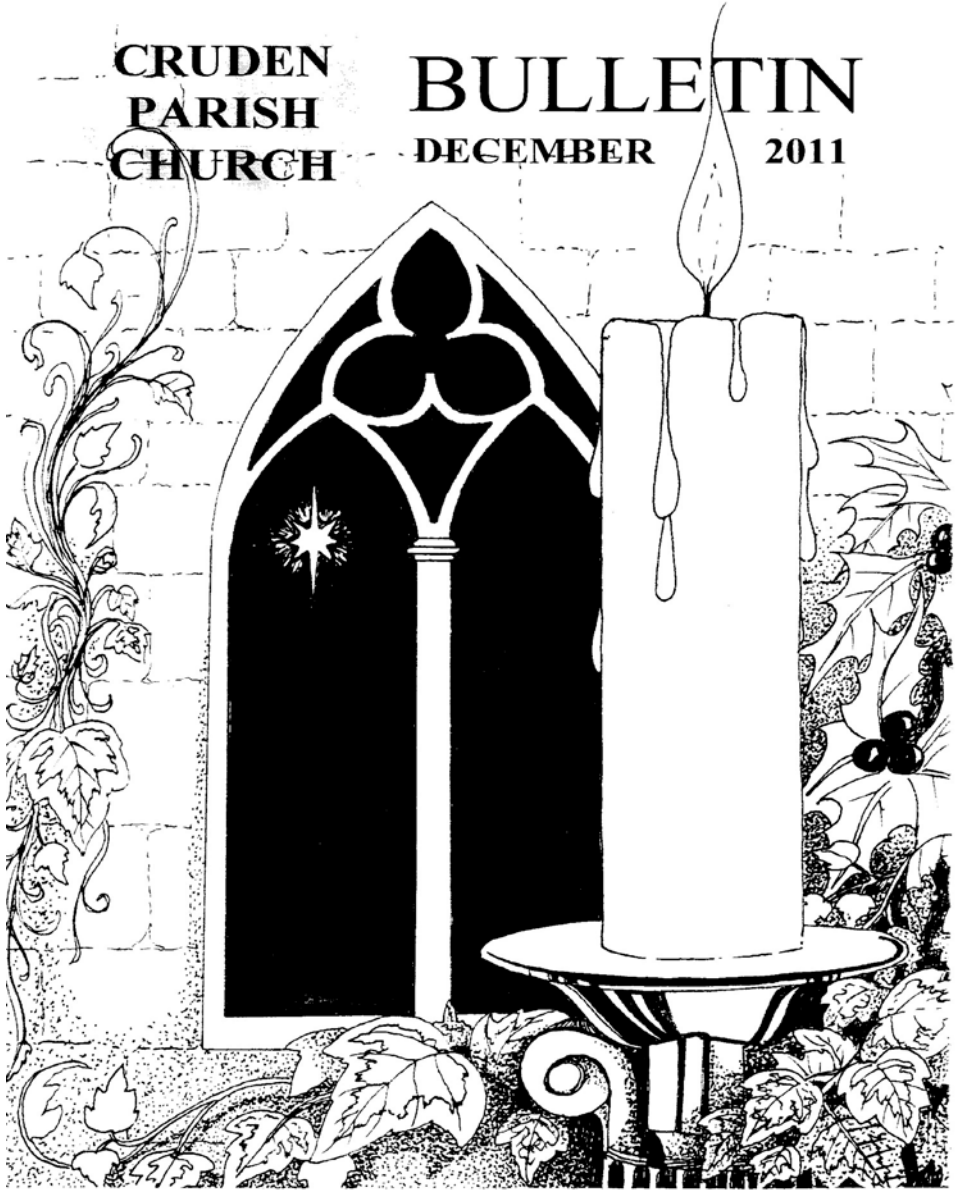


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# DIARY DATES

# DECEMBER 2011

## EACH WEEK

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

Sunday 4th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	
		conducted by the Rev Fred Coutts		
Wednesday 7th	:	Coffee and Chat	10.30 am	Hall
		Choir Practice	7.30 pm	Hall
Sunday 11th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	
		YTHAN SINGERS CONCERT	3.00 pm	
		(in aid of our Property Project)		
Monday 12th	:	The Guild Christmas Meal	7.00 pm	St Olaf
Sunday 18th	:	FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE	10.00 am	
		followed by Christmas Brunch in the Hall		
		CHRISTINGLE SERVICE	4.00 pm	
Wednesday 21st	:	Choir Practice	7.30 pm	Hall
Saturday 24th	:	WATCHNIGHT SERVICE	11.30 pm	
Sunday 25th	:	CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE	10.00 am	
		Sacrament of Baptism		

