

**CRUDEN
PARISH
CHURCH**

**THE BULLETIN
FEBRUARY 2012**



A large sign hanging over the main exit of a church in Pennsylvania reads "You are now entering the mission field."

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DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY 2012

EACH WEEK

Sundays 10 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	
Wednesday 8th	: Choir Practice	7.30 pm	Hall
Sunday 12th	: MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	
Monday 13th	: Watch and Talk Group	7.30 pm	
	in the home of Marilyn Samways, Burnview, Cruden Bay		
Thursday 16th	: Walking Group Planning Meeting	7.30 pm	Hall
Sunday 19th	: MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	
Monday 20th	: Kirk Session	7.30 pm	Hall
Wednesday 22nd	: Choir Practice	7.30 pm	Hall
Sunday 26th	: MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Church
	: ANNUAL GUIDE THINKING DAY SERVICE		
Monday 27th	: The Guild	7.30 pm	Hall
	Rev Donald Martin – Visit to Malawi		

THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL COME OUT ON **26 FEBRUARY**. Copy for inclusion to be handed in to the Manse as soon as possible.

FEBRUARY HYMN BOOK - CH4

COFFEE and CHAT CHURCH HALL
WEDNESDAY 7 MARCH 10.30 am

PARISH REGISTER

*(denotes church member)

DEATH

*Mr James Brown 6 Manse Road, Hatton.

BAPTISM

Adam Forbes, Rosebank, Aulton Road, Cruden Bay.

ANNUAL STATED MEETING

CRUDEN PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 11 March 2012

(as part of the morning service beginning at 10 am)

PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON SESSION COMMITTEES

Those using WFO envelopes should ensure they are using the current year's envelopes. It is also most helpful when people DO NOT return a batch of envelopes but put all their contents into one envelope, marking on it the total amount enclosed. **THANK YOU.**



THANKS Cruden Church is grateful to Mr Henry McIntosh, Peterhead for agreeing to audit our church accounts this year along with Shonah Taylor. As always, our diligent treasurer was quick off the mark in getting the accounts ready

THE GUILD

For the Guild meeting on Monday 27 February, the guest speaker will be the Rev Donald Martin – Visit to Malawi. Anyone interested in coming will be made most welcome at the Hall at 7.30 pm.

SUNDAY MORNING DUTIES 10 AM

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Children
5 Feb	Liz Carnie Jack Young	Beatrice Fawkes	Margaret Adams Jim MacDonald	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Colin Skinner Charlotte Lamb
12 Feb	Liz Carnie Jack Young	Atholene Ritchie	Elizabeth Bruce Betty Forrester	No Junior Church
19 Feb	Jim MacDonald Michael Buchan		Norma Forman Liz Carnie	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger Helen Smith Charlotte Lamb
26 Feb	Jim MacDonald Michael Buchan		NO TEAS	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Colin Skinner Charlotte Lamb
4 Mar	Norma Forman Wilma Moir	Mary Bratton	Dorothy Cruickshank Rosemary Reid	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger Helen Smith Charlotte Lamb
11 Mar	Norma Forman Wilma Moir	Lewis McKechnie	Alison Neilson Sharon Clark	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Colin Skinner Charlotte Lamb
18 Mar	Anne McNaughton Joyce Willox		Betty Morris Kathleen Craig	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger Helen Smith Charlotte Lamb
25 Mar	Anne McNaughton Joyce Willox	Iris Durno	Doreen Buchan Iris Durno	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Colin Skinner Charlotte Lamb

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2012

27 February - 11 March

This year in Fairtrade Fortnight we are being encouraged to consider what steps we can take towards a better world for the poorest farmers and workers in developing countries.

WE SHALL HAVE A FAIRTRADE STALL ON 6 and 11 MARCH

Our service on 13 March will focus on Fairtrade Fortnight after we have completed the Annual Stated Meeting of the congregation.

