

**CRUDEN
PARISH
CHURCH**

**BULLETIN
OCTOBER 2013**



HARVEST THANKSGIVING

This year our Harvest Thanksgiving Service is on 13 October. The church will be suitably decorated but we do not want people to bring harvest gifts. Instead, please do your best to bring a friend with you that day.

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DIARY DATES

OCTOBER 2013

EACH WEEK (Except during school holidays)

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

Wednesday 2nd	:	Time for Chat and Coffee	10.30 am	Hall
Sunday 6th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	
Monday 7th	:	Watch & Talk Group	7.30 pm	at the home of Marilyn Samways, Burnview, Main Street, Cruden Bay
Wednesday 9th	:	Choir Practice	7.30 pm	Hall
Sunday 13th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	
		Service of Harvest Thanksgiving		
		Cruden Churches Walk	11.30 am	Stirling Hill
Thursday 17th	:	Social Committee	7.30 pm	Manse
Sunday 20th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	
Monday 21st	:	Kirk Session	7.30 pm	Hall
Wednesday 23rd	:	Choir Practice	7.30 pm	Hall
Friday 25th	:	Church Quiz	7.30 pm	Hall
Sunday 27th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	
		Service conducted by 3 Elders		
Monday 28th	:	The Guild	7.30 pm	Hall
		"Starfish Project"	Jane Wiseman	
Thursday 31st	:	Messy Church	3.30 pm	Hatton

Cruden Church Coffee and Chat (with homemade pancakes)

in Cruden Church Hall on Wednesday

on 2 October at 10.30 am to 12 noon

ALL ARE WELCOME

FROM THE MINISTER 25 September 2013

Dear Friends

It may have been an excellent summer with recent days in September to match but we will all be aware, thanks to the lengthening nights, that the colder days of winter are not far away.

Our church is the better for having two new double glazed windows and it is a pity that we have not been able to replace the remaining sanctuary windows yet. It has taken a while to get planning permission for the remaining windows and the next step is now to obtain the approval of Presbytery and the General Trustees to install the new windows. We are hoping that all the required permissions will be granted in October and the Kirk Session, having considered 3 quotes, have accepted the lowest estimate from Maskame & Tait who installed the first two new windows to our great satisfaction.

A start has already been made to applying for grants, initially from the General Trustees and thereafter Sita Trust. The success of these applications will be essential for the completion of the work.

However, the good news is that we have been offered a very generous donation that will wholly fund the cost of replacing the largest window, between the two doors. The whole congregation must be extremely grateful for such generosity and, obviously any other similar generous donation would be equally gratefully received.

In the meantime, congregational fundraising has continued, spearheaded in the main by Beatrice Fawkes, and several events this year have helped us gather in enough to show any grant providers that we are making an effort ourselves to raise money.

Your friend and minister

Rodger Nairn

PARISH REGISTER

*denotes Cruden Parish Church member

DEATH

Mr James Neilson, 46 Slains Crescent, Cruden Bay.

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

REMINDER TO THOSE ON SUNDAY DUTY

If unable to do door duty, please inform the Minister - 841229. This should be done by the preceding Friday to allow correct names to be listed on the service order. If unable to do tea duty, please inform Wilma Moir - 841516. We would prefer, if you are unable to fulfil your duty, that you endeavour to find your own replacement before passing on the information as appropriate.

REMINDER TO THOSE USING WFO ENVELOPES

It is very helpful that, on any Sunday you attend, you hand in one envelope which can include what you might have put into envelopes for Sundays you missed.

HYMN BOOK THIS MONTH WILL BE MISSION PRAISE

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

Can you help us brighten someone's Christmas?

Parcels can be left with Rosemary Reid 11 Manse Road, Hatton or brought to the church.

Closing date for parcels 31/10/2013

SUNDAY MORNING DUTIES

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Junior Church
6 Oct	Irene Will Betty Forrester	Rosemary Reid	Alison Neilson Margaret Adams	Karla Buswell Helen Smith Brenda Cadger
13 Oct	Irene Will Betty Forrester	Watson Family	Doreen Buchan Mary Bratton	Holiday
20 Oct	Lewis McKechnie Mary Bratton	Joyce Willox	Betty Morris Liz Carnie	Holiday
27 Oct	Lewis McKechnie Mary Bratton	Anne Smith	Kathleen Craig Helen Cay	Holiday
3 Nov	Marilyn Samways Rosemary Reid	Jean Beedie	Irene Stott Fiona Stephen	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid
10 Nov	Marilyn Samways Rosemary Reid	Mary Bratton	NO TEAS	Remembrance
17 Nov	Irene Stott Fred Stott	Rosemary Pittendrigh	Beatrice Fawkes Marilyn Samways	Karla Buswell Helen Smith Brenda Cadger
24 Nov	Irene Stott Fred Stott	Mary McNaughtan	Betty Morris Alison Neilson	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid

THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO A

ST ANDREW'S NIGHT

*LONGHAVEN PUBLIC HALL
Friday 29 November 2013
7 pm for 7.30 pm*

*£12.00 - three course meal and coffee
Raffle Entertainment*

SEPTEMBER WATCH AND TALK GROUP

The first DVD of the 2013/14 session was about how St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School, Chipping introduced its young pupils to the story of Lent and the approach to Easter. They were taught that giving up something they really liked during Lent was part and parcel of showing their love for Jesus. Only children could have come up with some of the answers given. For example, one young boy was going to tidy the house so that his mother could watch more TV which might indicate he did not fully understand what was expected of him.

