

**CRUDEN
PARISH
CHURCH**

**BULLETIN
MARCH 2011**

ANNUAL STATED MEETING

of

CRUDEN PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 6 March 2011

(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 Kathryn Anderson, Mrs Mary McNaughtan, Mrs Sarah Paterson.

Those who continue to serve on our Session Committees are:

Miss Margaret Adams, Mrs Liz Carnie, Mrs Mary Coutts,
Mrs Rosemary Reid, 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 2011

EACH WEEK

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

Fairtrade Fortnight

28 February – 13 March

Wednesday 2nd	:	Coffee and Chat	10.30 am	Hall
		Choir Practice	7.30 pm	Hall
Friday 4th	:	WORLD DAY OF PRAYER	7.00 pm	Congregational Church
Sunday 6th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Church
		Annual Stated Meeting		
Sunday 13th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Church
Monday 14th	:	Watch and Talk Group	7.30 pm	
		in the home of Marilyn Samways, Burnview, Cruden Bay		
Tuesday 17th	:	Guild Presbyterian Council AGM	7.30 pm	Strichen Church
Sunday 20th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Church
Monday 21st	:	Kirk Session	7.30 pm	Hall
Wednesday 23rd	:	Choir Practice	7.30 pm	Hall
Sunday 27th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10 00 am	Church
		Sacrament of Holy Communion		
		Service conducted by the Rev Fred Coutts		
Monday 28th	:	The Guild	7.30 pm	Hall
		George Cruickshank	Scotland's Mountains	

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Church attenders have the opportunity to support Fairtrade during the designated fortnight (28 Feb to 13 March) when a stall will be available on Sundays 27 Feb and 6 March.

THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL COME OUT ON **27 MARCH**. Copy for inclusion to be handed in to the Manse as soon as possible.

PARISH REGISTER

*(denotes church member)

Nothing to Report

**HOLY
COMMUNION**



**27 March
10 am**

Duty Elders Irene Will, Adrian Smith, Mary Bratton,
Peter Slamaker, Kathleen Craig, Betty Smith, Annette Garden,
Kathleen Clark, Shonah Taylor, Robert Petticrew.

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 2 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.

MARCH HYMN BOOK - CH4

CHRISTIAN

**ONE-
LINERS**

*People are funny; they want the front of the bus,
the middle of the road, and the back of the
church.*

*Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited
until you try to sit in their pews.*

SUNDAY MORNING DUTIES 10 am

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Children
6 Mar	Sandy Beedie Annette Garden	Iris Durno	Dorothy Cruickshank Rosemary Reid	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid S or C Skinner Joyce Fowlie Charlotte Lamb
13 Mar	Sandy Beedie Annette Garden	Lewis McKechnie	Alison Neilson Sharon Clark	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger S or C Skinner Mary Bratton Charlotte Lamb
20 Mar	Betty Forrester Michael Buchan	Beatrice Fawkes	Betty Morris Kathleen Craig	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger S or C Skinner Helen Smith Charlotte Lamb
27 Mar	Betty Forrester Michael Buchan	Jean Beedie	Doreen Buchan Iris Durno	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid S or C Skinner Joyce Fowlie Charlotte Lamb
3 Apr	Kathleen Craig Iris Durno	Mary McNaughtan	Wilma Moir Margaret Adams	Easter Holidays
10 Apr	Kathleen Craig Iris Durno	Helen Fowlie	Anne Cadey Lewis McKechnie	Easter Holidays
17 Apr	Rosemary Reid Joyce Willox	Elma Watson	Margaret Jamieson Elizabeth Bruce	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger C or S Skinner Mary Bratton Charlotte Lamb
24 Apr	Rosemary Reid Joyce Willox	Norma Forman	Betty Forrester Norma Forman	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger S or C Skinner Helen Smith Charlotte Lamb

CRUDEN CHURCHES WALKING GROUP

Good walks, good venues and good company are all in this year's walks, full details of which will be in the April Bulletin. The first walk is on Sunday 27 March starting at Clola, past Jamie Fleeman's Pot and Lenabo. This is a 6 mile walk but a shorter route is possible, all on good roads. We will leave the Church Hall at 11.30 am so come and join us, bring a picnic. For further details please contact me on 01771 624280.

