

*CRUDEN
PARISH
CHURCH*

*BULLETIN
MAY 2012*



CHRISTIAN AID - 13 - 19 MAY 2012

Scottish Charity Number SC039150

*The annual **Buttery Morning** will be on **Saturday 19 May** from 10 am until 11.30 am in Hatton Village Hall. Admission £3.*

*The **House to House** collection will take place during the week of **13 - 19 May**. Those who are tax payers are encouraged to complete the Gift Aid part on the envelope.*

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DIARY DATES

MAY 2012

EACH WEEK

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

Sunday 6th : MORNING SERVICE 10.00 am
Wednesday 9th Choir Practice 7.30 pm Hall

13th – 19th Christian Aid Week

Sunday 13th : MORNING SERVICE 10.00 am
Saturday 19th : Christian Aid Buttery Morning 10.00 am Hatton Hall
Sunday 20th: **UNITED MORNING SERVICE 9.30 am ST JAMES'**
therefore no service in Cruden Church
Church Walk - Maud to Auchnagatt Meeting there at 12 noon
Monday 21st Kirk Session meeting 7.30 pm Hall
Wednesday 23rd Choir Practice 7.30 pm Hall
Sunday 27th : **UNITED MORNING SERVICE 10.00 am**
Sacrament of Holy Communion

THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL COME
OUT ON **27 MAY**. Copy for inclusion to be handed in
to the Manse as soon as possible.

*** **MAY HYMN BOOK Mission Praise** ***

THOUSAND YEARS' CELEBRATION

Look out in next month's Bulletin for fuller details on how the three churches in the parish are going to be celebrating a thousand years of Cruden Christianity, starting in July and ending in August.

PARISH REGISTER

(*denotes church member)

DEATH

*Mrs Eveline Wackett, 10 Hobshill Road, Hatton.

NEW MEMBER

Mrs Janice Hutchinson, 28 Hatton Farms Garden, Hatton.

HOLY COMMUNION



27 May
10 am

Duty Elders Jack Young, Betty Forrester, John Lamb, Robert Esson,
Betty May, Katherine Hyman, Sandy Smith, Judith Taylor.

REMINDER Anyone who might be considering whether they would like to join the church should contact the minister. All those intending to become full church members are invited first of all to start attending church services.

CHRISTIAN AID POSTSCRIPT On the front cover of the Bulletin there is an encouragement to taxpayers to complete the Gift Aid declaration on the Christian Aid Week envelopes. Please note that if you do NOT want follow up material from Christian Aid you must tick the appropriate box – otherwise you will receive later mailing.

COFFEE & CHAT

Donations from February to April were £114.60 and added to September to December brings the total to £261.65. The Social Committee would express their thanks to all who faithfully turned up each time to make the fellowship what it is and also to Beatrice Fawkes who organised the mornings throughout the winter session.

SUNDAY MORNING DUTIES 10 am

| Date | Door | Flowers | Teas | Children |
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| 6 May | Margaret Bruce Ken Bruce | Beatrice Fawkes | Norma Forman Wilma Moir | School Holiday |
| 13 May | Carol Paul Stewart Paul | Anne McNaughton | Liz Carnie Dorothy Cruickshank | Karla Buswell Helen Smith |
| 20 May | SERVICE | IN ST JAMES' | THIS MORNING | Maureen Reid Katherine Hyman |
| 27 May | Carol Paul Stewart Paul | Jean Beedie | Marilyn Samways Fiona Stephen | Brenda Cadger Karla Buswell |
| 3 June | Helen Harper Barry Harper | | Rosemary Reid Doreen Buchan | Holiday |
| 10 June | Helen Harper Barry Harper | Betty Forrester | Iris Durno Betty Morris | Helen Smith Maureen Reid |
| 17 June | Kate Clark Fiona Stephen | Margaret Cruickshank | Lewis McKechnie Wilma Moir | Katherine Hyman Brenda Cadger |
| 24 June | Kate Clark Fiona Stephen | Robert Esson | Alison Neilson Betty Forrester | Karla Buswell Helen Smith |

TO THOSE ON SUNDAY DUTY If you are unable to fulfil your door duty, please try to find your own replacement before informing Minister (door rota) 841229 or Wilma Moir (teas rota) 841516.