FROM THE MINISTER *24 January 2012*

Dear Friends

Windows Project

At long last I can report that the Listed Planning Consent has been granted to replace the two temporary windows on the east wall of the church. This is expected to cost approx. £12,000 plus VAT and our hope is that half of this will be funded by a grant from the Church of Scotland General Trustees. Once these windows have been completed, then we shall apply for permission to replace other windows and undertake a major drive to attract funds.

In the meantime our own fundraising continues and we are even attracting donations from the other side of the world. I was delighted to hear that our former organist and elder, Lexie Wallace, and her husband, who emigrated to Australia many years ago had given us a donation of £500 for the Project. They keep up to date with Cruden Church through the internet and their family in Cruden Bay.

Lexie, I hope you are reading this on your computer screen and I want to say many thanks to you for your generous donation and extend our best wishes to you and Eddie.

Stewardship Leaflet

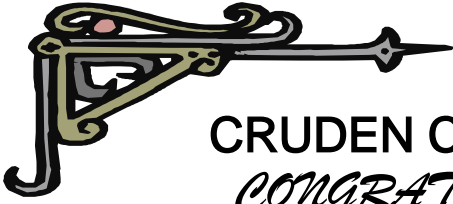
The General Assembly has asked all congregations of the Church to give a focus to stewardship, of time, talents and money. The enclosed leaflet, which I hope you will read, has been issued to all church homes. Cruden Kirk Session has decided that we will have our usual finance campaign next month and, possibly before the end of the year, we will focus on the Christian stewardship of time.

Quinquennial Visitation

The Presbytery of Buchan towards the end of last year announced that we would be one of the congregations who would receive a quinquennial visitation this year. This is the 5 yearly visit by presbytery representatives, led by the Rev Sheila Kirk of Deer, to find out how we are functioning and whether we are suitably fulfilling our responsibilities and objectives. I trust they will not be unhappy at what they discover when they come.

Your friend and minister

Rodger Nairn

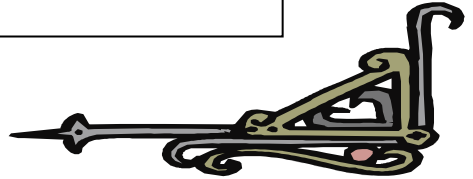


CRUDEN CHURCH FAMILY CONGRATULATIONS

to **Mrs Jessie Anderson, 8 Errolston Road, Cruden Bay**, who will be celebrating her 80th Birthday this month.

to **Mr & Mrs J MacDonald, 22 Manse Road, Hatton**, who will be celebrating their Ruby Wedding this month.

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



WELCOME TO THE ABERDEEN PASSION

The passion story has been told and retold as a play over the centuries in a variety of styles and adaptations. "The Aberdeen Passion - One Life Given" is a traditional passion play, involving over one hundred performers through a blend of onstage action, a live band and choir performing modern songs with lyrics specially written for the production. The play is a faithful retelling of arguably the greatest story ever told, drawing its source material directly from the Gospel of St. Luke. This adaptation of Jesus Christ's last days is an amateur production written and directed by Andrew Sykes, an Aberdeen local, and is supported by, and draws its cast and crew from, members of local churches in Aberdeen and the North East. Those involved are both Christian and non-Christian, drawn together by the amazing story that unfolds over the final few days in the life of who H.G. Wells referred to as "...easily the dominant figure in all history".

"The Aberdeen Passion - One Life Given" will be performed Friday 6th and Saturday 7th April 2012 (Easter Weekend) in the Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre.

Further details at www.aberdeenpassion.com

SUPPORT TO MALAWI

Our Church has continued to donate to Ekwendeni Hospital during 2011 and 20 boxes and a suitcase filled with sheets were sent via the Blytheswood van. A donation of £100 was given to the Raven Trust to recognise their work in transporting goods to Africa and our Treasurer received a letter thanking us for the money.

A grateful thanks goes to all those who so faithfully provide the goods with which we fill the boxes, in particular the ladies who knit baby jackets, blankets, hats and gloves for older children,

The Raven Trust identifies the following needs for the hospital - hand tools, text books for nurses and agriculture students, marigold gloves, sheets and blankets in good condition.

