

*CRUDEN
PARISH
CHURCH*

*BULLETIN
MARCH 2012*

ANNUAL STATED MEETING

of

CRUDEN PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 11 March 2012

(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 Helen Smith, Mrs Mary Coutts, Mr David Singleton.

Those who continue to serve on our Session Committees are:

Miss Margaret Adams, Mrs Kathryn Anderson, Mr Michael Buchan,
Mrs Liz Carnie, Mrs Rosemary Reid

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 2012

EACH WEEK

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

Fairtrade Fortnight

27 February – 11 March

Friday 2nd	:	WORLD DAY OF PRAYER	7.00 pm	St James'
Sunday 4th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Church
Monday 5th	:	Membership and Outreach Committee	7.30 pm	Manse
Wednesday 7th	:	Coffee and Chat	10.30 am	Hall
		Choir Practice	7.30 pm	Hall
Sunday 11th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Church
		Annual Stated Meeting		
Monday 12th	:	Watch and Talk Group	7.30 pm	
		in the home of Marilyn Samways, Burnview, Cruden Bay		
Thursday 15th	:	Guild Presbyterial Council AGM	7.30 pm	Peterhead Old
Sunday 18th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Church
Monday 19th	:	Kirk Session – Presbytery QV	7.30 pm	Hall
Wednesday 21st	:	Choir Practice	7.30 pm	Hall
Sunday 25th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10 00 am	Church
		Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Monday 26th	:	The Guild	7.30 pm	Church
		Aurora Choir and Musicians		

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Church attenders have the opportunity to support Fairtrade during the designated fortnight (27 Feb to 11 March) when a stall will be available on Sundays 4 and 11 March.

THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL COME OUT ON **25 MARCH**. Copy for inclusion to be handed in to the Manse as soon as possible.

FROM THE MINISTER 22 February 2012

Dear Friends

Windows Project

At long last, good news to report for by the time you are reading this the manufacture of the two windows to replace the temporary ones during the wet rot treatment will have started. I have been told to expect that they will be installed at the end of April. These two windows, one upstairs and one downstairs will be double glazed and should set the pattern for the future when we shall seek listed building consent to replace other windows also by double glazed units. This should certainly make a difference to the heat loss through the thin glass of our present windows.

Quinquennial Visitation

Every five years, in line with the instructions of the General Assembly, the Presbytery of Buchan sends representatives to visit each congregation and engage in discussion with the Minister and officebearers. The time has come round again for Cruden to be visited and it will happen on Monday 19 March. Presbytery's team this time will be led by the Rev Sheila Kirk from Old Deer accompanied by the Rev Ronnie Yule, Fraserburgh, each of them bringing an elder. Also, in line with the regulations, the Rev Sheila Kirk will conduct morning worship in Cruden the Sunday after their visit and I look forward to sharing with her in the celebration of Holy Communion.

Easter

During Holy Week there will be a half hour service in the Church at 7 pm each evening culminating in our Good Friday celebration of Holy Communion. I hope you will think about sharing in this worship.

Your friend and minister

Rodger Naylor

PARISH REGISTER

*(denotes church member)

DEATH

Mr Robert Bruce, 5 Danesburgh Cottages, Cruden Bay.

HOLY
COMMUNION



25 March
10 am

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

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 7 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 the Minister – 841229 for door duty or Wilma Moir – 841516 for tea duty.

MARCH HYMN BOOK - CH4

CHRISTIAN *If God seems far away, guess who moved?*

**ONE-
LINERS**

Don't give God instructions – just report for duty!

SUNDAY MORNING DUTIES 10 am

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Children
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	Jean Beedie	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
1 Apr	Muriel Cantlay Adrian Smith	Beatrice Fawkes	Norma Forman Margaret Adams	Easter Holidays
8 Apr	Muriel Cantlay Adrian Smith	Mary McNaughtan	Anne Cadey Lewis McKechnie	Easter Holidays
15 Apr	Irene Stott Fred Stott	Elma Watson	Wilma Moir Elizabeth Bruce	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger Helen Smith Charlotte Lamb
22 Apr	Irene Stott Fred Stott	Jean Beedie	Betty Forrester Wilma Moir	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Colin Skinner Charlotte Lamb
29 Apr	Margaret Bruce Ken Bruce	Norma Forman	Beatrice Fawkes Elma Cumming	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger Helen Smith Charlotte Lamb

2011 ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

The Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator has laid down its requirements for the presentation of charity accounts. Compliance is required to maintain charitable status. All Church of Scotland congregations are obliged to present an Annual Report which involves much 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 this 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 or the Minister.

CRUDEN CHURCH WALKING GROUP 2012

At our planning meeting in February we looked at many walks, read the details, studied the maps and then decided on the list of walks as follows.

Sunday 25 March	Aberdeen to Cults.
Sunday 22 April	Haddo
Sunday 20 May	Maud to Auchnagatt.
Saturday 16 June	The Gordon Way.
Sunday 22 July	Newburgh to Balmeddie.
Saturday 18 August	Glenlivet.
Sunday 16 September	Tolquhon to Pitmedden Gardens.
Sunday 14 October	Stuartfield, Coynach and Auchtylair.

The March walk starts at Duthie Park and follows the River Dee to Cults and back by the Deeside railway line to Duthie Park, an easy walk of 6½ miles so come and join us. We will leave the Church Hall at 11-30 am; bring a picnic and have a good afternoon. If you require more information please contact me on 01771 624280.

Robert Petticrew

CRUDEN CHURCH GUILD

Monday 30 January. 2012

Rosemary welcomed members and guests, to the well attended first meeting of the year. After the prayer, and reading, Rosemary then welcomed the speaker for the evening, Rodger Neilson, who had come along to tell us all about his recent holiday to New Zealand. He was ably assisted by Alison.

