

CRUDEN
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THE
BULLETIN



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DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER 2013

EACH WEEK

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

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| Sunday 3rd | : | MORNING SERVICE | 10.00 am | |
| Wednesday 6th | : | Coffee and Chat | 10:30 am | Hall |
| | | Guild Presbyterial Council | 7.30 pm | Fyvie Church |
| | | The Right Rev Lorna Hood, Moderator | | |
| Sunday 10th | : | REMEMBRANCE SERVICE | <u>10.30 am</u> | |
| Monday 11th | : | Watch and Talk Group | 7.30 pm | Main Street, Cruden Bay |
| Wednesday 13th | : | Choir Practice | 7.30 pm | Hall |
| Sunday 17th | : | MORNING SERVICE | 10.00 am | |
| | | Service conducted by Cruden Church Guild | | |
| Monday 18th | : | Kirk Session | 7.30 pm | Hall |
| Thursday 21st | : | MESSY CHURCH | 3:30 pm | Hatton |
| Sunday 24th | : | MORNING SERVICE | 10.00 am | |
| | | Sacrament of Holy Communion | | |
| Monday 25th | : | Cruden Guild | 7.30 pm | Hall |
| | | "Life's Challenges" – Ewan Mackay | | |
| Wednesday 27th | : | Choir Practice | 7.30 pm | Hall |
| Friday 29th | : | St Andrew's Night Dinner | 7.30 pm | Longhaven Hall |

FORTHCOMING DATES IN DECEMBER

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|---------------|---|-----------------------|----------|------|
| Wednesday 4th | : | Coffee and Chat | 10:30 am | Hall |
| | | Choir Practice | 7.30 pm | Hall |
| Sunday 8th | : | MORNING SERVICE | 10.00 am | |
| | | Ythan Singers Concert | 3.00 pm | |

CHANGE OF TIME Please note that the service on
10 November - Remembrance Sunday - will begin at
the later time of **10.30 am**.

FROM THE MINISTER *20 October 2013*

Dear Friends

I write this on a Sunday afternoon. This morning I informed the congregation that my hope to retire at the end of January is no longer a hope but is definite. Alison and I have had an offer for a house accepted so, now that we will have a house to go to, I will retire on 31 January 2014. Before starting this Bulletin letter, I emailed letters to the Ministries Council of the Church and also to the Presbytery of Buchan informing them of this fact.

Many of you have known that I wanted to retire early next year but it all depended on purchasing a house since, of course, I had no intention of us being homeless. So you will be glad to know now the uncertainty is gone and that I shall be leaving then.

The next three months will be strange for the two of us as we plan both for leaving Cruden and also for heading for a new home which is near Dunfermline. Please do not ask us where exactly we are going – these details will come in due time when we have got accustomed to the fact that our home will no longer be in the Manse in Hatton.

I am pleased that my last service in Cruden Church will be our Communion service on 26 January but it will be with mixed emotions that I conduct that service. Prior to that much will have to be done to prepare for the time when there will be no Cruden minister and when Cruden Church will be supervised by an Interim Moderator appointed by Presbytery.

The Presbytery Plan allows Cruden Church to look for a new minister but the current shortage of ministers is chronic and many congregations, especially those away from the Central Belt, are having long vacancies, so there should be no assumption that a new minister will be found quickly. We can only pray and hope that it won't be too long.

I would ask for your prayers for Alison and myself as we prepare for such a significant change in our lives

Your friend and minister

Rodger Naylor

CHRISTMAS CARDS and 2014 CALENDARS

If you haven't already seen the calendars for 2014 (with photographs taken by Fred Coutts) and Christmas cards (specially designed by Jim Taylor of Cruden Bay) showing 'The Adoration of the Magi' do come to the Hall after the Service. Calendars are priced at £12, the cards at £3 for 10. Proceeds to the Windows Project.

Enquiries to Beatrice Fawkes 841814

CRUDEN CHURCH CRAFT GROUP

This group goes from strength to strength as they enjoy their fortnightly Tuesday afternoons. As you can see from the picture on the front cover of the Bulletin, the Hall is a buzz of activity as they sit round the tables with their knitting and crocheting.