SENIOR CITIZENS OUTING

This year the outing is on Thursday 7 June is going to Raemoir Garden Centre, Banchory followed by high tea at the Bancar Hotel, Lonmay. An invitation is extended to all senior citizens who are church members or adherents. A bus will pick up in Cruden Bay at 12.30 pm and Hatton at 1 pm. Due to the high cost of buses, we need to know numbers in advance. If you would like to come please can you notify any Guild Committee Member – Rosemary Pittendrih, Shonah Taylor, Beatrice Fawkes, Kathleen Craig, Lorraine Neilson. Please see the enclosed notice.

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| Peterhead Choral Society with Grampian Sinfonia will be presenting Handel's "Messiah" at Longside Parish Church on Sunday 13th May 2012 at 7.15 pm. Entry £8 to include programme and refreshment. All Welcome. |
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FROM THE MINISTER

23 April 2012

Dear Friends

It brought a smile to my face when I noticed that what had been typed on the computer screen was “Peter and John went to PLAY” which was **NOT** the first line of a song we sung in April. Of course, according to the bible story in the book of Acts, Peter and John went to PRAY.


This little typing faux pas set me thinking about playing and praying. I suspect there are times when many of us lose sight of our real Christian focus and come close to just playing at being Christians. When there is no real depth to our prayers, we are only playing with prayer.

The fact that some people find it easy to be 100% Christians should not mean that we undervalue those who struggle with the faith and sometimes seem to be only playing with it. They are the people who have to work hard at their faith in order to make it real and meaningful in their everyday lives. Maybe we need to appreciate more those who put in the hard work rather than those who find it easy, those who have to deal with doubts rather than being overbrimming with confidence.

What category are you in? Are you someone who has to deal with doubts? Are you someone who sometimes cannot help questioning your professed faith? Many of the Psalms reflect the doubts and fears of someone wondering what is the point in there being a God when life is full of travail.

All I can say is that the experience of many people is that the periods of uncertainty and doubt are often the means by which faith becomes better understood and grasped. I hope that that has been your experience for, if it is, then you will have discovered that doubt has a place in our growth as Christians. When it becomes a means by which faith is strengthened, then we move on from only playing at being Christian to being faithful, praying Christians.

Your friend and minister

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rodger Neilson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

CHURCH WALKING GROUP

Duthie Park, the River Dee and Cults - Sunday 25 March

Our group of 11 gathered by the boating pond and in brilliant sunshine set off across Great Southern Road to reach the footpath on the river heading towards the mediaeval Bridge of Dee. Once off her lead and on the rough fishermen's track, Rosemary's Amber bounded exuberantly in and out of the river while our other canine friend Lassie adopted a more leisurely pace with Janice towards the rear.

The woodpecker and reed bunting spotted by a couple of bird walkers on the bank were too elusive for us. The waters of Inchgarth reservoir glistened in the sun as we skirted its edge towards Primrosehill and Cults. A shortcut up Westerton Road took us on to the old railway line thronged with walkers and joggers, and we had to dodge cyclists as some whizzed past on either side of us. We sped over the striking new bridge at Holburn Street and along the elevated track to the park for a cool drink at the cafe before heading home. We were delighted with the turnout for this first walk and hope to have similar support for our future walks.

Haddo Country Park Sunday - Sunday 22 April

We were delighted that 23 adults (and 2 tinies and 2 dogs) turned out for this combined fund raising walk with the Guild. Having expected and prepared for showers, we were pleased that the rain stayed off and the sun peeked through later in the afternoon. The Pheasantry and Scout field were our first focal points followed by the 'Golden Gates' and mini fish ladder on the Kelly burn at the head of the lower lake. The bird hides on either side of the lake were checked out briefly, with Canada geese and tufted ducks among the sightings. Having missed out the top section of the Avenue and path round the Deer park because of slippery underfoot conditions, we zigzagged through the woodland area before skirting past the play area and Chapel to emerge safe and sound at the front of Haddo House.