It is difficult to know whether introducing such young children to Jesus and the horrors of the Cross and hoping that they understand what it all means is a good thing or not but there is no doubt the teachers in the school are obviously devoted to the children and do their best to help them understand the stories of the Bible. Their efforts seem to be rewarded by the way the children were bringing what they had learnt into their everyday lives.

Introducing Christianity into the lives of children at an early age cannot be a bad thing and the children of St Mary's are very lucky to have the opportunity to accept the Christian Faith as being part of their daily lives. They have nothing to lose and a lot to gain from learning about Jesus and what He means to us all. It is a great pity that children of all ages attending some schools are not given the same opportunities.

The next meeting of the group will be held on 14 October at Burnview Main Street Cruden Bay at 7.30 pm where all old and new members will be made very welcome. The subject will be "In the Steps of Paul (1)" David Suchet.

Jenny McGarrol

THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO A

QUIZ NIGHT

CRUDEN CHURCH HALL

Friday 25 October 2013

7.30 pm

Raffle

Further details from Betty Forrester 841205

POINTS TO PONDER

All people smile in the same language

It is not he who has little, but he who wants more, who is poor.

Never miss an opportunity to make others happy, even if you have to let them alone to do it.

Be cheerful. Of all the things you wear, your expression is the most important.

So long as enthusiasm lasts, so long is youth still with us.

What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity.

If we fill our hours with regrets over the failures of yesterday, and with worries over the problems of tomorrow, we have no today in which to be thankful.

May you live all the days of your life!

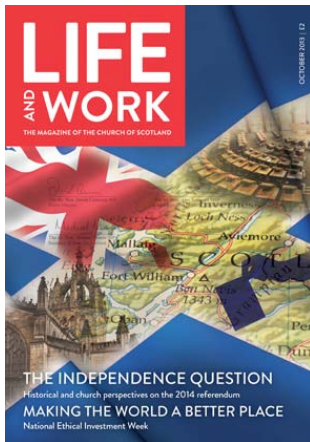
IN OCTOBER'S ISSUE

The Independence Debate – part two... The historical context; a young person's view; and the role of the Church of Scotland. Plus: The Big Question - What is your church doing to help the community understand the 2014 referendum?

Making the World a Better Place Murdo Macdonald considers how we can make ethical financial decisions.

'A Priceless and Unforgettable Experience' Seonaid Knox reports from this year's National Youth Assembly.

'A Tool to Keep in Touch' The Moderator describes her first steps in social media.



Reaching Out How an Edinburgh congregation has engaged with a local mosque.

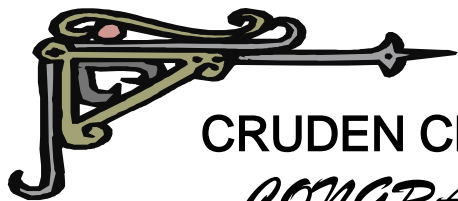
The Silence of God The Rev Scott McKenna considers definitions of 'God'.

A Miracle of Sharing The Rev Carol Ford offers a different way of retelling the feeding of the 5000.

James Watt's Church Organ The Very Rev Dr James Simpson looks at how great hymns can resonate in our hearts and minds.

Plus news, letters, reviews and crosswords – all for just £2.

If you would like to read Life & Work, the magazine of the Church of Scotland, contact Isobel Young on 812360



CRUDEN CHURCH FAMILY CONGRATULATIONS

to **Mrs Eliza Napier, Jehrada Cottage, Longhaven** who will be celebrating her 90th Birthday this month.

The minister would welcome, in writing please, any news for this feature in the Bulletin. He feels that it should not simply be a list of anniversaries and birthdays.



HOME COMMUNION



The minister is always willing to visit those unable to get to church to offer them Holy Communion. He intends doing this in the last week of November. Anyone wishing to avail themselves of this opportunity should contact their elder or the minister.

WHAT IS THE WORD?

Only 5% of Stanford University graduates figured it out!
Each of the following statements refer to the same word. What is it?

1. The word has seven letters...
2. Preceded God...
3. Greater than God...
4. More Evil than the devil...
5. All poor people have it...
6. Wealthy people need it....
7. If you eat it, you will die.

