

*CRUDEN
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JANUARY 2012



THE BULLETIN

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DIARY DATES

JANUARY 2012

EACH WEEK

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

Sunday 1st	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	
Sunday 8th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	
Monday 9th	:	Watch & Talk Group	7.30 pm	3 Main Street, Cruden Bay
Sunday 15th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	
Monday 16th	:	Education & Worship Committee	7.30 pm	Manse
Sunday 22nd	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	
Monday 23rd	:	Kirk Session	7.30 pm	Hall
Tuesday 24th	:	Week of Prayer Act of Worship	7.30 pm	Manse
Sunday 29th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	
		Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Monday 30th	:	The Guild	7.30 pm	Hall
		Mr & Mrs Neilson – Views from New Zealand		

JANUARY HYMN BOOK - CH4

THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL COME OUT ON **29 JANUARY**. Copy for inclusion to be handed into the Manse as soon as possible.

2011 Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to everyone who generously filled shoe boxes or gave a donation towards sending them. Thanks also to the Junior Church and those members who helped to organise the boxes. Thanks to you, 27 people will have a happier Christmas.

Rosemary Reid

FROM THE MINISTER 22 December 2011

Dear Friends

A very Happy New Year to you all

2011 was a strange year in many ways. There was much that was cheering and positive but there was also frustration and disappointment. I took encouragement from the fact that we had more baptisms and more people joining by Profession of Faith. I was also heartened by the support given by so many to our fundraising. But that is what brings me to the frustration! I am very disappointed that our temporary windows have not yet been replaced because of the time taken for the local authority to consider our listed building planning application. We still have not heard that we can go ahead and, to try and look for a silver lining in this particular cloud, I am trying to tell myself that it will be an early achievement of 2012 that the temporary windows will be replaced.

Whatever else the New Year brings I hope it will be a time of peace and growth and love for all of us.

However, it will be a year of extra responsibility for me. The Presbytery of Buchan has appointed me as Interim Moderator in Trinity Church, Peterhead and Boddam after the retiral of the minister at the end of November. So only one year after standing down as Interim Moderator at Deer Parish Church, once again I have awaiting me more meetings and the need to be in another pulpit occasionally on Sunday mornings. Let us hope that it does not take too long for Trinity Church to find a new minister

Once again can I remind you that, while I welcome the opportunity to visit people in hospital, I rarely get informed by the hospital of any admission. I would urge any family who would be pleased for me to visit one of their number in hospital to get in touch directly with me.

Your friend and minister

Rodger Neilson

PARISH REGISTER

*(denotes church member)

BAPTISM

Sadie Macintosh, 1 Collieburn Crescent, Peterhead.

HOLY COMMUNION



29 January
10 am

Duty Elders Beatrice Fawkes, Jack Young, Katherine Hyman,
Jim MacDonald, Sandy Smith, Robert Esson, Betty Forrester,
Irene Will, Rosemary Pittendrigh, Betty May.



SALE OF COMMUNION TOKENS

Throughout the 18th & 19th centuries tokens were used as a means of admittance to Communion. These tokens in time were replaced by the card that the Elders' delivered to members.

To help with the fundraising for the new windows, Session agreed to the selling of the old Cruden tokens.

There are three different tokens relating to Cruden Old Church, and 1 token relating to Cruden West Church in Hatton. The tokens are presented in a card that gives a short history of the use of the tokens, and will cost £15 for 4, of £5 for 1.

The tokens will be on sale early in the New Year as a start to the celebrations of 1000 years of Christianity in the Parish of Cruden. If anyone would like to place an order please contact Jean Beedie on 01779 84137

Jean Beedie

SUNDAY MORNING DUTIES – 10 am

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Children
1 Jan	Alison Neilson Mary McNaughtan		Wilma Moir Beatrice Fawkes	Holiday
8 Jan	Margaret Adams Sandy Smith	Anne 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	Violet Penny	Elma Cumming Marilyn Samways	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger Helen Smith Charlotte Lamb
5 Feb	Shonah Taylor Betty May	Beatrice Fawkes	Margaret Adams Jim MacDonald	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Colin Skinner Charlotte Lamb
12 Feb	Shonah Taylor Betty May	Atholene Ritchie	Elizabeth Bruce Betty Forrester	No Junior Church
19 Feb	Muriel Cantlay Iris Durno		NO TEAS	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger Helen Smith Charlotte Lamb
26 Feb	Muriel Cantlay Iris Durno		Norma Forman Liz Carnie	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Colin Skinner Charlotte Lamb

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.

STUDY CLEANINGS

on the subject of
Life

If you want to be happy, begin where you are
Don't wait for some rapture that's future and far.
Begin to be joyous, begin to be glad
And soon you'll forget that you ever were sad..