NOVEMBER DATES ARE 5th and 19th

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.

VISIT BY THE MODERATOR

The Moderator of the General Assembly, the Right Reverend Lorna Hood is visiting the Presbytery of Buchan from 2 to 10 November. Cruden Church members have a chance to attend a Panel Night (chaired by the Rev Rodger Neilson) and Concert in Fraserburgh West Church on Sunday, 3 November and also a Songs of Praise a week later in Banff Church. Both these evenings commence at 7.30 pm.

ST ANDREW'S NIGHT

**LONGHAVEN PUBLIC
HALL**

**Friday 29 November
2013**

7 pm for 7.30 pm

**Ticket £12.00
three course meal and
coffee**

Raffle Entertainment

For further details, contact Betty
Forrester, telephone 841205.

POPPY SCOTLAND

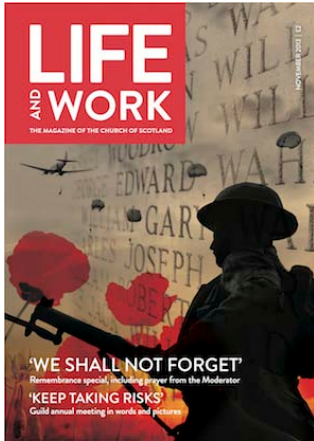
Founded by Field Marshal Earl Haig, Commander-in-Chief of the British Army and established in 1921 as The Earl Haig Fund Scotland the current name and logo was introduced in 2006 to reflect the revised fundraising activities and charitable services work. In June 2011 Poppy Scotland merged with their sister charity The Royal British Legion (TRBL), which operates in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, to form the largest charity group supporting the Armed Forces community across the whole of the UK. ***On Remembrance Sunday, opportunity will be given to the congregation to donate to this Fund***

CRUDEN CONNECTION

Sometime last year someone handed in to the Manse a cutting from Australia's Sydney Morning Herald. The newspaper extract was actually the obituary of Dame Elizabeth Murdoch who died in 2012 at the ripe old age of 103. She had married Sir Keith Murdoch who was 24 years older than her and outlived him by 60 years! Their son, Rupert Murdoch, built on his legacy as a press baron, not only in his native Australia but around the world.

Her wedding was conducted on 6 June 1928 by Keith's father, the Reverend Patrick Murdoch who had been minister of Cruden Free Church until 1885 just before the present Hatton church building was opened for worship. Of course, there is no one around now who will remember the Rev Patrick Murdoch but a good number of Hatton folk will remember the Manse he stayed in for it was not demolished until 1958.

On being married, the new Mrs Murdoch moved to a farm south east of Melbourne and it was renamed Cruden Farm. After her husband's death in 1952, Dame Elizabeth built up a magnificent reputation as a generous benefactor of many good causes.



IN NOVEMBER'S ISSUE

'We Shall Not Forget' Remembrance reflection by the Rev John Chalmers, two and a half years after his son was injured in Afghanistan.

Jackie Macadam meets the Church of Scotland minister who helps injured service personnel look to the future.

Guild urged to 'keep taking risks' Lynne McNeil reports from the 2013 annual meeting of the Church of Scotland Guild.

Who is my Neighbour? The Very Rev Dr Sheilagh Kesting reports on new insights from a study of ecumenical activity

The God Question Lynne McNeil learns more about a new resource in the science v faith debate

'A God Thing' Thomas Baldwin meets the Christian writer and actor Abby Guinness

A Fife Success John R Hume focuses on a new church in Dunfermline

Changing Church Thomas Baldwin discovers a Dundee congregation reaching out and serving the local community

The Church of the Night Elizabeth White and Jenny Williams report on the progress of NiteKirk in Edinburgh

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 01779 812360

NOTHING!

NOTHING has 7 letters.

NOTHING preceded God.

NOTHING is greater than God.

NOTHING is more Evil than the devil.

All poor people have NOTHING.

Wealthy people need NOTHING.

If you eat NOTHING, you will die.

