

# THE BULLETIN

CRUDEN  
PARISH  
CHURCH

OCTOBER  
2011

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# DIARY DATES

## OCTOBER 2011

### EACH WEEK

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

- Sunday 2nd : MORNING SERVICE 10.00 am
- Wednesday 5th : Time for Chat and Coffee 10.30 am Hall  
: Choir Practice 7.30 pm Hall
- Sunday 9th : **HARVEST THANKSGIVING SUNDAY** 10.00 am  
Guild Dedication Service
- Monday 10th : Watch & Talk Group 7.30 pm at the home of  
Marilyn Samways, Burnview, Main Street, Cruden Bay
- Sunday 16th : MORNING SERVICE 10.00 am  
Cruden Churches Walk 11.30 am Strichen
- Monday 17th : Kirk Session 7.30pm Hall
- Wednesday 19th : Choir Practice 7.30 pm Hall
- Sunday 23rd : MORNING SERVICE 10.00 am
- Sunday 30th : MORNING SERVICE 10.00 am
- Monday 31st : The Guild 7.30 pm Hall  
Robert Esson - Madagascar

### HARVEST

**This year our Harvest Thanksgiving Service is on 9 October. The church will be suitably decorated but we do not want people to bring harvest gifts. Instead, please do your best to bring a friend with you that day.**

**HYMN BOOK THIS MONTH WILL BE CH4**

## ***FROM THE MINISTER 22 September 2011***

Dear Friends

It was good to see the scaffolding come down at the Church and to have the repair of the stairwell tower completed. With the church doors repainted, the notice board scrubbed and a fresh supply of chuckies around the front of the church, it is certainly looking so much better! Until, of course you look at the east wall and see the temporary windows. The Council had given to the end of September for comments to be submitted and it is hoped that we shall very quickly receive the listed building consent to enable us to have the windows replaced before winter truly sets in. Then the focus will again be on seeking grants to replace the other windows. In the meantime, thanks are due to all who are supporting the fundraising (see the next page for an update).

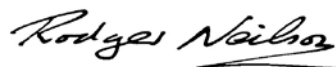
For people to grow in faith, Christian Education is vital. So I am happy to announce an Adult Sunday School series which will start on 23 October and this time run for three weeks until 6 November. As usual it will be at 11.30 am in the church following the opportunity for refreshment after the morning service. The title of this series is  
**THE FAITH DOCUMENTS OF THE CHURCH**

We shall look at

- The Bible – what does it mean to say it is inspired?
- The early Christians creeds – largely responsible for determining the faith which the church professes even today
- The Westminster Confession – to which ministers and elders still have to subscribe
- Attempts to provide modern statements of faith.

Why not come along and enjoy and learn!

Your friend and minister



### **SPECIAL SERVICES IN OCTOBER**

16 October	Admission of New Communicants
30 October	Sacrament of Baptism

# PARISH REGISTER

\*denotes Cruden Parish Church member

## DEATH

\*Miss Margaret Mutch, Olive Cottage, Hatton.

## BAPTISM

Lennox Malcolm, 14 Serald Street, Cruden Bay.

## WEDDING

**17 Sept**

Scott Hutton, Meikle Auchechoch, Maud.  
Kay Cumming, Tillydesk, Ellon.

THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL COME OUT  
ON **30 October**. Copy for inclusion to be handed in to  
the Manse as soon as possible.

## REMINDER TO THOSE ON SUNDAY DUTY

If unable to do door duty, please inform the Minister - 841229. This should be done by the preceding Friday to allow correct names to be listed on the service order. 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 passing on the information as appropriate.

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## REMINDER TO THOSE USING WFO ENVELOPES

It is very helpful that, on any Sunday you attend, you hand in one envelope which can include what you might have put into envelopes for Sundays you missed.

## Cruden Church Coffee and Chat

(with homemade pancakes)

in Old Hall on Wednesday

on 5 October at 10.30 am to 12 noon

ALL ARE WELCOME

# SUNDAY MORNING DUTIES

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas
2 Oct	Dorothy Cruickshank John Lamb	Rosemary Reid	Wilma Moir Fiona Stephen
9 Oct	Dorothy Cruickshank John Lamb	Betty Forrester	Margaret Adams Anne Cadey
16 Oct	Betty May Betty Forrester	Joyce Willox	Beatrice Fawkes Margaret Jamieson
23 Oct	Betty May Betty Forrester	Marina Bruce	Marilyn Samways Norma Forman
30 Oct	Marilyn Samways Robert Petticrew	Norma Forman	Betty Forrester Jim MacDonald
6 Nov	Marilyn Samways Robert Petticrew	Jean Beedie	Sharon Clark Wilma Moir
13 Nov	Shonah Taylor Robert Esson	Rosemary Pittendrigh	<b>NO TEAS</b>
20 Nov	Shonah Taylor Robert Esson	Mary McNaughtan	Kathleen Craig Elma Cumming
27 Nov	Sarah Paterson Lewis McKechnie	Marilyn Samways	Elizabeth Bruce Liz Carnie