His presentation was enthusiastically delivered, and we were treated to many pictures of his favourite birds, and of course of his other interest, eateries!! Overall, it was agreed, they had had a lovely time in New Zealand, and that we were glad we came along to hear all about it. Beatrice gave the vote of thanks, and after our tea, Rosemary wished everyone a safe journey home, with a reminder of the next Guild Meeting on Monday 27 February - a talk by the Rev. Donald Martin, on his visit to Malawi.

Lorraine Neilson

WATCH AND TALK GROUP

13 February 2012

The Life of Muhammad

We found this DVD absorbing, entertaining and very informative. Regeh Omar described the birth, in Mecca 1,400 years ago, and the early childhood of the prophet. His father died before he was born and his mother brought him up in poverty with the help of his clan leader uncle. Marriage to a wealthy widow, much older than him, brought family and happiness and also an introduction to commerce and travel to the outside world but Muhammad became increasingly concerned at the plight of the poor and he often withdrew to the desert hills to meditate. It was in a cave, on one occasion, that he fell asleep and on waking heard a voice ordering him "Read"

Muhammad could neither read nor write but when he returned to Mecca he began to convert his family and friends to the new faith based on what God had revealed to him. The Qu'ran written many years later is said by Muslims to be a recitation of God's words. It contains laws and stories and as Muhammad was illiterate is believed to be free of human contamination.

Persecution of Muslims followed as the faith spread but today it is estimated that 1,500 billion people believe in the Muslim faith. Our group felt that watching this programme gave us new insight into the origins of Islam.

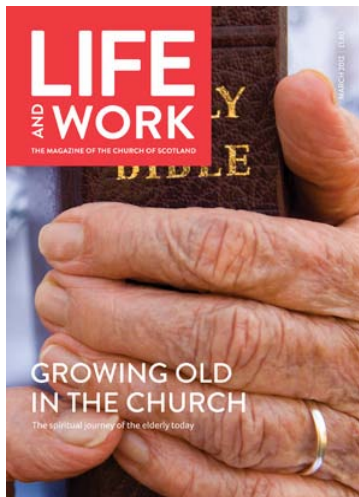
The next Watch and Talk meeting will be on Monday 12th March at 3, Main Street Cruden Bay, the home of Mrs Marilyn Samways to which all are welcome.

Annette Garden

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

7 pm Friday 2 March St James' Episcopal Church

On Friday, March 2, Christian women of Malaysia, 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. Christian communities in over 180 countries have the opportunity to worship and pray on the common theme "Let Justice Prevail". On March 2, we join with our friends in the Congregational and Episcopal Churches.



THE MAGAZINE OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Growing Old in the Church Jackie Macadam examines the spiritual journey facing the increasing numbers of elderly people in the church and the latest research into links between spirituality and health.

A Bright Star in the Sky The Moderator describes his visit to the Holy Land.

Changing Church A church project connecting with young people in one of the most deprived parishes in Scotland.

A Fascinating Building John Hume reflects on the beauty of Penicuik South Church in Midlothian.

View from the Pew Graham Armstrong looks to the church of the future.

MARCH ISSUE

A Pilgrim Way The Rev Dr Robin Hill meets a minister who believes there is still space for pilgrimage in our lives.

The Gift of Story Dr Donald Smith highlights the importance of storytelling in worship.

Isaiah the Second The Very Rev Gilleasbuig Macmillan examines the contribution of the 'fifth evangelist'.

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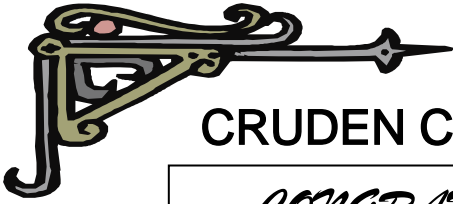
Anyone wishing to subscribe to this most interesting and informative magazine of the Church of Scotland should contact: Mrs Isobel Young Tel: Cruden Bay 812360

MALAWI BED LINEN APPEAL

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the recent Malawi Bed Linen Appeal. As a result of all the donations of sheets and money and a contribution of £70 from the Malawi Fund we were able to hand over 42 sets of bed sheets and 36 pairs of pillow cases and these are now on their way to Malawi along with contributions from other congregations in Buchan Presbytery.

Once again Cruden Parish Church has risen to the challenge and shown that it cares for those in Malawi who are far less fortunate than ourselves. Again, a big thank you to all who supported this appeal.

Robert Esson



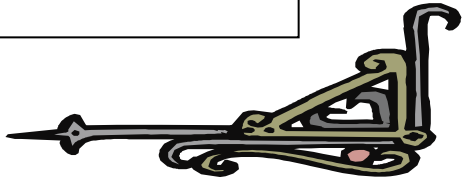
CRUDEN CHURCH FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS

to **Mrs Margaret Jamieson, Station House, Hatton** who will be celebrating her 80th Birthday this month.

to **Mr & Mrs Thomson, 7 John Buchan Drive, 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



LENT STUDY COURSE

The Lent Study series which started on 26 February in the Church Hall on Sunday evenings continues this month with a break in the middle so, having missed out 18 March, it will then continue to finish on Palm Sunday, 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.

Those intending to be involved will be asked to make a contribution of £4 towards the cost of materials which includes booklet for everyone and a CD for the group. It is OK to join the series late so do not worry if you have missed an earlier session. Just let the Minister know you are interested if you want a copy of the booklet to have a look at before you come along. Otherwise, just turn up.