This is the answer to the puzzle in last month's Bulletin and only 4 people contacted the minister with the correct answer and only 1 of those expressed a willingness to accept the unusual prize of doing the Bible readings on a Sunday at the beginning of December. Well done, Joyce Walker of Links View Cruden Bay!



CONGRATULATIONS

to **Mr & Mrs Alexander Ritchie**, “Coire Cas”, 13 Hobshill Place, **Hatton** who will be celebrating their Diamond Wedding this month.

to **Mr & Mrs Sandy Beedie**, 37 Manse Road, **Hatton** who will be celebrating their Golden Wedding 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.



Watch and Talk Group -14 October

We watched an excellent DVD on Monday 14 October entitled “David Suchet. In the Steps of Paul” Beautifully filmed, it has taught us a lot about Paul’s childhood in Tarsus, modern- day Turkey, of how he became a Roman citizen and of his education in Greek Philosophy.

As a Pharisee in Rome, he ardently defended the importance of Jewish law and viewed the faith in Jesus as a threat, until his conversion on the road to Damascus. Travelling thousands of miles on foot along the Roman roads, and working as a tent maker to earn his keep, he was instrumental in spreading the Christian faith throughout Asia Minor to both Gentiles and Jews. He met violent opposition from cities where pagan worship predominated but was welcomed in the homes of villagers, teaching as he did, the importance of tolerance and peaceful living.

A man of contrasts strong and energetic, but also he could be gentle and humble.

We enjoyed learning of Paul so much that we decided to change our programme and view the second “David Suchet. In the steps of Paul” at our next meeting on Monday 11 November.

Annette Garden

GOD AND THE SUBURBANITES

A Heavenly Conversation between God and St Francis

GOD: St. Francis, you know all about gardens and nature. What in the world is going on down there in the USA? What happened to the dandelions, violets, thistle and stuff I started eons ago? I had a perfect, no-maintenance garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought and multiply with abandon. The nectar from the long lasting blossoms attracts butterflies, honeybees and flocks of songbirds. I expected to see a vast garden of colours by now. But all I see are these green rectangles.

ST. FRANCIS: It's the tribes that settled there, Lord. The Suburbanites. They started calling your flowers weeds and went to great lengths to kill them and replace them with grass.

GOD: Grass? But it's so boring. It's not colourful. It doesn't attract butterflies, birds and bees, only grubs and sod worms. It's temperamental with temperatures. Do these Suburbanites really want all that grass growing there?

ST. FRANCIS: Apparently so, Lord. They go to great pains to grow it and keep it green. They begin each spring by fertilizing grass and poisoning any other plant that crops up in the lawn.

GOD: The spring rains and warm weather probably make grass grow really fast. That must make the Suburbanites happy.

ST. FRANCIS: Apparently not, Lord. As soon as it grows a little, they cut it, sometimes twice a week.

GOD: They cut it? Do they then bale it like hay?

ST. FRANCIS: Not exactly Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it in bags.

GOD: They bag it? Why? Is it a cash crop? Do they sell it?

ST. FRANCIS: No, sir -- just the opposite. They pay to throw it away.

GOD: Now, let me get this straight. They fertilize grass so it will grow. And when it does grow, they cut it off and pay to throw it away?

ST. FRANCIS: Yes, sir.

GOD: These Suburbanites must be relieved in the summer when we cut back on the rain and turn up the heat. That surely slows the growth and saves them a lot of work.

ST. FRANCIS: You aren't going to believe this, Lord. When the grass stops growing so fast, they drag out hoses and pay more money to water it so they can continue to mow it and pay to get rid of it.

GOD: What nonsense. At least they kept some of the trees. That was a sheer stoke of genius, if I do say so myself. The trees grow leaves in the spring to provide beauty and shade in the summer. In the autumn they fall to the ground and form a natural blanket to keep moisture in the soil and protect the trees and bushes. Plus, as they rot, the leaves form compost to enhance the soil. It's a natural circle of life.

ST. FRANCIS: You'd better sit down, Lord. The Suburbanites have drawn a new circle. As soon as the leaves fall, they rake them into great piles and pay to have them hauled away.