First person to tell the minister the correct answer before 27 October will be invited to do the bible readings on a Sunday at the beginning of December. Now how good a prize is that! The winner can, of course, decline!
Answer in next month's Bulletin

EVANGELISM: THE BUSINESS OF THE ANGELS

Markus Auffermann, *Woodside Church, Aberdeen*

In the Church of Scotland we sadly often hesitate to use the word 'evangelism' in a sermon because it appears to turn off a good many people. For some reason, there are a lot of folks out there who think evangelism is telling others what they have to believe and how they have to live.

Actually, evangelism is the business of the angels. The word 'angel' really means 'messenger'. Angels are not fluttering, white-winged beings. An angel is one who speaks for God - one who shares discovered joy. Someone pointed out to me that the word 'angel' appears in the middle of the word 'evangelism'. Evangelism simply means being God's messenger by sharing the good news of God's love and word in Christ Jesus with others.

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The primary motive for evangelism is to bring others to acknowledge God's love in Jesus Christ. However, an equally important motive relates to the life of the Church. Unless evangelism stands at the centre of a congregation's ministry, that congregation will begin to wither on the vine. Much has been said in our times about the decline of mainline denominations and the growth of fundamentalist denominations. In almost every case, the reason for the growth of any church can be traced to an enthusiastic witnessing to the gospel.

Kirk people are not comfortable with the 'are you saved' approach to evangelism of some denominations. But that's not the only way to witness to one's faith. We don't have to be judgmental or pious to be enthusiastic about our faith. I can point to any number of people in congregations who are there because they were personally invited by another member. That's evangelism. That's enthusiastic witnessing. That is sharing our faith. And that is vital to the continued health and growth of the church's ministry.

The need for evangelism is greater now than ever before in our history. As the Kirk is in membership decline, as long-time members get older and weaker and may have to retire to other communities, it is important that new and younger people take their place. But these new families need to be warmly, cordially and personally invited! That is a task which belongs to every member of every congregation throughout the world. We can advertise about our congregation until the cows come home. But in the final analysis, it is through the personal witness of individual Christians to others, particularly newcomers, strangers, and the unchurched that the Church of Jesus Christ fulfils its mission. It will take our active daily witness to make it happen. All of us need to be Evangelists!

MESSY CHURCH

The undoubted success for Cruden Church last winter session was starting Messy Church in Cruden. As Bulletin readers should now know, Messy Church is the unusual name for an increasingly popular initiative throughout the UK designed to make the church more accessible to families with young children.

- ❖ It's not a Sunday morning so there are no sermons
- ❖ It is hands on with all sorts of crafts so there is a chance that, with glue and paint and such stuff, some people might get a little messy.

As reported below, a new session has successfully got underway and the next Messy Church will be on 31 October in Hatton Public Hall. The intention is to take it back to Cruden Bay after the turn of the year. Further details available from

Kathleen Craig (841221) or Beatrice Fawkes (841814)

September's Messy Church

The first meeting of the new session was the usual happy affair. We were glad to welcome friends old and new to explore the theme of The Good Shepherd. The 18 children with their parents and carers enthusiastically made wonderful sheep biscuits with Debbie and Mary, very individual model sheep with Rosemary and Janice, impressive sheep badges with Joyce and beautiful name cards with Kathryn and Amy. While working with the children the message of Jesus as the good shepherd who knows us individually and cares for us was talked about. Also that God does not want us to be mindless sheep but get to know him for ourselves. There were toys and games with Rosemary and Maureen and also an inviting selection of books for those who wanted a quiet read.

Downstairs Kathleen led an act of worship which brought together all the elements of the theme explored in our craft work. The computer generated images and the on screen song words were great. The children responded enthusiastically to the song. We are grateful to Robert for working the technology and Fred for lending it. In the Kitchen Beatrice, Joyce and Betty produced a beautiful meal of cottage pie, carrots, peas and bread. A fairy cake, complete with candles, for those who had a birthday over the summer provided a popular end to the meal.

We are very grateful to all those people who come along to help and those who come to visit and see what is going on. Everyone is welcome so why don't you come for a visit or bring your grandchildren, friends or neighbours. I'm sure you will have fun. We all do.

Rosemary Reid

MAF / MALAWI BUTTERY MORNING

At the very successful Coffee Morning on Saturday 14 September, £551 was raised for MAF and our Malawi fund.

We thank the Social Committee under the supervision of Betty Forrester for providing the refreshments and all the others who helped on the day. Thanks are due to everyone who donated prizes for the raffle and tombola and also to all those who attended, your support is greatly appreciated.

We are also grateful to all those who throughout the year knit blankets and baby clothes for the Ekwendeni parcels. Samples of these were also included in the display.

Robert Esson, Annette Garden

Want to start getting ready for Christmas? **CRUDEN CALENDARS AND CARDS** are available in October for sale in the Hall after our Sunday Services.

MACMILLAN COFFEE DAY Mary Bratton's annual Macmillan Coffee Day is on Friday 4 October, 10 am to 4 pm at 169 Braehead Drive, Cruden Bay. Tombola prizes will be gratefully received.