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*CRUDEN
PARISH
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*BULLETIN
APRIL 2012*

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*Palm Sunday - 1 April 10 am
Holy Week - 2-5 April 7 pm
Good Friday - 6 April 7 pm
Easter Day - 8 April 10 am*

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DIARY DATES

APRIL 2012

EACH WEEK

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

Sunday 1st : **PALM SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE** 10.00 am

WORSHIP FOR HOLY WEEK

Monday 2nd – Friday 6th : 7 pm Church

GOOD FRIDAY – Informal celebration of Holy Communion

Wednesday 4th : Coffee and Chat 10.30 am Hall
Choir Practice 7.30 pm Hall

Sunday 8th : **EASTER SERVICE** 10.00 am

The Minister will be away from 14 – 21 April. Anyone wishing the services of a minister in that period should contact the Rev Fred Coutts on 01779 841320.

Sunday 15th : **MORNING SERVICE** 10.00 am
Service conducted by Ms Alice McLeod

Sunday 22nd : **MORNING SERVICE** 10.00 am
Guild Sponsored Walk at Haddo leaving Hall at 11.30 am

Monday 23rd : Kirk Session 7.30 pm Hall

Sunday 29th : **MORNING SERVICE** 10.00 am
Service conducted by the Rev Fred Coutts

Monday 30th : The Guild AGM 7.30 pm Hall
Newburgh WRI

AFTER EASTER OUR APRIL HYMN BOOK WILL BE MISSION PRAISE

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

Dear Friends

The Late Rev Charles Miller

I noticed in a recent issue of Life and Work that the Rev Charles Miller has passed away. He was minister of Cruden Parish Church from 1965 until 1973. This was not his first charge having been minister of Torthorwald in Dumfriesshire from 1953 to 1959 and then Munro Church, Rutherglen from 1959 to 1965. When he left Cruden in 1973, he became minister of Anstruther, Fife leaving there to go, in 1980 to his last charge of Fowlis and Liff, Dundee. I only met Mr Miller on two occasions – when he and other former ministers joined us to celebrate the centenary of the West Church in Hatton and then later when we were both at the General Assembly.

The Late Sandy Robertson

Coming closer to home, I must mention the passing of one of our senior elders, Sandy Robertson. Until he retired from active service a few years ago, Sandy was a very involved elder, faithful in attendance at worship and at meetings. For a number of years he was responsible for organising our communion services and he also sang for a while in our church choir. His always cheery attitude and his willingness to help other people will be among the memories he leaves behind.

Holy Week Services

Once again we shall celebrate Holy Week with half hour services in the church beginning at 7 pm. The value of these services lies in the opportunity they give us to focus on what is so central to our Christian faith, namely the life and death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In particular the celebration of Holy Week gets us ready for the most important day in the Christian calendar. I am always looking for a good turnout at our service on Easter Day because, if there is one day in the year on which all Christians should want to worship, it surely is Easter Sunday.

Your friend and minister



PARISH REGISTER

*(denotes church member)

DEATH

*Mr Sandy Robertson, Sunnybank Care Home. Cruden Bay

*Mrs Janet Anderson, 8 Errollston Road, Cruden Bay

Stewardship

The Kirk Session would thank all members who have responded positively to our Stewardship Campaign last month. We are grateful for the returned cards promising financial support and also for the money donated.

www.aberdeenpassion.com

The Passion Play – 6,7 April 2012- Easter Weekend

"The Aberdeen Passion - One Life Given" is a traditional passion play telling the amazing story that unfolds through the days leading up to and including the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus.

The play is a faithful and dynamic retelling of the greatest story ever told, drawing its source material directly from the Gospel of St. Luke. This is written and directed by Andrew Sykes, a member of Bridge of Don Baptist Church, Aberdeen. It draws its cast and crew from the North East and members of local churches in Aberdeen and area.

It involves 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 in the Aberdeen Exhibition Centre.

Tickets are available from Aberdeen Box Office
www.boxofficeaberdeen.com or by phone at 01224 641122 and at Aberdeen
Box Office at the Music Hall, Union Street, Aberdeen

www.facebook.com/aberdeenpassion

For further information or tickets contact:

Moira Allan Tel: 07753 825 944 moira.allan@aspc.co.uk

SUNDAY MORNING DUTIES 10 am

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Children
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	Easter Holidays
22 Apr	Irene Stott Fred Stott	Jean Beedie	Betty Forrester Wilma Moir	Helen Smith Maureen Reid
29 Apr	Margaret Bruce Ken Bruce	Norma Forman	Beatrice Fawkes Elma Cumming	Katherine Hyman Brenda Cadger
6 May	Margaret Bruce Ken Bruce		Norma Forman Wilma Moir	School Holiday
13 May	Carol Paul Stewart Paul	Anne McNaughton	Liz Carnie Dorothy Cruickshank	Helen Smith Maureen Reid
20 May		NO SERVICE		Katherine Hyman Brenda Cadger
27 May	Carol Paul Stewart Paul	Jean Beedie	Marilyn Samways Fiona Stephen	Helen Smith Maureen Reid

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 (door rota) 841229 or Wilma Moir (teas rota) 841516.

