

*CRUDEN
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JANUARY 2014



THE BULLETIN

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DIARY DATES

JANUARY 2014

EACH WEEK (Except during school holidays)

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

Sunday 5th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	
Wednesday 8th	:	Choir Practice	7:30 pm	Hall
Sunday 12th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	
		service conducted by 3 Elders		
Monday 13th	:	Watch & Talk Group	7.30 pm	3 Main Street, Cruden Bay
Wednesday 15th	:	Choir Practice	7:30 pm	Hall
Thursday 16th	:	Messy Church	3:15 pm	Port Erroll Hall
Sunday 19th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	
		service conducted by 3 Elders		
Monday 20th	:	Kirk Session	7.30 pm	Hall
Tuesday 21st	:	Craft Group	2.00 pm	Hall
Wednesday 22nd	:	Choir Practice	7:30 pm	Hall
Sunday 26th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	
		THE MINISTER'S FINAL SERVICE		
		Sacrament of Holy Communion		
Monday 27th	:	The Guild	7.30 pm	Hall
		"Mercy Ships" Sandra Campbell		

JANUARY HYMN BOOK - CH4

THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL COME OUT
ON **2 FEBRUARY**. Copy for inclusion to be handed into
the Manse as soon as possible.

FROM THE MINISTER 23 December 2013

Dear Friends

A very Happy New Year to you all

The end is nigh – at least my end – or to be more precise the end of my time as minister of Cruden parish Church. The Presbytery of Buchan has now announced that the minister of Longside, the Rev Bob Fowlie, will be Interim Moderator of Cruden Church during the vacancy. I am delighted to know that an experienced minister will be able to guide you through the coming months and I know you will welcome him into your midst.

You will see from the page opposite that I shall be missing from the pulpit on two of January's Sundays. I have thoroughly enjoyed my involvement with Trinity Church, Peterhead and Boddam since their minister retired two years ago. The people there welcomed me back into their midst, it being 15 years since I had previously been their Moderator and I am pleased to go back for a final time to their two churches on 12 January and bid them farewell.

It is always important for different denominations to be able to show that it is one Christian faith that they share and, over the years, Cruden Parish Church has been involved in many different ways with St James' Episcopal Church and Cruden Bay Congregational Church. I have particularly appreciated the opportunity of regularly celebrating the Sacrament in St James' –not many Presbyterian ministers will have had that privilege. Once again I am happy to have the chance to bid both those congregations farewell when I preach at their services on 19 January.

Which now leaves the 26th and my final service. As always on the last Sunday in January we shall celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion and I am hoping that when I look out from the pulpit I will see many of those to whom it has been my privilege to minister over the years.

I look forward to writing my final letter for the February Bulletin.

Your friend and minister

Rodger Naylor

PRESENTATION TO REV RODGER NEILSON

With Rodger's retirement on 31 January 2014 fast approaching, it is the intention of the Session to mark this significant event at a presentation to be held in Cruden Parish Church on **Friday 24 January at 7.30 pm**. The invitation is extended to all who wish to pay tribute to Rodger's 40 year ministry in the Parish and to this end, please pass on the invitation to non-members who may wish to attend. One or two of the Church Groups will take part in the proceedings and the evening brought to a close by the serving of light refreshments.

Donations received to date are most pleasing, but for those who still wish to contribute towards Rodger's retirement gift, this can be done as follows:

- 1) Direct to the Treasurer, Rosemary Pittendrigh, 21 Links View, Cruden Bay, Peterhead, AB42 0RF
- 2) Placed in the collection boxes in Cruden Bay Post Office, Hatton Market or Church Welcome area
- 3) In the collection plate or handed to any member of the Session

The closing date for receiving donations will be Sunday 19 January, 2014

Robert M Esson
Session Clerk

CRAFT GROUP

The last meeting of our group for 2013 was attended by 30 people. We had a fun filled afternoon with good company and excellent entertainment by William Morgan and Bob Davidson.