Date	Children	Date	Children	Date	Children
2 Oct	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Colin Skinner Charlotte Lamb	30 Oct	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger Helen Smith Charlotte Lamb	6 Nov	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Colin Skinner Charlotte Lamb
13 Nov	Remembrance Sunday	20 Nov	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger Helen Smith Charlotte Lamb	27 Nov	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Colin Skinner Charlotte Lamb

## NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

**There will be a quiz in the Church Hall on Friday 4 November. Plans are being considered for a Burns Supper on 21 January.**

# PROJECT FUNDRAISING

**Favourite Hymns CD** A regular attender at Cruden Church, William Morgan from Links View, Cruden Bay, fulfilled a long held ambition to make a CD of popular hymns played on his M.I.D.I. Accordion. To help us in our fundraising for new windows, he donated a number of copies. Marilyn Samways co-ordinated their sale at £10 each and so far over £500 has been raised for our Project Fund. We are very grateful to William for his generosity.

**Cake and Candy Stall** This venture, after morning service on the first Sunday of the summer months, raised a magnificent £520. We are most grateful to Beatrice Fawkes whose idea it was and who organised the stall and to all who donated to and bought from the stall on the various Sundays.

## **In the Near Future**

**Our Gourmet Roup is on Saturday 1 October at 7.30 pm in Hatton Public Hall. Entrance is £5 per person including wine and nibbles. It is not too late to get your ticket.**

A Gourmet Roup is where kind folk donate food for auction e.g. jam, sticky toffee pudding, trifles, baking, vegetables, meat etc. made up into saleable lots. Then generous people come and bid for it. Items for sale will be accepted from 4 pm at the Hall. Contact Muriel Cantlay (841219) for further details and tickets.

It is not too late to sponsor the minister and his wife's walking the 96 miles of the West Highland Way. Elders now have forms to enlist sponsors and more are available in the Church Welcome Area. Anyone who can invite their friends and family to sponsor should help themselves to a form. Starting on 26 September, the minister is hoping to be fit enough at the end of the walk to conduct the service on 2 October. We'll see!

**Quiz Reminder** Copies of the quiz sheet of girls' names and Scottish place names are still available and entries have to be submitted to Irene Stott by 27 October.

# **CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL**

**Can you help us brighten someone's Christmas?**

Parcels can be left with Rosemary Reid 11 Manse Rd Hatton or brought to the church.

**Closing date for parcels 31/10/2011**

**Do you hate covering the box?**

Junior Church members are willing to make covered boxes available for a small donation. Any spare boxes and Christmas paper would be very welcome.

## **Mary Bratton's COFFEE DAY for MacMillan Cancer Support**

is on again this year on FRIDAY 7 OCTOBER

(a week after the official date of the 'Biggest Coffee Morning'!)

10 am - 4 pm at 169 Braehead Drive, Cruden Bay.

Prizes for TOMBOLA welcome!

P.S. Last year's total was £1,251 - Magnificent!!

## **Support for Malawi**

During 2010, 25 boxes were sent to Ekwendeni Hospital, Malawi and so far this year 6 boxes, and one large suitcase, have been sent. 6 more will go shortly. The contents are mostly of knitted garments, baby jackets, children's jumpers, blankets etc, but used sheets and blankets have also been donated.

The Blytheswood Trust are still taking our goods to be stored and collected by the Raven Trust, the charity which transports them by containers to Africa, at a cost of about £10 per box. To help pay for the transport of our boxes, a donation of £100 was made to the Raven Trust last year and at the present time the Malawi Account stands at £1,170.64

Information on the work of the Raven Trust, and the needs which the trust identifies, is made available through the News Link news letter which is posted on the notice board in the Church Hall.

*Annette Garden*

## POINTS TO PONDER

When a man does a noble act, date him from that. Forget his faults. Let his noble act be the standpoint from which you regard him

A mistake at least proves somebody stopped talking long enough to do something.

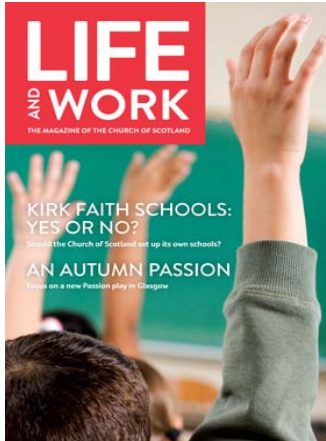


Some people give and forgive; others get and forget.

Formula for youth – keep your enthusiasms, and forget your birthdays.

Do you see *difficulties* in every *opportunity* or *opportunities* in every *difficulty*.

Happiness is possible only when one is busy. The body must toil, the mind must be occupied, and the heart must be satisfied. Those who do good as opportunity offers, are sowing seed all the time, and they need not doubt the harvest.



## IN OCTOBER'S ISSUE

**Faith Schools** Dr Harry Reid and the Rev Ewan Aitken discuss whether the Church of Scotland should set up its own schools.

**Part of the Team** The Moderator explains why people are the Church's best resource.

**A Box of Blessings** Graham Fender-Allison introduces a resource which seeks to find new ways of talking to God.

**The Growing Church** Thomas Baldwin discovers 'a work in progress' in Penicuik.

**Bridges Between Testaments** In the first of six studies the Very Rev Gilleasbuig Macmillan asks what it means to be human.