You grow up the day you have your first real laugh - at yourself.

Some cause happiness wherever they go; others whenever they go.

One of the great arts of living is the art of forgetting.

WATCH AND TALK GROUP

14 November 2011

The Bible's Buried Secrets

The DVD of the Bible's Buried Secrets proved to be very interesting and certainly controversial. It would seem that, if we were to dig deeper into the Bible, particularly the Old Testament, we might consider that some of the Scribes managed to cover up the fact that not only did the Hebrews, at one time, worship more than one God but one of their Gods was Baal who was also worshipped by the Canaanites. There was also another God called El. El was known as the father of all Gods and he had a consort known as the Goddess Asherah.

As Christians most of us have never thought of our God as being either male or female, the name of our God is Yaweh, a name the Jews refuse to let pass their lips, possibly because it may be considered irreverent to do so. If we were to dissect the Scriptures it is believed we find that Yaweh also had a female companion. It is strange that after all we have been led to believe about men being the dominant characters in the Bible, there is a possibility we may have to accept that women have also taken a major role in the moulding of our beliefs.

As God made us in his own image, it would make sense, the film argued, to accept and understand that He too needs the companionship of a consort.

Our next Meeting is not until 9 January 2012 at 7.30 pm, again at the home of Mrs Marilyn Samways, 3 Main Street, Cruden Bay. The theme of the DVD to be watched is 'Does Christianity have a Future?'

Jenny McGarrol

From Poppy Scotland

A letter of thanks has been received after our donation of £155, collected on Remembrance Sunday, was sent.

The 2010 amount had only been £75, less than usual because fewer people attended the Remembrance Sunday service which that year was in the Hall because of the work being done to the church east wall.)

PROJECT FUNDRAISING

The Social Committee was delighted to welcome people to their Quiz Night in the church hall on 4 November. The Quizmaster was Jon Roberts and £176 was passed on to the Property Project. Warm thanks were extended to all who helped to make the evening a success.

A most enjoyable Ythan Singers Christmas Concert on 11 December resulted in £333.40 being donated. We are grateful to the Singers for their willingness to support us in this way.

The November /December Christmas Stall saw sales of almost £600 but costs were involved so the final profit to be added to the Project Fund is still to be worked out. Thanks are due to all who supported the Stall.

The final figure raised by the minister and his wife's sponsored West Highland Way Walk was
£3,485.

SMILE

Teacher: George Washington not only chopped his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now, Louis, do you know why his father didn't punish him.?

Louis: Because George still had the axe in his hand?

Teacher: Clyde, your composition on "My Dog" is exactly the same as you brother's. Did you copy his?

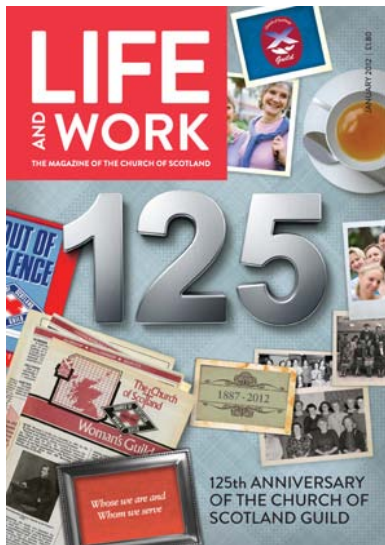
Clyde: No, teacher, it's the same dog.

"I don't know why some people change churches; what difference does it make which one you stay away from?"

FAITH

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

The will of God never takes you to where the grace of God will not protect you.



JANUARY ISSUE OF THE MAGAZINE OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

‘In the service of Christ’ for 125 years. Jackie Macadam looks at the first 125 years of the Church of Scotland Guild, and General Secretary Iain Whyte looks forward to the next 125.

Plus The Big Question: What does the Guild mean to you?

To the Manse Born The Very Rev Dr James Simpson looks at some of the distinguished contributions made by manse children to church and public life.

Capturing God’s Creation Jackie Macadam meets artist Hamish Montgomery and finds the influence of faith alive in his work.

Stepping Out in Faith The Rev Fiona Mathieson appeals to readers to project a more positive image of the Church.

Ministry of Flowers In the introduction to a new series focussing on the Christian themes of flowers and plants, Muriel Armstrong emphasises the importance of flowers in Church.

View from the Pew Jean Langlands considers the issues of hymns and musical keys.

A Chance to be Children Jackie Macadam describes the work of the award-winning charity CHICKS.

Beyond the ‘Big C’ A doctor whose illness and faith provided artistic inspiration.

Moses – Liberty, Law and Grace The Very Rev Gilleasbuig Macmillan highlights the additional gifts of Moses.