## DECEMBER HYMN BOOK - CH4

## LIFE and WORK

**Please note that Life & Work is to cost the same next year and those who subscribe are asked to return to the Treasurer as soon as convenient £17.50 for payment of next year's subscription**

## MINISTERIAL COVER

**The minister will be on holiday until 9 December. Anyone wishing the services of a minister before then should contact the Rev Sheila**

**Kirk, Old Deer (01771 623582) or alternatively you may, in the first instance, contact the Session Clerk, Robert Esson (01779 812206)**

# PARISH REGISTER

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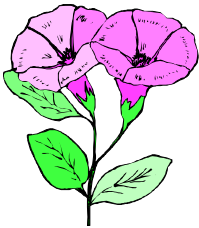
## DEATH

\*Mr Wallace Donaldson, 161 Braehead Drive, Cruden Bay.

## TO THOSE ON SUNDAY DUTY

If unable to do door duty, please inform the Minister - 841229. 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 the Minister or Wilma as appropriate.

## 2012 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 **25 DECEMBER**. Copy for inclusion to be handed in to the Manse as soon as possible.

## FUND RAISING UPDATE

Well done to Irene Stott for organising the quiz on girls' names and Scottish place names and raising £175.50. First all correct entry drawn was from Mrs Thomson, Balmedie; 2nd was Mrs Fulton, Cruden Bay and 3rd was Mrs Kidd, Fetterangus.

The quiz night in the Church Hall on 4 November raised £166. Thanks are due to quizmaster, Jon Roberts, scorer Rosemary Pittendrigh and the Social Committee for a most relaxed and enjoyable evening.

Finally, at the latest count the West Highland Way sponsored walk by the minister and his wife has raised in the region of £3,000 and they are most grateful to all who made their effort so worthwhile.

# SUNDAY MORNING DUTIES 10 am

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Junior Church
4 Dec	Sarah Paterson Lewis McKechnie	Rosemary Reid	Dorothy Cruickshank Betty Morris	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger Helen Smith Charlotte Lamb
11 Dec	Mary Bratton Iris Durno	Betty Forrester	Rosemary Reid Doreen Buchan	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Colin Skinner Charlotte Lamb
18 Dec	Mary Bratton Iris Durno	Beatrice Fawkes	<b>CHRISTMAS BRUNCH</b>	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger Helen Smith Charlotte Lamb
25 Dec	Alison Neilson Mary McNaughtan	Robert Esson	<b>NO TEAS</b>	<b>Holiday</b>
1 Jan	Alison Neilson Mary McNaughtan		Wilma Moir Beatrice Fawkes	<b>Holiday</b>
8 Jan	Margaret Adams Sandy Smith		Iris Durno Sharon Clark	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Colin Skinner Charlotte Lamb
15 Jan	Margaret Adams Sandy Smith		Margaret Jamieson Kathleen Craig	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger Helen Smith Charlotte Lamb
22 Jan	Annette Garden Isobel Young		Fiona Stephen Anne Cadey	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Colin Skinner Charlotte Lamb
29 Jan	Annette Garden Isobel Young		Elma Cumming Marilyn Samways	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger Helen Smith Charlotte Lamb

## THANK YOU

**Macmillan Nursing** Thank you to all who supported this year's Macmillan coffee day at 169 Braehead Drive on Friday 7 October. £1,330 was raised.

*Mary Bratton*

## ***FROM THE MINISTER 5 November 2011***

Dear Friends

I enjoyed the concert in our church at the end of October, given by Carol Ann Parker and Stephen Brown, both ministers from Fraserburgh and obviously gifted song writers. All the songs sung they had written themselves, songs to encourage us to think about life and all its problems and all their solutions. The Save the Children Fund benefited from this concert which was part of a wider initiative by these two ministers to draw attention to and support the appeal last summer for the plight of the homeless and hungry millions in East Africa, a problem that continues even though it is not so prominent now on our TV screens.

The next concert in our church will benefit our own fundraising for new windows. The Ythan Singers concert last December was cancelled because of the snow so they are coming on 11 December this year and I know many will be looking forward to that afternoon. And speaking of these windows .....

Yet another year is drawing to a close. I would not have been the only one who started the year with high hopes that the work that started last year and spilled over into 2011 would be quickly completed. But as you know, we have been on a roller coaster ride as far as the windows are concerned to the extent that we shall be finishing the year not much further on.

It has taken longer than expected to get the Listed Building Planning Consent for new windows and it looks as if they temporary windows will still be in place as we begin 2012. I accept this is an unsatisfactory position to be in but I do not despair for I know that however long it takes, we shall get there and we shall get things right.

At least we can look back at the successful tackling of the problems with the east church tower and also the redecorating of the hall.

May God bless you and all your loved ones this Christmas.

