

**CRUDEN
PARISH
CHURCH**

**BULLETIN
MARCH 2013**

ANNUAL STATED MEETING

of

CRUDEN PARISH CHURCH

Sunday 10 March 2013

(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

Miss Margaret Adams, Mrs Liz Carnie, Mrs Rosemary Reid.

Members who continue to serve on our Session Committees are:

Mrs Kathryn Anderson, Mr Michael Buchan, Mrs Debbie Mackintosh

Mrs Maureen Reid, Mrs Helen Smith, Mrs Fiona Stephen,

As always, those nominated at the Annual Stated Meeting 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 2013

EACH WEEK (Except during school holidays)

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

Fairtrade Fortnight

25 February – 10 March 2013

Friday 1st	:	WORLD DAY OF PRAYER	7.00 pm	Cruden Church
Sunday 3rd	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Church
		Fairtrade Stall after the service		
		3rd Lent Study	7.30 pm	Hall
Wednesday 6th	:	Coffee and Chat	10.30 am	Hall
Sunday 10th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Church
		Annual Stated Meeting		
		Fairtrade Stall after the service		
		4th Lent Study	7.30 pm	Hall
Monday 11th	:	Watch and Talk Group	7.30 pm	in the home of Marilyn Samways, Burnview, Cruden Bay
Wednesday 13th	:	Choir Practice	7.30 pm	Hall
Sunday 17th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Church
		Final Lent Study	7.30 pm	Hall
Monday 18th	:	Kirk Session –	7.30 pm	Hall
Thursday 21st	:	MESSY CHURCH	3:15 pm	Hatton Hall
Sunday 24th	:	PALM SUNDAY SERVICE	10 00 am	Church

HALF HOUR WORSHIP FOR HOLY WEEK

Monday 25th – Friday 29th : 7 pm Church

GOOD FRIDAY – Informal celebration of Holy Communion

Monday 25th	:	The Guild	7.30 pm	Church
Wednesday 27th	:	Choir Practice	7.30 pm	Hall
Sunday 31st	:	EASTER SERVICE	10 00 am	Church
		Sacrament of Holy Communion		

FROM THE MINISTER 22 February 2013

Dear Friends

Stewardship

We can assume for most of his life that Jesus lived at home helping to take care of family responsibilities. But then there came a time when he accepted he had a special destiny to fulfil and from that moment he embarked on his God-given ministry. As we look at his story, we can see that his life's ministry was no less than a continual giving out to others wherever he went. Eventually, as we recall him hanging on the cross, we can see that he had given his very life for others. That is why the followers of Jesus have a responsibility to consider what, in return, they can give to God. I am pleased that this month we provide an opportunity to Cruden Church members to do just that.

In particular, in response to an instruction from the General Assembly of the Church, we don't just ask you once again too consider how much money you might wish to give to the church over the next twelve months. Please also think about how you can best give some of your time to the church.

Cruden Church is no different from other churches. Whether it be money or time, we are blessed by those who give generously of both. But we will have members who might feel, on further reflection, that they might give more, perhaps of money, perhaps of time, perhaps of both. I have no doubt that there will be those members who might conclude that their circumstances now should lead them to cut back on what they give, leaving them still giving in a generous way.

The important thing is for you to think about these things and come to your own conclusion based on your own circumstances and your knowledge of the church's need of your time and of your money. I invite you to do just that.

Your friend and minister

Rodger Nairn

PARISH REGISTER

*(denotes church member)

NO CHANGES TO REPORT THIS MONTH

HOLY
COMMUNION



31 March
10 am

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

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

With this Bulletin, members should find the annual commitment card. Members are asked to participate in the campaign by returning a card when their visitor calls in the next three weeks..

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

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

Church attenders have the opportunity to support Fairtrade during the designated fortnight (25 Feb to 10 March) when a stall will be available on Sundays 3 and 10 March.

THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL COME OUT ON **31 MARCH**. Copy for inclusion to be handed in to the Manse as soon as possible.

SUNDAY MORNING DUTIES 10 am

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Children
3 Mar	Margaret Bruce Ken Bruce	Jean Beedie	Mary Bratton Lewis McKechnie	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Brenda Cadger
10 Mar	Norma Forman Adrian Smith	Lewis McKechnie	Anne Cadey Fiona Stephen	Karla Buswell Helen Smith Irene Siddle
17 Mar	Norma Forman Adrian Smith	Irene Stott	Liz Carnie Helen Cay	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Brenda Cadger
24 Mar	Janice Hutchinson Beatrice Fawkes	Marilyn Samways	Marilyn Samways Janice Hutchinson	Karla Buswell Helen Smith Irene Siddle
31 Mar	Janice Hutchinson Beatrice Fawkes	Beatrice Fawkes	Elizabeth Bruce Alison Neilson	Easter Holidays
7 Apr	Irene Will Annette Garden	Mary McNaughtan	Doreen Buchan Betty Forrester	Easter Holidays
14 Apr	Irene Will Annette Garden	Ellma Watson	Beatrice Fawkes Norma Forman	Easter Holidays
21 Apr	Helen Harper Barrie Harper	Atholene Ritchie	Dorothy Cruickshank Sharon Clark	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Brenda Cadger
28 Apr	Helen Harper Barrie Harper	Norma Forman	Rosemary Reid Betty Morris	Karla Buswell Helen Smith Irene Siddle

2012 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 CHURCHES WALKING GROUP 2013

A lively discussion at our February planning meeting when we considered a number of possible walks has resulted in the following being agreed.