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

*If you would like to read Life & Work, the magazine of the Church of Scotland, contact Isobel Young on 812360*



# CHURCH WALK

## 18 September Cults to Duthie Park

The outward section along the River Dee had to be discounted due to the proliferation of invasive head-high weeds along the river bank, and a shortened walk from Cults was put in its place.

Having assembled at the Inchgarth Reservoir, we took a brief look at the bird life on the booms, the gulls outnumbering any wigeon, grebe or ducks counted on an earlier recce.

Along the road, the rusting Shakkin Briggie evoked childhood memories for Shonah and Beatrice, its then unsafe condition putting it out of bounds for them. A short climb up the Den of Cults and Station Road took us up to the former Deeside railway line. We reached Pitfodels Station before giving up in the face of worsening thundery rain, determined, however, to redo the whole walk when underfoot and overhead conditions are better.

The warmth of the Winter Gardens at Duthie Park enabled us to dry out fully and we sped from there to the Cock and Bull where we enjoyed strawberries and freshly baked scones with our teas.

The last walk in this year's programme is to Strichen on 16 October.

*Margaret Wisely*

If any of our members still have any old copies of Yellow Pages to throw out, please bring them along to the church or hand them in to the Manse. The Minister will take them to Hatton School where they will be used for a project the children are undertaking.

## HOME COMMUNION



The minister is always willing to visit those unable to get to church to offer them Holy Communion. He intends doing this in the middle of October. Anyone wishing to avail themselves of this opportunity should contact their elder or the minister.

## FAIRTRADE STALL

*Wilma Moir and Beatrice Fawkes have organised a Fairtrade Stall for Sundays 9 October (Harvest Thanksgiving) and 16 October. It is hoped that once again you will find your favourite products there, thus supporting farmers and their families all over the world.*

# WATCH & TALK GROUP - 12 September

## THE HISTORY OF CREATION

Howard Jacobson - a non-practising Jew - went into great detail about Creation as written in the Bible. Do we actually accept what is written in the Bible about Creation?

Perhaps early civilisations accepted the written word because they had no reason to question it, but then there was no Darwin around to test their beliefs against his theory of evolution, something which cannot be ignored.

It is generally believed that God spoke to Moses and told him of how he created the Universe and instructed him to teach the Jews to believe in Him as the one and only God. Moses did as instructed and we can presume the Jews obeyed Moses' teachings. However, hundreds of years later the Jews were exiled from Jerusalem and taken to Babylon as prisoners of the Babylonians and at that time they were worshipping many Gods, so when did they begin to practice in believing in just one God? It appears that on gaining their freedom and returning to Jerusalem the Jews finally accepted that there is only one God. This belief also applies to Christians and Muslims.

There is food for thought however, when Stephen Hawking, in his book 'A Brief History of Time' suggests that the Universe was created when the Big Bang occurred. He does, when he summarises his theories, concede that 'if we can answer the question why it is that we and the Universe exist, we would then know the mind of God'

Our next Meeting will be on Monday, October 10th at 3 Main Street, Cruden Bay at 7.30 pm. The DVD to be watched is called 'Fix my Family' All old and new members will be made very welcome.

*Jenny McGarrol*

### **SMILE**

*TEACHER : Glen, why do you always get so dirty?*

*GLEN : Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground.*

*TEACHER : Millie, give me a sentence starting with "I"*

*MILLIE : I is .... TEACHER : No, Millie .... Always say, "I am".*

*MILLIE : All right. "I am the ninth letter of the alphabet."*

*TEACHER : Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago. WINNIE : Me!*

# SONGS FOR AFRICA CONCERT

Remember the recent horrific scenes from Africa shown on our TVs particularly the plight of young helpless children? Here is another opportunity to help. This concert is being performed in Bathgate on the 28th, Aberdeen on the 29th and now also in Cruden Church on

**Sunday 30 October starting at 7.30 pm.**

The concert is being given by the Rev Carol Anne Parker (piano), Fraserburgh West l/w Rathen West; Rev Stephen Brown (guitar), Fraserburgh URC, both of whom are gifted musicians and song-writers. The majority of the songs performed are written by Stephen or Carol Anne

and they are meant to ask questions easy answers. along and enjoy remember – your own. Bring neighbour to evening of song



reflective songs encourage folk to without settling for Why not come the evening but don't come on a friend or enjoy a relaxed and friendship.

*(Picture credit - Alison Kennedy (Fraserburgh Herald))*

**DONATIONS INVITED FOR THE  
SAVE THE CHILDREN'S AFRICA APPEAL  
TEA, COFFEE AND EATS WILL BE AVAILABLE**

## MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP

The MAF Day of Prayer this year is 16 October. MA has been responding to the situation in East Africa by flying in support for aid agencies, missions and government officials travelling to and from refugee camps. Both in Somalia, South Sudan and in Kenya, MAF has been working hard in the relief efforts, sometimes delivering to remote villages and isolated communities tons of food which will be distributed by Save the Children.

Our Session Clerk, Robert Esson, is a local representative for MAF and will have more information about its work.