Your friend and minister

*Rodger Nairn*



## CRUDEN CHURCH FAMILY

### CONGRATULATIONS

to **Mr & Mrs Sandy Murray, Bogbrae Smithy**, who will be celebrating their Ruby Wedding this month.

The minister would welcome, in writing please, any news for this feature in the Bulletin. He feels that it should not simply be a list of anniversaries and birthdays.



## THINK ON THESE THINGS

Nothing contributes so much to tranquilise the mind as a steady purpose – a point on which the soul may fix its intellectual eye.

*A loving heart is the truest wisdom.*

If we all did the things we are capable of, we would astound ourselves.

*Life is a great big canvas, and you should throw all the paint you can on it.*

A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds.

*Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined.*

If we do not plant knowledge when young, it will give us no shade when we are old.

*Change your thoughts and you change your world.*

Think of all the beauty still left around you and be happy.

*The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard, but must be felt with the heart.*

The whole point of being alive is to evolve into the complete person you were intended to be.

*You will never find time for anything. If you want the time, you must make it.*

# Church of Scotland

## National Youth Assembly

*Readers of Life and Work will already have seen a report on this year's Youth Assembly. Now is the chance for all Bulletin readers to get the inside story from one of our own members who attended the Assembly*

The first weekend of September (Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> till Monday 5<sup>th</sup>) was an important time for me, for the simple reason that I was going, for the second year running, to the National Youth Assembly (NYA) held in Stirling University. I was looking forward to meeting up with all the people I had befriended last year and also befriending new people, sharing fellowship with all the assembled young Christians and having my faith strengthened by all these wonderful people believing the same as me.

I was barely on the train when I discovered that someone in the same carriage was also going to the NYA (this was their first time) and I was happy to spend the time on the train chatting to her about life and NYA and watching comedy dvds on her laptop. Arriving in Stirling and taking the bus to the university, we settled into all our rooms then hung out for a while in the atrium of the university until dinner.

After dinner, we met up for our first small group session. On the other days these small group sessions would be used to discuss the issues that we were debating, however this one was to get to know the other members of our small group. Later in the evening we had opening worship and welcomes from the NYA moderator, the General Assembly (GA) moderator and some of the staff co-ordinators. After that was a late evening quiz, run by a senior NYA delegate, which included running around, shouting and drawing in addition to a lot of trivia questions. Last thing on the Friday was a concert by Awaken, a Christian rock band, who were excellent – so good that I bought their EP after the concert!

The next day after breakfast we got the choice of four mini worships representing our relationship with God based on Mind, Soul, Body and Heart. I chose the Worship with Heart which involved writing down our feelings for God in a prayer. We then had a larger worship and a thought-provoking talk from John Bell from the Iona Community, about how God, after creating the world said it was good, not perfect and how for a person to be whole then they must touch and have contact with those whom society consider abnormal or unhealthy. Then after a break we got down to business with a presentation given by the Guild on the Sexualisation and Commercialisation of Children before working on coming up with deliverances in our small groups. After a lazy lunch we had several workshops to choose from. I chose a workshop about Grace led by Mark Cameron, the frontman of Awaken, the band from Friday night. After another short break we, in small groups, looked at the final deliverances we were going to



debate, followed by the debate itself. The debate was really quite long (it was a controversial issue, no surprise there) but we ended up with a half decent set of deliverances. After that we had some time to prepare for the last item on our programme for the day which was a formal dinner/ceilidh/disco at which, once I started, I barely stopped dancing!

After breakfast on the Sunday we again gathered for mini worships on Mind, Soul, Body and Heart. I again chose the Heart Worship which involved some arty things including sewing a button onto a woollen fish to act as an eye. Another larger worship occurred as well as another talk from John Bell. We then had a presentation on Youth Work in Priority Areas (areas with a high level of poverty) from several different youth work groups from over Scotland. This was followed by a small group session during which we came up with ideas for deliverances. A short break then happened before we went to workshops again. I went to a workshop which involved a lot of balloon blowing and looking at our past experiences as Christians and as people. Then we had another long debate which came up with a lot of deliverances. Afterwards we had dinner before having a presentation by Mark Johnstone from the Mission and Discipleship council of the GA about Young People in the decision making process. After this there was the Big Sing, led by John Bell, with hymns from other countries where a good time was had by all. Right afterwards was the Hootenany, a talent show which featured many of the funniest and most musically talented delegates of NYA. There were many highlights such as my friend Esther's performance of a funny song involving her ukulele and a kazoo and one guy, Dave, 's rendition of an Eddie Izzard sketch. After this was Late Night Worship, which I found very moving.

