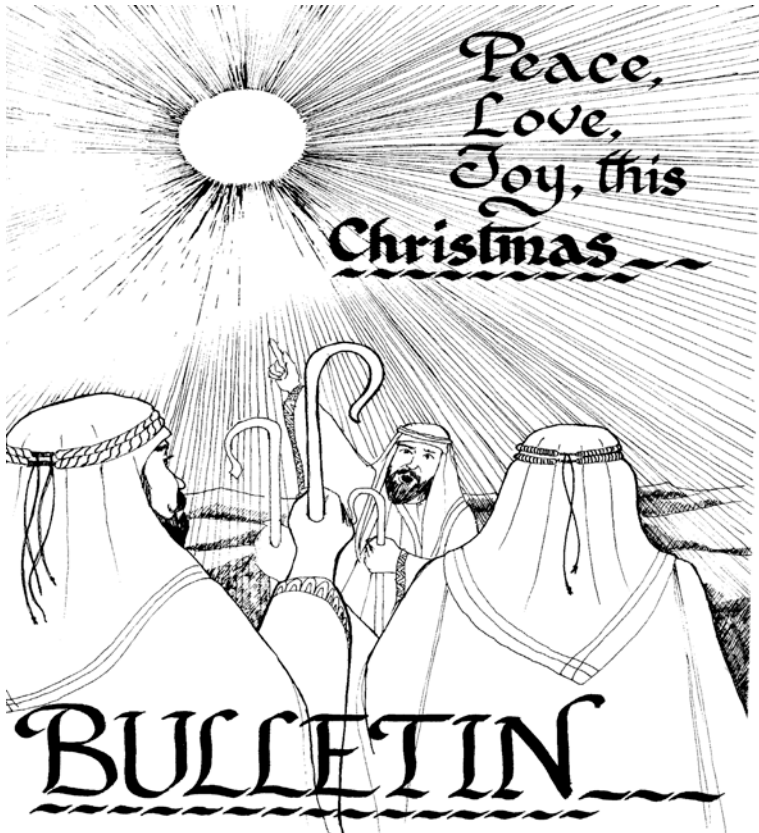


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FROM THE MINISTER *10 November* ***2010***

Dear Friends

2010/2011 Property Project

The Work

The east wall of the Church is now being treated for wet rot and two of the windows have collapsed and are irreparable. The state of these windows suggests we will want, early next year, to replace as many of the windows as we can find funds for. Temporary repairs to the broken windows will allow us to get back into the church for Christmas. It has been discovered that the beams supporting the gallery had rotted and steel supports are being inserted which will be an extra cost that will need to be met.

Fundraising

Fundraising is now well underway. After the successful launch by the elders, we have appealed to the parish which will give most of our members an opportunity to contribute. Those outwith the parish will receive an appeal leaflet in December. The church quiz night and a quiz sheet being widely distributed will benefit the Appeal.

If anyone has a friend to whom they would like to send an appeal leaflet, I would encourage you to do so. There must be many people who have had previous contact and who might want to support our appeal. If you want an appeal leaflet and envelope to send to anyone, please contact our Treasurer, Rosemary Pittendrigh on 812220.

Return to the Church

When you receive this Bulletin, I will still be on holiday and it had been my hope that that when I come back we shall have returned to the church for services. However, the extra work to be done and the extensive cleaning to take place means that we shall not be back in the church until

12 December for both our morning service and our Christingle Service

The Ythan Singers Concert scheduled to raise funds for the Appeal and to take place in our church on 5 December will now take place in St James.