CRUDEN CHURCH GUILD

This year, the Guild AGM, when Newburgh WRI will entertain, is on Monday 30 April at 7.30 pm in the church hall.

Please take special note of the following dates.

Wednesday 4 April LAST COFFEE and CHAT

Friday 6 April GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNION

Sunday 22 April GUILD SPONSORED WALK



Christian Aid Week 13 -19 May 2012

The Buttery Morning will be on Saturday 19 May from 10.00 am until 11.30 am in the Public Hall, Hatton. Raffles will be on sale as usual. Admission - £3 per person.

The House-to-House collection, to be organised by Mary Bratton in Cruden Bay and Rosemary Reid in Hatton, will take place during the week of 13 - 19 May. This year we need to recruit a few more collectors. Even if you can only do one evening or a couple of hours collecting, that would be a big help. Please think about offering your services.

We appeal to those who are tax payers to complete the Gift Aid part on the envelope - this has a value of 28% currently, which means for every £10 gifted, we can claim another £2.80 from the government in tax, which is a very worthwhile boost for charities.

REMINDER -- INCIDENT LOG - Following best practice, there is beside the First Aid Box on a church hall bookshelf an Incident Report Log. Any accident, particularly causing injury, however slight, should be recorded by filling up a form from the Log.

GUILD ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK
Haddo
in conjunction with
CRUDEN CHURCHES WALKING GROUP
(in aid of the annual Senior Citizens' outing
and the Windows Project)

Sunday 22 April 11.30 am

Why not come and enjoy this walk.

Sponsor Forms with details available from Church Notice Boards

2012 CONGREGATIONAL WALKS

A leaflet with more information about the various walks is available on request or can be picked up from the Church Welcome Area.

April's walk starts at Haddo House Country Park. The Guild will join us for their sponsored walk of 3 ½ miles flat easy walk. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us and have a fun day, bring a picnic. We will leave the Church Hall at 11:30 am. For further information please contact me on 01771 624280.

Robert Petticrew

THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND MINISTRIES AND MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS 2012

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thank you for supporting the worship, mission and service of the Church through the money you give in your offering. It is important that you know what happens to this money. This letter tells you how your congregation's Ministries and Mission Contribution is used to enable the work of the Church.

Congregation:

Contribution

CRUDEN

£32,383

Ministries (86%) £27,849

This provides over 1,000 ministers and other parish workers in communities throughout Scotland and in the Presbytery of England, and supports the costs of recruitment and training. The 2012 cost of a parish minister at the top of the stipend scale is £39,895 (stipend plus employer's national insurance and pension contributions).

Mission (14%) £4,534

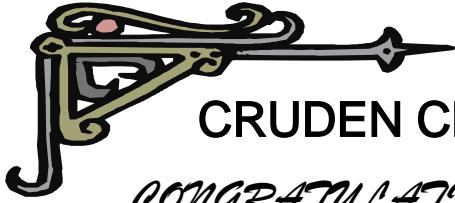
This supports the -Church's work in resourcing congregations for Christian education and outreach, in caring for the most vulnerable in society, in partnership with Churches in some of the poorest parts of the world, and in providing a Christian perspective on the issues of today. It also provides financial, legal, safeguarding and other services for congregations and committees, and supports the cost of the General Assembly and the Moderator.

Please note that Ministries and Mission Contributions only provide part of the total funding required for the work of the Church listed above. A fuller picture is given in the leaflet Ministries and Mission 2012, which is available free to all congregations.

I hope that this helps you to understand Ministries and Mission Contributions and shows you are enabling the sharing of the gospel through the money your congregation sends through the Church Offices to all parts of Scotland and beyond.

Yours sincerely

Gordon D Jamieson, Head of Stewardship



CRUDEN CHURCH FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS

to Mrs & Mrs Paterson, 84 Braehead Drive, Cruden Bay who celebrated their Golden Wedding last month.

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



Life in Madagascar

Madagascar is one of the poorest countries in the world where over 70% of the population have to live on less than 75 pence per day and, situated where it is in the Indian Ocean, it is highly vulnerable to cyclones. On 14 February, Madagascar was struck by cyclone Giovanna, one of the most severe cyclones in recent years, which devastated the lives of over 250,000 people, 30,000 homes and public buildings were totally destroyed and a further 16,000 buildings were partially destroyed. Food supplies in many areas have been badly affected by the flooding, many agricultural crops have been devastated and water supplies contaminated.

As if that was not enough the island was hit again on 26 February by cyclone Irina which devastated the lives of a further 75,000 people and destroyed over 1,000 homes.

Overland travel in Madagascar is difficult at the best of times and becomes impossible at times like these, making the need for light aircraft essential in the provision of help to those in desperation more vital than ever.

The Guild are currently supporting the work of **Mission Aviation Fellowship** in Madagascar and that support is being put to good use helping MAF work with other Aid Agencies deliver help to those in need. Our thoughts and prayers have to be with the Malagasy people at this time.