Sunday 24 March	Udny to Ellon
Sunday 21 April	Pitfour (including Guild Sponsored Walk)
Sunday 26 May	Delgaty Castle
Saturday 22 June	Fraserburgh to Strichen.
Sunday 21 July	Balmedie to Bridge of Don
Saturday 11 August	Gordon Way
Sunday 15 September	Haddo, Formartine
Sunday 13 October	Stirlinghill

For the March walk, as is usually the case, 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 Robert Petticrew on 01771 624280.

A FLORIDA COURT SETS AN ATHEIST HOLY DAY

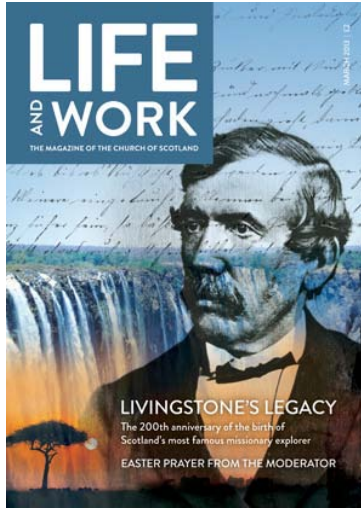
In Florida, an atheist created a case against Easter and Passover Holy days. He hired an attorney to bring a discrimination case against Christians and Jews and observances of their holy days. The argument was that it was unfair that atheists had no such recognized days. The case was brought before a judge. After listening to the passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel declaring, "Case dismissed!"

The lawyer immediately stood and objecting to the ruling saying, "Your honour, How can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and others. The Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah, yet my client and all other atheists have no such holidays."

The judge leaned forward in his chair saying, "But you do. Your client, counsellor, is woefully ignorant." The lawyer said, "Your Honour, we are unaware of any special observance or holiday for atheists."

The judge said, "The calendar says April 1st is April Fool's Day. Psalm 14:1 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God.' Thus, it is the opinion of this court, that, if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, April 1st is his day. Court is adjourned..."

You gotta love a Judge that knows his scripture!



THE MAGAZINE OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

“Dr Livingstone, I Presume?” The life and legacy of David Livingstone, born 200 years ago this month. The Big Question: which missionary has inspired you?

Easter 2013 Easter Prayer and contemplations from the Moderator, Ron Ferguson and the Very Rev James Simpson.

A Land of Contradictions The Rev John Chalmers, Principal Clerk to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, reflects on the lasting impressions of his first visit to the Holy Land.

MARCH ISSUE

If Only... The launch of a major new campaign to tackle global hunger.

Biblical Botanicals In the final part of her series, Muriel Armstrong considers the origins of the Burning Bush.

A Moray Monument John R Hume reflects on the gifts and history of Bellie Parish Church in Fochabers.

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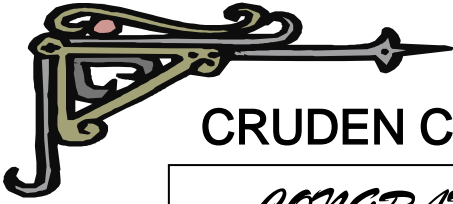
SECRET SANTA STRIKES AGAIN

We at the Junior Church would like to send out our thanks to our Secret Santa once again. When opening our Christmas cards we were delighted to find a card from Santa with lots of money to spend in it. We will keep you appraised as to what we decide to spend our Christmas money on.

Katherine Hyman

MESSY CHURCH REQUEST

The Messy Church would be pleased to receive any tabletop games or jigsaws in good condition and complete. The children are aged from 3 to 11 years. Please contact Kathleen Craig (841221) or Beatrice Fawkes (841814) who will be happy to receive them at Church or pick them up.



CRUDEN CHURCH FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS

to **Mr & Mrs E Daniel, 10 Aulton 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 AND HOLY WEEK

The Lent Study series which started on 17 February in the Church Hall on Sunday evenings continues for the first three Sundays of this month

The Lent Study is called **“Glimpses of God – Hope for Today’s World”** and provides opportunity to reflect on the relevance of our faith in a modern world.

The remaining sessions are

- 3 March The Son who is the Way, the Truth and Life
- 10 March The God who shares our pain
- 17 March The God who calms our fears

Then during Holy Week, starting on 25 March, there will be a half hour service in the Church at 7 pm each evening culminating in our Good Friday celebration of Holy Communion.