Your friend and minister

Rodger Nairn

DIARY DATES

DECEMBER 2010

EACH WEEK

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

Wednesday 1st	:	Coffee and Chat	10.30 am	Hall
Sunday 5th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	
		YTHAN SINGERS CONCERT	3.00 pm	St James
		(in aid of our 2010/2011 Property Project)		
Wednesday 8th	:	Choir Practice	7.30 pm	Hall
Saturday 11th	:	Senior Citizens' Party	2.00 pm	Hall
Sunday 12th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	
		CHRISTINGLE SERVICE	4.00 pm	
Monday 13th	:	The Guild Christmas Meal	7.00 pm	St Olaf
Sunday 19th	:	FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE	10.00 am	
		followed by Christmas Brunch in the Hall		
Wednesday 22nd	:	Choir Practice	7.30 pm	Hall
Friday 24th	:	WATCHNIGHT SERVICE	11.30 pm	
Saturday 25th	:	CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE	10.00 am	
Sunday 26th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	

DECEMBER HYMN BOOK - CH4

Church Members Senior Citizens Christmas Party
Saturday 11th December 2010
in Old Church Hall - 2 - 3.30 pm.

For catering purposes the Social Committee would like to know if you plan to attend, so please contact Beatrice Fawkes on 841814. Likewise if you would like transport please contact Beatrice. You will be very welcome at the party.

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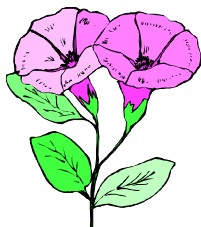
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NO ENTRY THIS MONTH

TO THOSE ON SUNDAY DUTY

If unable to do door duty, please inform Sandy Beedie - 841370. If unable to do tea duty, please inform Wilma Moir - 841516. We would prefer, if you are unable to fulfil your duty, that you endeavour to find your own replacement before informing Sandy or Wilma as appropriate.

2011 FLOWER CALENDAR



The Calendar for the 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 **26 DECEMBER**. Copy for inclusion to be handed in to the Manse as soon as possible.

THANK YOU

BlythswoodParcels

A big thank you to everyone who filled shoe boxes, gave donations or helped in any other way. Thanks to you, 30 people will have a happier Christmas.

Rosemary Reid

Macmillan Nursing

Thanks to all who supported the Macmillan coffee day at 169 Braehead Drive on Friday 1st October. £1,251 was raised.

Mary Bratton

SUNDAY MORNING DUTIES

10 am

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Junior Church
5 Dec	John Lamb Sandy Smith	Rosemary Reid	Betty Morris, Dorothy Cruickshank	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid S or C Skinner Helen Smith Charlotte Lamb
12 Dec	Mary Bratton Jack Young	Betty Forrester	Rosemary Reid Doreen Buchan	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger S or C Skinner Joyce Fowlie Charlotte Lamb
19 Dec	Mary Bratton Jack Young	Beatrice Fawkes	CHRISTMAS BRUNCH	Nativity Service
26 Dec	Adrian Smith Robert Esson	Robert Esson	Alison Neilson Lewis McKechnie	Holiday
2 Jan	Adrian Smith Robert Esson	Betty Forrester	Wilma Moir Beatrice Fawkes	Holiday
9 Jan	Margaret Adams Jim MacDonald	Beatrice Fawkes	Iris Durno Sharon Clark	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger S or C Skinner Helen Smith Charlotte Lamb
16 Jan	Margaret Adams Jim MacDonald	Beatrice Fawkes	Margaret Jamieson Kathleen Craig	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid S or C Skinner Joyce Fowlie Charlotte Lamb
23 Jan	Marilyn Samways Robert Petticrew	Atholene Ritchie	Anne Cadey Fiona Stephen	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger S or C Skinner Mary Bratton Charlotte Lamb
30 Jan	Marilyn Samways Robert Petticrew	Violet Penny	Elma Cumming Marilyn Samways	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger S or C Skinner Helen Smith Charlotte Lamb

SMILE

Old lady at the Post Office counter Must I stick this stamp on myself? *Post Office Clerk* No – stick it on the envelope!



CHRISTMAS IN CRUDEN CHURCH

There will be a **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE** at the Old Church at 4 pm on **Sunday 12 December**. This service, where everyone present receives a Christingle (an orange with a candle) is particularly suitable for children to come to with their parents and grandparents and uncles and aunts and friends and .. who else .. O yes, you of course.