Robert Petticrew

FROM THE MINISTER 23 February 2011

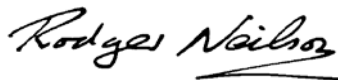
Dear Friends

Our return to the Old Church at the end of January was affected by heating problems which are thankfully resolved. The remaining bills for all that has been done in the church, including work on the roof, electrical work, treatment of wet rot and decorating, are now being paid and the total is approximately £33,000. Our fund raising and grants are short of that figure but we hope to make it up through the reclaim of income tax on donations received and also the reclaim of VAT through the Listed Buildings for Worship Scheme.

However, we have not made any progress on replacing the windows.

Our grant application to the Scottish Churches Architectural Heritage Trust did not find favour because the Trustees did not consider what we had proposed was suitable for the listed building. However, they are funding a consultant to give us advice so I presume if we follow the advice, a grant will be forthcoming. We will also make further application for financial assistance from the Church of Scotland General Trustees. I am sure I do not need to say that it is important our own fundraising continues and you will see information about a forthcoming event below.

Your friend and minister



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An evening of music and fun for everyone in aid
of the

Cruden Parish Church 2011 Property Project
in Cruden Parish Church

on Tuesday 19 April at 7.30 pm

Donations welcome on entry

CRUDEN CHURCH GUILD

Monday 31 January

The first meeting of the New Year was well attended. We had a prayer, and a reading. Then Rosemary introduced Mr Alan Gray, our speaker for the evening. He was most enthusiastic as he talked of his fifty mile trek across the Sahara Desert. The slide show just added to the evening, with all the colour and mystery of Africa. After the vote of thanks, we had a welcome cup of tea. Rosemary then wished everyone a safe journey home.

The next meeting of the Guild will be on Monday 28 February in the hall. The guest speaker will be the Rev Stephen Emery of Ellon Parish Church. All are welcome to come along to the hall at 7.30. On Monday 28 March, the guest speaker is George Cruickshank, Cruden Bay and his subject is Scotland's Mountains.

Lorraine Neilson

2010 ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

All Church of Scotland congregations are obliged to present an Annual Report which involves more than the presentation of figures. The Kirk Session has decided that because of the size of the annual report, only the two page summary in the middle of the March Bulletin will be issued to members. A full copy of the Annual Report can be had from the church welcome area or by requesting a copy from the Treasurer.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

As many of you know, I sadly lost my Mum (Vena Hockell) last year to cancer. I felt I wanted to do something for her and therefore I have decided to run the Edinburgh Marathon on 22 May this year for Macmillan Cancer Support. I am well into my training for my second attempt at the marathon distance. My first attempt was in New York in 2007, the same year Mum was diagnosed. My goal is to better my time for the distance and help a brilliant and worthwhile charity at the same time. I have set up a Just Giving page to make sponsoring me easier. So I am asking you to help me raise as much as I can for Macmillan, who provided support and friendship to us right to the end of Mum's fight. You can find my page here: <http://www.justgiving.com/Legs-of-Lamb>

Sian Lamb

WATCH AND TALK GROUP

14th February 2011

The Daughters of Eve, that is the title of the DVD we watched this month. Bethany Hughes presented the programme choosing to concentrate her talk on some of the women mentioned in the Bible who could perhaps be described as "Femmes Fatales" though digging deeper into their characters they were not all as seemed to be.

Take Deborah for example, she was certainly no Femme Fatale. She was in fact a female prophet and judge, whose advice and guidance was sought by many and she only became a fighting warrior, going into battle against the Canaanites, because Barak would not fight without her. That surely does not qualify her for the title of a temptress. Then we have Bathsheba wife of Uriah who was seen bathing by King David and, seeing her beauty, he immediately lusted after her. He requested she visit him and they became lovers. David arranged for her husband to be killed in battle and then took Bathsheba for his wife. Surely David, in this case, was the tempter.

These are only two of the Biblical women Ms Hughes talked about. There were others eg Jezebel, whose fault was being a Phoenician Princess married to Ahab. She was a worshipper of the God Baal which did not go down well with the people of Israel.

We hear occasionally about Mary, mother of Jesus and in some places she became a cult and went from the mother of Jesus to being the Mother of God, credited with spiritual and physical powers. Mary Magdalene was also conspicuous by her absence. One other missing woman is one who definitely deserves the title of Temptress and that is Delilah. Samson fell foul of her as she used her womanly wiles to bring about his downfall.