The programme was started by William on the accordion and Bob on the fiddle with a selection of foot tapping Traditional Scottish Music. Bob also spun a few tales and recited a couple of poems in Doric.

Janice sang The Sweet Song, to the tune of Rowan Tree and the Eriskay Love Lilt followed. Refreshments were served then Janice and Helen read the Doric version of The Town Mouse and The Country Mouse.

The afternoon was rounded off with a sing-a-long of carols and Auld Lang Syne. We were especially pleased that Rodger and Alison Neilson joined our celebration. We look forward to the 21st January when we shall meet again and get on with the work for Malawi.

Helen Cay

PARISH REGISTER

*(denotes church member)

DEATH

*Mrs Jemima Goldie, Kirkburn Nursing Home, Peterhead.

HOLY COMMUNION



26 January
10 am

Duty Elders Betty May, Kathleen Craig, Sandy Smith,
Annette Garden, Robert Esson, Betty Smith,
Betty Forrester, Kate Clark, Joyce Willox, John Lamb.



REMINDER TO THOSE ON SUNDAY DUTY

If unable to do door and tea duties, please endeavour to find your own replacement.

From Poppy Scotland

A letter of thanks has been received after our donation of £220, collected on Remembrance Sunday, was sent.

**THE SMILE ON YOUR FACE IS THE LIGHT IN THE
WINDOW THAT TELLS PEOPLE YOU ARE AT HOME.**

SUNDAY MORNING DUTIES – 10 am

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Children
5 Jan	Alison Neilson Betty May	Irene Stott	Irene Stott Fiona Stephen	No Junior Church
12 Jan	Margaret Adams Sandy Beedie	Anne Smith	Beatrice Fawkes Liz Carnie	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid
19 Jan	Margaret Adams Sandy Beedie	Marina Bruce	Doreen Buchan Wilma Moir	Karla Buswell Helen Smith Brenda Cadger
26 Jan	Carol Paul Stewart Paul	Betty Forrester	Dorothy Cruickshank Iris Durno	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid
2 Feb	Carol Paul Stewart Paul	Atholene Ritchie	Kathleen Craig Elma Cumming	Karla Buswell Helen Smith Brenda Cadger
9 Feb	Debbie Macintosh Joyce Willox	Betty Forrester	Rosemary Reid Jim MacDonald	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid
16 Feb	Debbie Macintosh Joyce Willox	Joyce Willox	Margaret Adams Betty Morris	No Junior Church
23 Feb	Wilma Moir Liz Carnie	Lewis McKechnie	NO TEAS	Karla Buswell Helen Smith Brenda Cadger

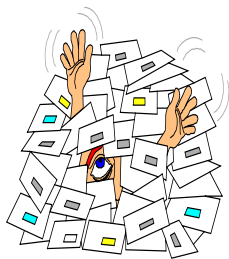
CRITICISM

Excerpts from actual performance reviews for British Navy and Marine Officers

- His men would follow him anywhere, but only out of curiosity.
- This Officer is really not so much as a has-been, but more of a definitely won't-be.
- Works well under constant supervision and when cornered like a rat in a trap.
- This young lady has delusions of adequacy.
- She sets low personal standards and then consistently fails to achieve them.
- This officer should go far – and the sooner he starts, the better.
- This man is depriving a village somewhere of an idiot.

The Pursers Rum Guide to Royal Navy Slangage

POSTAGE STAMPS



Please do not throw away the stamps from your cards this Christmas. Those attending church on Sundays are invited to bring used postage stamps cut carefully from envelopes and postcards. Please place them in the receptacle by the Church notice board. If you cannot bring them yourself, please ask a friend to do so.

CHRISTIAN ONE-LINERS

It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.

Opportunity may knock only once, but temptation bangs on your front door forever.

Some minds are like concrete - thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

Peace starts with a smile.