The next morning after breakfast and we had all packed up and taken our luggage down to the atrium, we once again had mini worships for the same options of Body, Soul, Heart and Mind. This time I chose the Body worship which involved a small group of us walking around the University Campus, talking about the issues that we were dealing with in our lives and stopping halfway round for a prayer. After we got back it was time for a larger worship which involved singing Mr. Neilson's favourite, "Noah built the arky arky" (*you must be joking, James RN*). After this worship we had our final talk from John Bell. After another break we once again had a presentation on that day's issue which was Marriage, given by The Rev Dr Donald MacEwan. The marriage topic was specifically about Divorce and Sex before marriage. Lunch followed and following lunch was the last small group session, looking at deliverances. This was followed by the debate which was going to be the most controversial and, as it turned out, the shortest due to limited time. Following the debate, during which we ended up with a list of deliverances, we had a closing worship which involved taking communion. Finally it was time to leave and we exchanged lots of heartfelt goodbyes and promises to try and see each other before next NYA. Overall the weekend was another success, greater than last year's I felt and I'm looking forward to next year's with eager anticipation.

## CHRISTMAS STALL

Starting on Sunday 20 November, there will be a stall for people to peruse.

On sale will be some of our Cruden Christmas Cards, Notecards, and other items including some that will be new eg Cruden pens and sticky notes.

Also on sale for £10 will be a Fiona Kennedy CD comprising a variety of very easy to listen to songs that are beautifully sung both in Gaelic and in English..

Fiona herself gifted these CDs in support of our Fabric Project.

These items will make suitable small Christmas gifts for people within and outwith the congregation.

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 2012

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 2012 theme, which comes to us from the churches in Poland, explores through readings and prayers. **“WE WILL ALL BE CHANGED”**. Change is at the heart of our Christian faith. Saint Paul said that anyone who is in Christ is a new creation, and we are called to live as children in the light. Change is at the heart of human life.

Day 1 - ....Changed by SERVING

Day 2 - ....Changed by WAITING

Day 3 - ....Changed by SUFFERING

Day 4 - ....Changed through STRUGGLING

Day 5 - ....Changed by PEACEMAKING

Day 6 - ....Changed by LOVING

Day 7 - ....Changed by FEEDING

Day 8 - ....Changed by UNITING

**Next month's Bulletin will give fuller details.**

# Peace On Earth CHRISTMAS IN CRUDEN CHURCH

The **Christmas Family Service** is on **18 December**. After the service, our annual **CHRISTMAS BRUNCH** will be served in the Hall.

There will be a **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE** at the Old Church at 4 pm on **Sunday 18 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. Adults are even known to enjoy the service on their own without being accompanied by children!

*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.

This year Christmas Day falls on a Sunday and, as always, our **CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE** will be held in the Church at 10 am. Children coming are invited to bring along one of their Christmas presents. Also at that service we shall celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism.

## CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

The destination of the offerings at the **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day** services last year was to be our own Property Project. However, because of the snow these services were cancelled. In the light of this, the Kirk Session decided that this year the offerings should be given to the Project.



# CHRISTINGLE SERVICE in CRUDEN

4 pm Sunday 18 December 2011  
come along & bring a friend or two  
an initiative of cruden parish junior church

THE YTHAN SINGERS  
present



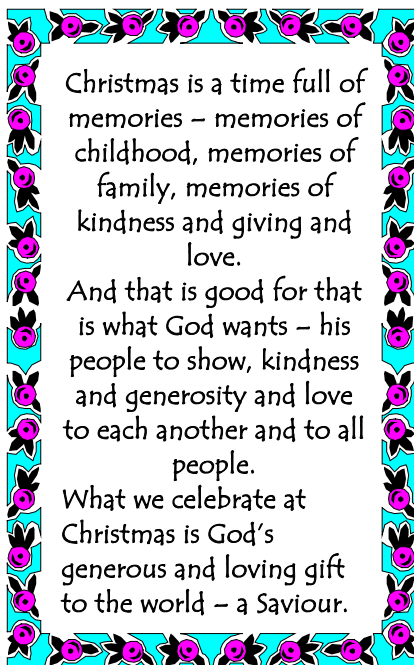
## *Towards Christmas*

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2010  
3.00pm  
Cruden Old Parish Church

(Cruden Bay)  
Conductor: Morag Paton  
Organist: Rosemary Lund



Collection for Cruden Old Parish  
Church Restoration Fund



Christmas is a time full of memories – memories of childhood, memories of family, memories of kindness and giving and love.

And that is good for that is what God wants – his people to show, kindness and generosity and love to each another and to all people.

What we celebrate at Christmas is God's generous and loving gift to the world – a Saviour.

### *THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION*

*The proposed pilgrimage to Turkey scheduled for September 2012 did not suit those who would have wanted to go. It was too short notice to obtain flights for May 2012, so the trip will now be scheduled for May 2013. Look out early next year for full details.*