GOD: No! What do they do to protect the shrub and tree roots in the winter and to keep the soil moist and loose?

ST. FRANCIS: After throwing away the leaves, they go out and buy something which they call mulch. They haul it home and spread it around in place of the leaves.

GOD: And where do they get this mulch?

ST. FRANCIS: They cut down trees and grind them up to make the mulch.

GOD: Enough! I don't want to think about this anymore. St. Catherine, you're in charge of the arts. What movie have you scheduled for us tonight?

ST. CATHERINE: Dumb and Dumber, Lord. It's a real stupid movie about.....

GOD: Never mind, I think I just heard the whole story from St. Francis.

CAKE AND CANDY AND GALAS

The following amounts have been banked this year as a result of Cake & Candy stalls plus serving teas at Hatton gala.

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| June | Cruden Bay Gala | £425 |
| August | Stall at Church | £166 |
| September | Stall at Church | £320 |
| September | Hatton Gala | <u>£364</u> |
| | Total | £1,275 |

Warm thanks to ALL who made a contribution, in any way and in particular to Beatrice Fawkes, for all her organisation.

Mary Bratton would wish to thank all her helpers and everyone who supported her Macmillan Coffee Day. A magnificent £1,452 was raised. Well done, Mary.

PARISH REGISTER

*denotes member

DEATH

Mrs Heather Ratcliffe, 21 Cantlay Court, Cruden Bay.

WEDDING

5 October

Scott Gibson, Craigmill, Maud & Lynne Cumming, Tillydesk, Ellon

HOLY COMMUNION

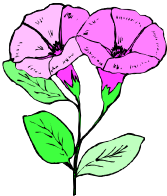


24 November
10.00 am

Duty Elders

Kathleen Clark, Adrian Smith, Annette Garden,
Betty Smith, Jim MacDonald, Peter Slamaker, Robert Petticrew,
Irene Will, Muriel Cantlay, Betty Forrester.

2014 FLOWER CALENDAR



Calendar for the Old Church will now be found on the notice board at the Church and members are invited to add their name beside any date on which they would wish to place flowers on the communion table. The gift of such flowers is always greatly appreciated. In particular, it is hoped that the early months of next year will soon be filled up.

THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL COME OUT
ON **24 NOVEMBER**. Copy for inclusion to be
handed in to the Manse as soon as possible.

CHANGE OF HYMNBOOK
FROM 3 NOVEMBER WE SHALL USE CH4

SUNDAY MORNING DUTIES

| Date | Door | Flowers | Teas | Junior Church |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--|---|
| 3 Nov | Mary Bratton Margaret Adams | Jean Beedie | Irene Stott Fiona Stephen | Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid |
| 10 Nov | Mary Bratton 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 |
| 1 Dec | Shonah Taylor Robert Petticrew | Rosemary Reid | Janice Hutchinson Dorothy Cruickshank | Karla Buswell Helen Smith Brenda Cadger |
| 8 Dec | Shonah Taylor Robert Petticrew | Betty Forrester | Margaret Adams Norma Forman | Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid |
| 15 Dec | Sarah Paterson Kathleen Craig | Beatrice Fawkes | Elma Cumming Betty Forrester | Karla Buswell Helen Smith Brenda Cadger |
| 22 Dec | Sarah Paterson Kathleen Craig | Betty Forrester | Rosemary Reid Lewis McKechnie | No Junior Church |
| 29 Dec | Robert Esson Mary Bratton | Robert Esson | Helen Cay Marilyn Samways | No Junior Church |

MAF says THANKS

In September a successful Buttery Morning was held to benefit Ekwendeni Hospital and Mission Aviation Fellowship. In their letter of thanks MAF writes

Thank you for the kind gift of £274 from the Coffee Morning held in Cruden Parish Church to go towards the Fuel for Life campaign and for your prayers in support of MAF.

Prayer underpins all we do, whether it is the teams in the offices or the pilots and engineers, we all know that prayer connects us as a family and is our direct link to God as we praise Him for His goodness and share with Him our worries and needs.