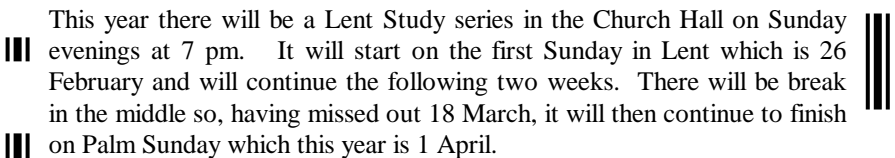
If anyone would like to donate knitting wool we would be grateful.

2012 could be the year in which we don't just maintain our support for Ekwendeni but increase it. The need is great. Please remember in your prayers those who work in the hospital and those who rely on all that the hospital provides.

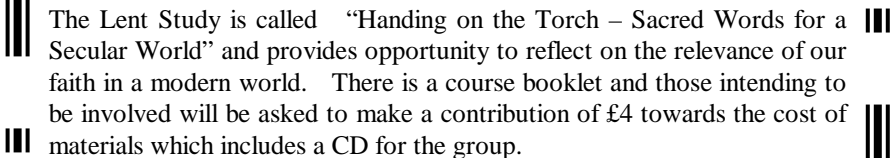
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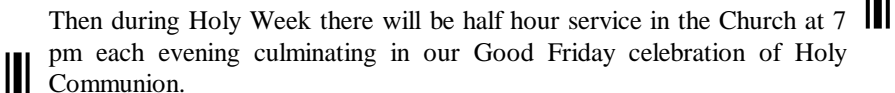
EASTER PREPARATIONS



This year there will be a Lent Study series in the Church Hall on Sunday evenings at 7 pm. It will start on the first Sunday in Lent which is 26 February and will continue the following two weeks. There will be break in the middle so, having missed out 18 March, it will then continue to finish on Palm Sunday which this year is 1 April.

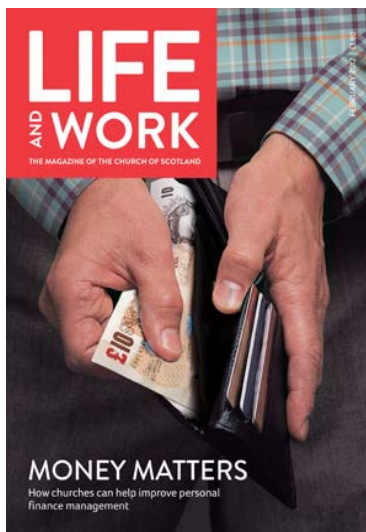


The Lent Study is called "Handing on the Torch – Sacred Words for a Secular World" and provides opportunity to reflect on the relevance of our faith in a modern world. There is a course booklet and those intending to be involved will be asked to make a contribution of £4 towards the cost of materials which includes a CD for the group.



Then during Holy Week there will be half hour service in the Church at 7 pm each evening culminating in our Good Friday celebration of Holy Communion.





IN FEBRUARY'S ISSUE

Money Matters Jackie Macadam finds out how churches and charities are helping people manage their money. A group from Glasgow learn financial lessons from an Indian model. Dr Murdo Macdonald reflects on our relationship with money. The church's Director of Stewardship introduces the new national stewardship programme.

A Manse Family Lifeline The work of the Glasgow Society of the Sons and Daughters of Ministers of the Church of Scotland.

A Common Thread Thomas Baldwin meets an Imam and a Rabbi with striking similarities in their view of the world.

Justice for the Poor Jo Mummery explains the importance of Tearfund's One Voice week of prayer and highlights how congregations can be involved. Plus, the campaign to have Scotland recognised as a Fair Trade Nation.

Changing Church A project reaching out to young people in Glenrothes.

The Shepherd Boy King The Very Rev Gilleasbuig Macmillan examines the life of David, the forebear of Jesus.

Month in a Life Ida and Keith Waddell, Church of Scotland mission partners in Zambia.