The restaurant manageress was able to accommodate our earlier than expected arrival at the Stables restaurant and we enjoyed a welcome cup of tea before heading home.

Margaret Wisely

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| The Kirk Session next meets on Monday 21 May at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall |
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| Christian Aid Buttery Morning 19 May – donations for raffle and tombola welcome. |
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WORLD CHALLENGE, COSTA RICA

Soup and Sweet Lunch after the service on 27 May

Michael Summers, the son of one of our church members, is a 16 year old pupil at Peterhead Academy. For 4 weeks in June 2013 he is going to work in Costa Rica with World Challenge in schools, orphanages and poor communities.

In order to do this he needs to raise over £4,000 to cover the cost of the trip, injections and his kit. On Sunday 27 May after church there will be a soup and pudding for a cost of £5 per person to raise funds. Michael would love to see you there and would very much appreciate your support.

He is also collecting for the ragbag scheme which pays 50p per kilo. Here is a list of what he can take:-

- all men's, ladies and children's clothing, paired shoes (tied together)
- handbags, bags, ties & belts, soft toys, blankets
- underwear to include socks, tights, pants and bras etc...
- household textiles to include towels, bed linen, curtains etc...

He cannot take the following items:

- duvets both synthetic and feathered, carpets, rugs

Please call him on 01779 813051 or email mikeyjsummers@hotmail.co.uk for collection or goods can be dropped off at 17 Aulton Drive, Cruden Bay.

LIFE AND WORK MAY ISSUE

General Assembly 2012 Lynne McNeil meets the Moderator Designate, the Rev Albert Bogle; Assembly reports, timetable and fringe diary.

Heart and Soul: this year's General Assembly Sunday celebration; the Big Question: what is your most memorable Assembly moment?

A Month in a Life: Tom Murray, Purse Bearer to the Lord High Commissioner.

A Nursing Church A series of articles marking World Nurses' Day on May 12. Jackie Macadam unearths the history of the Nurses' Chapel at Glasgow Cathedral. Ida Waddell, Church of Scotland mission partner in Zambia, tells how her nursing career has supported her faith journey.

A Theft Deterrent Jackie Macadam reports on a new technology that can help protect churches from metal thefts.

Plus all the regular columnists, letters, reviews and crosswords – all for just £1.80

CRUDEN GUILD

Monday 27 February

Rosemary welcomed members and visitors to the February meeting of the Guild. This was a very well attended meeting.

After the opening worship, Rosemary introduced our speaker for the evening, the Rev. Donald Martin. He had come along to give us a talk and some insight on our Charity in Malawi.

He gave a wonderful presentation, and his passion for the subject came across at all times. It was wonderful to see the babies and children in the knitted items and other clothing supplied by church members. And it was interesting to see how these goods managed to get to Ekwendeni by some of the most basic roads and passes. It was so humbling too, to see how pleased these poor people were with anything they were given. No sign of discontentment on their lovely smiling faces. It made us all think that there is so much poverty in the world, and that that what we provide by our charity is but a small drop in the ocean. Hopefully one day, if we keep giving, there will be no poor people in the world.

Robert Esson gave a very heartfelt vote of thanks, and after our tea, and the final hymn, Rosemary wished everyone a safe journey home.

Monday 26 March

March's meeting took place in the Church. This was well attended, by members and visitors from Peterhead St Andrews' and Trinity Guilds. After the hymn, reading and prayer, Rosemary introduced our musical guests for the evening - The Aurora Choir and musicians, conducted by Mrs Liz Grant. This choir was made up of students and mums, who do these concerts for their charity, Children in Need.

This proved to be a wonderful combination, providing a vast variety of music, from classic choir music, flute, trombone and vocal solos, to a Gleeful, Don't stop believing, complete with actions by the choir, AND the audience!

Beatrice then gave an excellent vote of thanks. After tea and the final hymn, Rosemary wished everyone a safe journey home.

Monday 30 April - Guild AGM

This meeting will take place in the hall. Newburgh WRI will be coming along to entertain us. All are welcome.

Lorraine Neilson