The Family Service on the **19th**. After the service, our annual **CHRISTMAS BRUNCH** will be served in the Hall.

*Season's
Greetings*

The Church will be open at 11:05 pm (**and not before!**) on **Christmas Eve** for the **WATCHNIGHT SERVICE** and as soon as enough people are in the church, carol singing will begin. The service will start around 11.30 pm, finishing at about 12.10 am.

The **CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE** will be held in the Church at 10 am. Children coming are invited to bring along one of their Christmas presents.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

The Kirk Session has a 3 year rota for the destination of the offerings at the **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day** services. A sequence of overseas charity, national charity and local charity is followed before starting again with an overseas charity. This year it is the turn of a local charity to be chosen and the elders have agreed that, in the light of current circumstances, the charity should be our own Cruden Parish Church 2010/2011 Property Project.



CHRISTingle service

in **Cruden CHURCH**

4 pm Sunday 12 December 2010
come along & bring a friend or two

an initiative of cruden parish junior church

THE YTHAN SINGERS
present

Towards Christmas

Sunday 5th December 2010
3.00pm
Cruden Old Parish Church
(Cruden Bay)
Conductor: Morag Paton
Organist: Rosemary Lund

Collection for Cruden Old Parish
Church Restoration Fund

**Peterhead
Choral
Society**

Christmas Concert

Sunday 5 December
at 7.30 pm in
Old Deer
Parish Church
including carols and
readings

Refreshments will be
served.

Admission by donation.

At a difficult time for the economy, when all the talk is of how the cutbacks will affect us in the months and years to come, it might be that some will feel a need to cut back this Christmas on their spending. What Christians should not cut back on at Christmas is the time that we spend focussing on a Saviour born in Bethlehem

WATCH and TALK GROUP 9th November

PALESTINE AND IRELAND !

This DVD appeared to be not so much about various religions and their histories but about Gerry Adams, the Irish politician and his need to come to terms with Jesus and his teachings and his own interpretation of them. He made a trip to the Holy Land accompanied by Helen Bond from Edinburgh University. During their visit there, Helen Bond cast doubts on the accuracy of many of the facts written in the Gospels, one example being that it has been suggested that Jesus was born in Nazareth and not Bethlehem. During the programme, Gerry Adams read out many passages from the Gospels pointing out that Jesus, during his teachings, always said we should turn the other cheek and forgiveness should be prevalent in our lives but in his case he implied that that only mattered in his private life but not as far as his public life was concerned.

This smacks of double standards which is perhaps not the way Jesus intended his teachings to come across. He seemed to be comparing the situation between Jerusalem and Palestine with the situation in Northern Ireland forgetting that the troubles in Jerusalem are based on religious problems, while in Ireland the situation is far more political so there is little or no comparison between the two.

Our next meeting is on Monday 10th January 2011 at 7.30 pm at the home of Mrs Marilyn Samways, 3 Main Street, Cruden Bay, where all old and new members will be made very welcome.

Jenny McGarrol

L I F E S T Y L E

Lord God, Father of us all; some of us talk glibly of a simple style of life. But, when a poor man takes a few coconuts from his rich neighbour's land to feed his children who are in need, that is robbery. According to law he can be convicted, perhaps even jailed! When a rich man lives in wanton luxury, spends infinitely more than he needs on food, clothes, amusement while others are starving, naked, wretched, that is fundamental right!

There is no law to convict them.

Forgive them for they know not what they do.

From 'Communicate' - the Church of North India

Task completed

On 4 November, the Rev Sheila Kirk of Alyth Parish Church was inducted as the new minister of Deer Parish Church and the Presbytery of Buchan discharged me from my responsibility as Interim Moderator. The vacancy was not as long as it might have been and certainly not as long as other vacancies in nearby churches. I have very much enjoyed my involvement with the members of Deer Church finding that, as in Cruden, the congregation is well served by some superb, committed officebearers. Obviously I will not be missing from the Cruden pulpit next year as much as I was this year nor will I have as many Wednesday evening meetings. While I will miss my contacts with folks from Deer, I am pleased to be able now to focus on one church and parish.