Missing from the programme were many of the good women mentioned in the Bible such as Ruth, Esther and Naomi to name just three. Perhaps Ms Hughes wanted to accentuate the sex side of life as written in the Bible as that is what the DVD seemed to concentrate on. We should always remember that the Daughters of Eve came in many different characters, both good and bad.

I have to add a personal note to this report. Bessie Sandison and I were treated to a surprise tea party to celebrate our birthdays, the well kept secret came to light when we were each presented with a Birthday cake complete with burning candles though not, I may add, with 90 and 80 candles in number!! We extended our grateful thanks to Marilyn Samways and Robert Esson who were, apparently, at the root of the wonderful surprise.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 14th March at 7.30 pm at the home of Mrs Marilyn Samways, 3 Main Street, Cruden Bay. All will be welcome.

Jenny McGarrol



THE MAGAZINE OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

From 121 to Kabul The Rev Dr Marjory Maclean, former Depute Clerk, became the first Reservist Naval chaplain to be formally mobilised when she was sent firstly to a NATO anti-piracy task force in the Gulf of Aden, then to Afghanistan in the autumn. Marjory shares her reflections on her return.

Did Jesus Really Rise from the Dead? In the first of a three-part series, the Rev James Martin examines the origin and spread of belief.

MARCH ISSUE

The Word Renewed Lynne McNeil looks back to the publication of the New English Version New Testament in March 1961.

Understanding and Reading In the second part of the Biblefresh series, David Miller looks at the need for Bible training.

The Journey The Very Rev Dr James Simpson looks at the significance of Ash Wednesday

A Thoroughly Democratic Organisation The Rev Fiona Mathieson argues for a more positive perception of the church's administration.

Mars and Mozart Iain McLarty asks how our worship can engage with the 'non-churched'.

View from the Pew Anne Corbett reflects on the 'missing' people in church.

Plus all the usual columnists, and features, letters, reviews and crosswords – all for just £1.80

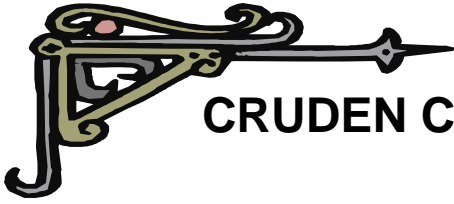
Anyone wishing to subscribe to this most interesting and informative magazine of the Church of Scotland should contact: Mrs Isobel Young Tel: Cruden Bay 812360

EKWENDENI

In the past year Betty Forrester and I have sent 25 parcels to Ekwendeni Hospital. £100 has also been donated to The Raven Trust to help pay for the transport of the boxes. Some members of our church attended a fund raising Soup and Sweet at Trinity Church Peterhead in the autumn when John Challis gave a talk on the work of the Trust in Malawi. He passed on the thanks of those at Ekwendeni Hospital who benefit from the gifts donated by the local churches in the Peterhead area. We were able to watch a video and see a display of photos showing the boxes we send arriving at Ekwendeni.

The needs list still include Marigold and disposable gloves, tools and books for the schools and colleges. We were assured that, if correctly labelled, our boxes can be sent to the Blytheswood store by the van which visits Peterhead monthly. The boxes are then collected by John Challis and taken to Strachur for transport to Africa in containers. I would like to express a most sincere thanks to all in our church who continue to give knitted baby jackets, blankets, hats and scarves and other goods to fill our boxes.

Annette Garden

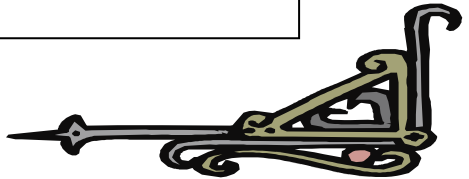


CRUDEN CHURCH FAMILY

to **Mr Lewis McKechnie, 9 Danesburgh Cottages, Cruden Bay** who will be celebrating his 80th Birthday this month.

to **Mr & Mrs Ross, 25 Main Street, Cruden Bay**, who will be celebrating their Golden Wedding this month.

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



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

7 pm Friday 4th March Congregational Church

On Friday, March 4, Christian women of Chile, 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. People from the Christian communities in over 180 countries have the opportunity to worship and pray on the common theme "*How many loaves have you?*"

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.

On March 4, 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."

DESK CALENDARS

The sum of £127 for the 2010/2011 Property Project was raised from the sale of desk calendars made by Mary Coutts. Due to the weather conditions only a limited amount was sold. Thanks to all who bought one.