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Did you know an audio version of Life and Work is available, free, for people registered blind and partially sighted? Contact Andrew Murray at the Dumfries Tape Service, 122-124 Irish Street, Dumfries DG1 2AW, or call 01387 273657.

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

CRUDEN CHURCH GUILD

Monday 31 October 2011

Rosemary Pittendrigh welcomed all members and guests to this well attended meeting. After the hymn, reading and prayer, she handed over to our own Robert Esson, the speaker for the evening. He gave us a wonderful talk and presentation on Mission Aviation Fellowship's Madagascar project, a subject which was obviously of great interest to him. His enthusiasm for the project was evident as he spoke. Annette Garden gave a vote of thanks.

After a lovely cup of tea, Rosemary then closed the meeting and wished everyone a safe journey home.

Monday 28 November 2011

Rosemary welcomed all members to yet another well attended meeting. She then introduced the speaker for the night, Ms Susan Burgess, Estate Manager at Pitmedden Gardens. Her talk and presentation was well received by all, and it was quite surprising how few permanent staff were employed to keep the gardens in such perfect condition and that the National Trust relied on volunteers for the menial tasks. Again the subject kept us all interested. Robert Esson then gave a heartfelt vote of thanks.

Rosemary closed the meeting, and wished everyone 'Safe home'.

Monday 12 December 2011.

Christmas Party Time!

Nearly all of our members congregated in the St Olaf Hotel for our annual Christmas Bash! After Robert Esson said Grace, we all sat down to eat the lovely meal provided. After the meal it was time for Secret Santa, and many ooh's and ah's were heard as parcels were opened. Then Rosemary produced a quiz for us to ponder over. Before we went home, we sang a few Christmas Songs, which fairly got us in the mood for the festive season. Robert Pettigrew then expressed thanks to Rosemary, and to Alison and the staff at the St Olaf, for the lovely meal. Rosemary wished everyone a Merry Christmas, and of course a safe journey home on a very stormy night.

Lorraine Neilson

TO HELP YOU SMILEAND THINK

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close!

When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.

Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong!

Week Of Prayer For Christian Unity January 2012

As we pray for and strive towards the full visible unity of the church, we – and the traditions to which we belong – will be changed, transformed and conformed to the likeness of Christ.

Churches around the world traditionally mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from 18 to 25 January in the eight days between the feasts of St. Peter and St. Paul but these dates need not be strictly kept.

The Rev Bob Fyffe, General Secretary, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland writes *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. The theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2012 comes to us from the churches in Poland, who have reflected upon their own experience as a nation, and in particular how, as a nation, they have been changed and transformed by the many upheavals of their history, and sustained by their faith.

Change is also at the heart of the ecumenical movement. When we pray for the unity of the church we are praying that the churches that we know and which are so familiar to us will change as they conform more closely to Christ. This is an exciting vision, but also a challenging one.

WILL YOU VOLUNTEER?

In recent years up to a dozen people have responded to this Bulletin invitation to take part in the Week of Prayer. If **YOU** want to volunteer, all you need do is work your way each day through a page in the leaflet. It should only take about 10 - 15 minutes. Don't worry if you miss a day, just catch up in your own time.

- Look at the questions that begin each day.
- Look up the readings in your bible (If anyone would like to borrow a Good News Bible from the church, contact the minister.)
- Still keeping the initial questions in mind, slowly read the passage for reflection and the prayer that finishes it.
- Then spend a few moments in thought and prayer.
- Finally consider the invitation on the Bulletin page opposite

Week Of Prayer For Christian Unity January 2012

We will all be changed

Those who have been involved in previous years in the Week of Prayer have had the opportunity to come together to chat about their experience of reading through the material and to share in an informal act of worship created by the writers of the readings and prayers. This year an invitation goes out to all our church members to come to an act of worship at the end of the Week of Prayer. This will take place **in the Manse at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 24 January.**

Whether you have worked through the readings each day or not, you can still come along and join in the songs and prayers. If intending to come, please inform the Minister. **WILL YOU COME?**



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity January 2012

Over 8 days, the 2012 theme, explored through readings and prayers. will be **“We will all be changed”**

- Day 1 -Changed by SERVING
- Day 2 -Changed by WAITING
- Day 3 -Changed by SUFFERING
- Day 4 -Changed by STRUGGLING
- Day 5 -Changed by PEACEMAKING
- Day 6 -Changed by LOVING
- Day 7 -Changed by FEEDING
- Day 8 -Changed by UNITING

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO BE INVOLVED OR WOULD SIMPLY LIKE TO SEE THE MATERIAL, PHONE OR EMAIL THE MINISTER BEFORE 16 JANUARY.