Rodger Neilson

Painting the Church

There was a Scottish painter named Smokey Macgregor who was very interested in making a penny where he could, so he often thinned down his paint to make it go a wee bit further.

As it happened, he got away with this for some time, but eventually the Baptist Church decided to do a big restoration job on the outside of one of their biggest buildings. Smokey put in a bid, and, because his price was so low, he got the job.

So he set about erecting the scaffolding and setting up the planks, and buying the paint and, yes, I am sorry to say, thinning it down with turpentine.

Well, Smokey was up on the scaffolding, painting away, the job nearly completed, when suddenly there was a horrendous clap of thunder, the sky opened, and the rain poured down washing the thinned paint from all over the church and knocking Smokey clear off the scaffold to land on the lawn among the gravestones, surrounded by telltale puddles of the thinned and useless paint.

Smokey was no fool. He knew this was a judgment from the Almighty, so he got down on his knees and cried: "Oh, God, Oh God, forgive me; what should I do?" And from the thunder, a mighty voice spoke.. (you're going to love this) ***"Repaint! Repaint! And thin no more!"***

NEWS FROM MALAWI



Mphatso M Nguluwe

Mphatso is a nurse by profession and has registration in both general and midwifery nursing. She is also a trained nurse tutor. Mphatso is now Director of Livingstonia Synod AIDS programme, this serves the churches and community providing the education, care and support programmes with links into the national AIDS control strategy.

Mphatso Nguluwe, who succeeded our former missionary partner Andy Gaston as Director of Livingstonia Synod AIDS programme in Malawi visited Fraserburgh Old Parish Church on 31 October and gave a whirlwind talk on her work in Malawi. Four members from Cruden Parish Church were present.

Mphatso expressed her gratitude for the support received from Scotland and Buchan in particular and she wants to maintain the strong links with the area and, as she said more than once, every little helps. Mphatso informed the congregation that she has a team of 48 staff and in the Livingstonia area there are 170,000 HIV/AIDS sufferers and 116,000 orphans that they have to try to care for, a momentous task by anyone's description. Many of the communities that they have to cater for are up to 100 kilometres from the hospital and travel is very difficult with many roads impassable at times and the only option for people is to walk.

The most vulnerable age group is those between 16 and 49 which is one of the reasons there are so many orphans. In many cases these orphans are being looked after by grandparents who do not have sufficient resources. Great advances have been made in the treatment of AIDS but the treatment has to begin as soon as possible and people need to have a sufficient diet for the drugs to work properly. For the lucky ones a good meal consists of maize porridge. There is much poverty and infinite challenges in the area and attempts are being made to educate people in health care and also seed and fertiliser are being given to communities to help them to become self sufficient and hopefully arrest the spread of AIDS.

Robert Esson

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STILL WANTED

The choir are looking for at least two ladies to join the soprano section. Interested?

WANTED

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is usually observed between 18 and 25 January and for the last 2 or 3 years some members of Cruden Church have taken an interest. Would you like to observe it on your own? Be involved in your own time and in your own way? See below and look out for fuller details in next month's Bulletin

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 2011

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is usually observed between 18 and 25 January but these dates need not be strictly kept.

Over 8 days, the 2011 theme, explored through readings and prayers. will be **“One in the apostles” - teaching, fellowship, breaking of bread and prayer** (from Acts 2 : 42 – 47). This theme is a call back to the origins of the first church in Jerusalem; it is a call for inspiration and renewal, a return to the essentials of the faith; it is a call to remember the time when the church was still one.

Day 1 -The Church in Jerusalem

Day 2 -Many members in One Body

Day 3 -Devotion to the Apostles' Teaching Unites Us

Day 4 -Sharing, an Expression of Our Unity

Day 5 -Breaking the Bread in Hope

Day 6 -Empowered to Action in Prayer

Day 7 -Living in Resurrection Faith

Day 8 -Called for the Service of Reconciliation