Robert Esson

WATCH AND TALK GROUP

Subject: THE LIFE OF JESUS

This DVD proved to be quite different from what we have become used to. Various people who have done in depth studies of the Gospels, and have also delved into the life of Jesus, in some ways have not been able to bring the two together. If they did not get their knowledge of Jesus, his life and teachings from the Gospels, where did they get it from? Stress was put on the fact that Jesus was mainly concerned with reaching out to the poor and needy rather than trying to let his teachings touch people from all walks of life. This is not necessarily what we have been led to believe in the Gospels; there are many times he has distinctly warned that some wealthy people will live to regret letting their lives being ruled by greed and selfishness. Surely at this point he is trying to reach out to them as well.

Obrey Hendricks pointed out that Jesus had defied many of the religious rules in force during his lifetime which probably played a major part in his final downfall and ultimate death on the Cross. The question asked at the end of the DVD was "Have we been indoctrinated into believing exactly what the Gospels say?" Will we ever know the answer?

After watching and discussing the DVD, our minister, Rodger Neilson, who had joined us for the evening, conducted a short Communion Service which was a fitting end to the 2011/12 session.

Finally no Group meeting would be complete without our hostess Marilyn Samways, sitting us down to a welcome cuppa and some very appetising eatables, this evening's spread was topped by home bakes supplied by Marilyn, Annette and Robert Esson. Diet? What diet?

The evening was brought to a close with Annette thanking Rodger for his input, to Marilyn for hosting our meetings and all the members for their continual support of the Watch and Talk Group, thanks also go to Annette for the time she gives to organising the various Meetings and DVDs

Our Annual lunch is to be at The Poachers Rest on Sunday 29th April

Jenny McGarrol

<p>Fairtrade Stall The amount raised after 2 Sundays in March was almost £300 with 10% of the total given to the Church treasurer. Wilma & Beatrice, who were responsible for the stall, are delighted with the total and thank everyone who gave their support.</p>

Minute of Annual Stated Meeting held on Sunday 11 March 2012 in Cruden Parish Church during the morning service. The Rev Rodger Neilson presided over the meeting which was opened with prayer.

Minute: The minute of the 2011 Annual Stated Meeting was approved on the motion of Mrs Beatrice Fawkes seconded by Mrs Betty Forrester.

Annual Accounts:

The accounts had been approved by the Kirk Session at its meeting on 23 January and in the required independent examination found to be in order. A summary of the accounts had been previously distributed to members in the Bulletin and a number of full copies including the budget for 2012 were made available to those attending the meeting. Rosemary Pittendrigh, Treasurer, reported that income to the General Fund totalled £56,884. Adding other funds gave total church income of £99,389. General Fund expenditure was £53,788, leaving a surplus of £3,097 in the General Fund. Mrs Pittendrigh provided an update on the Property Project Account which had boosted the overall income by £39,394 with expenditure of £39,564.

Mrs Pittendrigh went on to give an account of the 2012 Budget which, even after achieving an income increase of just over £1,500, should result in a surplus of £3,000. Mr Neilson thanked Mrs Pittendrigh for all her work throughout the year and expressed thanks also to the Congregation's Independent Examiner Henry MacIntosh.

Minister's Report:

The Minister spoke of how the last twelve months had been dominated by the need to replace two of the church windows. He expressed his thanks to the organist, elders and all active members for their support and for the contribution they make to the life of the church

Election of Members to serve on Kirk Session Committees:

Having thanked the retiring members, Mr Neilson called for nominations to fill the three vacancies for members to serve on Session Committees.

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Second</u>
Debbie MacIntosh	Robert Esson	Betty Forrester
Helen Smith	Muriel Cantlay	Shonah Taylor
Maureen Reid	Mary Bratton	Rosemary Pittendrigh

There were no further nominations of anyone willing to serve so Mr Neilson declared that those nominated were elected to serve on the Kirk Session Committees.

Closure: There being no other business, Mr Neilson closed the meeting with prayer.



IN APRIL'S ISSUE

A Transforming Experience The Rev Denis Duncan offers an Easter reflection.

The Real Cost of Easter Eggs Thomas Baldwin looks at the ethical implications of chocolate Easter eggs.

Philanthropy and Public Service Jackie Macadam meets Lord Selkirk, Lord High Commissioner to the 2012 General Assembly.

Making a Difference A new report highlighting the role of churches in tackling homelessness

A Welcome Return Ron Ferguson returns to the pages of Life and Work

Biblical Botanicals Muriel Armstrong reflects on the symbolism of the 'flag' iris

A Church Without Walls The Rev John Paterson highlights worship outreach in Cumnock

Genesis in the New Testament The Rev Marion Dodd explores the themes of Genesis, as reflected in the New Testament.

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Who Makes The Coffee?

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning. The wife said, "You should do it, because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee". The husband said, " You are in charge of the cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee." His wife replied, "No you should do it, and besides it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee." Her husband responded, "I can't believe that, show me."

So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says: "HEBREWS"