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CRUDEN CHURCHES WALKING GROUP

All those who might like to come along to this year's walks are invited to a meeting to be held in the Church Hall on Thursday 16 February at 7:30 to plan where we will walk this year. Everyone is welcome to make suggestions where they would like to go. Further information can be had by giving me a call on 01771 624280

Robert Petticrew

WATCH AND TALK GROUP

9 January 2012

Does Christianity have a Future?

The Group were privileged to watch this very interesting DVD. Ann Widdecombe did an excellent job of presenting the programme and did an in depth report into various people's attitudes and opinions of Christianity and it's future. On interviewing them, some young people came across as being very selfish and their beliefs were in getting out of life what they wanted. If they required help and strength from anywhere it was going to come from family and friends not from the Church.

People, of all ages, who get involved in evangelistic services seem to find that this type of worship is more attractive to them than the traditional Church services. The main point coming across from the programme is that there is a future for Christianity but how it is presented to the people is what really matters. Changing it's format is going to be a bone of contention for many, but change must come if we are to attract people back to the Church not just for attendance purposes but to awaken in them that God is still there for us and Christianity does have a future.

Our next Meeting is on 13th February 2012 at the home of Mrs Marilyn Samways, 3 Main Street, Cruden Bay. The DVD to be watched is The Life of Muhammed. As always old and new members to the Group will be most welcome.

Jenny McGarrol

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Once again, with the March Bulletin will come the annual commitment card for members. Within the first three weeks of March, these cards will be collected by a church visitor. Please show your support to the church by returning a card.

MORE DETAILS NEXT MONTH



The Traidcraft Big Brew Fairtrade Fortnight 2012

Helping families to flourish

What does it mean to be a flourishing family? Health? Happiness? A good education for our children, with its promise of a future full of promise and opportunity? If we could achieve those things then we would feel we had done something worthwhile, wouldn't we?

It's a vision shared by parents all over the world. Parents like Akhil and Sumi Kha, in Bangladesh, for example.

They're small-scale jute farmers and they've struggled to earn enough to support their family in the way they want to.

In recent years, climate change has added to their problems, with unpredictable rainfall making river levels unreliable.



Now, helped by Traidcraft's Golden Fibre project, Akhil and Sumi and their neighbours have learned how to overcome some of their difficulties, improve the quality of their jute – and seen their income grow as a result.

They have even been able to start saving – and to dream of a better future for their children, Anik (7) and Uttam (4).

When his father died, Akhil had to leave school to find work. Aged only 10, he was already helping to build homes in the village. It's not the sort of life he wants for his sons.

"I want to educate my children properly, not like me," he says. "I know the necessity of education because I am illiterate."

Sumi adds: "I am a little happy with my earnings now. I want to grow more quality jute so I can change my family and also for all of my village family."

“I want only for my children. I want to give them good food and to provide them with an education – and animals and land.”

Sumi and Akhil's dreams are shared by the many thousands of producers who are being helped by Traidcraft and its local partners across East Africa, Asia and Latin America.

But there are many, many more who could also build flourishing lives for themselves, their families and their communities, if only they get the chance.



Traidcraft is determined to give them that opportunity, and it can do it – if we all help. Please support your local Traidcraft and Fairtrade Fortnight

Find out more about Traidcraft's work at www.traidcraft.org.uk

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 2 March

St James' Episcopal Church 7 pm

The service for 2012 was prepared by Christian women of Malaysia.

Each year, the first service of the day is held on the island of Tuvalu in the Pacific Ocean, close to the international dateline, and continues for a period of 36 hours until that same date concludes in Alaska just to the other side of the dateline.

Migration of people from throughout Asia has made Malaysia a land of many ethnic groups who intermingle and integrate into local communities. It is also home to many temporary refugees fleeing war-torn or troubled countries. Accordingly, the theme of the service this year is, appropriately,

“LET JUSTICE PREVAIL”

Why not come along to this years' service after which refreshments will be provided.