A lot of church members who are singing "Standing on the Promises" are just sitting on the premises.

God doesn't call the qualified but qualifies the called.

God loves everyone but probably prefers "fruits of the spirit" over "religious nuts".

He who angers you, controls you!

If God is your co-pilot, swop seats!

We don't change the message, the message changes us.

PROJECT FUNDRAISING

Donations received from the Coffee & Chat mornings so far this winter have amounted to £108 and have been passed on to the Treasurer for the Windows Project. NEXT Coffee and Chat is 5 February

SMILE

An Irish taxi hire firm recently advertised: "Taxis for football matches, race meetings, weddings, funerals and other sporting events"

REPENTANCE MEANS RELIEF

I suspect that in many minds, the word repentance conjures up the picture of somebody dressed in sack cloth and ashes and beating their breast. This is remorse literally 'biting again'. It is the backlash of conscience and it may very well bring about repentance, but repentance itself is something bigger. It means, in the original Greek, a mental right-about turn, a change in the inner man. It may start in sorrow, but proceeds in joy.

I would suggest, for the image of repentance, the picture of a motorist who has taken the wrong road. For some time she may continue in the vain hope that things will turn out all right, but the time comes when she puts on the brakes, reverses the car and says: 'We're going back to where we left the main road'. There may be a period of self-reproach, but the final emotion should be one of relief at being back once more on the right road.

Repentance is the homing instinct of the moral person.

BETTER HALF

A renowned evangelist was once asked how many were saved at a certain evangelistic meeting. "Two and half", he replied. "Two adults and a child?" asked the questioner. "No", came the response, "Two children and an adult. A child has a whole life to give to the Lord. An adult's life is already half spent!" Do we recognise children for the important people they are? Do we see the worth and potential in the same way that evangelist did? And as the Lord himself did? "Suffer the children to come unto Me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

MINISTER'S FAREWELL SOCIAL

CRUDEN PARISH CHURCH

7.30 PM FRIDAY 24 JANUARY

ALL WELCOME



JANUARY ISSUE OF THE MAGAZINE OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

The January edition of Life and Work asks us to spare a thought for those less fortunate with a powerful and poignant feature on the role of food banks. It then moves onto another food-related landmark in the calendar, Scotland's annual celebration of the Bard. Burns Night on January 25 is an occasion when the humble haggis, neeps and tatties become a feast that, like Christmas, brings us together.

There has been an explosion in the number of food banks in Scotland over the past year and many are run by churches or groups of churches. Thomas Baldwin visited two of them speaking to the volunteers who run them and the people who use them.

Former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Very Rev Dr James Simpson, traces the Church of Scotland's long association with Burns Suppers. He says: "Every January thousands of Burns Suppers are held in Scotland and thousands more in distant corners of the world. Ever since that first Immortal Memory proposed by an Ayrshire minister, many of the most eloquent speakers at Burns Suppers have continued to be Kirk ministers".

Plus all the regular columnists, letters, reviews and crosswords.

Anyone wishing to subscribe to this most interesting and informative magazine of the Church of Scotland should contact: Mrs Isobel Young Tel: Cruden Bay 812360



HUMILITY

Humility is not only sweet and pleasant to others, it is beautiful in itself. It is the primary means of attaining a likeness to God; since His image in us cannot be perfect as long as there is present in our hearts any vestige of pride. Humility is also beautiful because it is the root whence all other virtues spring – patience, unselfishness, generosity, obedience to God.



NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER REPORT

November's mountain themed Messy Church certainly lived up to its name. The children helped Janice and Rosemary sponge paint and print a mountain scene and painted their feet to make foot prints with Beatrice and Kathleen. They asked to do this again. Something to remember for the future. The two Joyces made amazing snakes and Betty along with Maureen made edible mountains with jelly baby people. Craft you can eat always goes down well. Kathryn, Jean and Mary entertained those who wished with toys and games. Rodger related all the activities to the bible and everyone sang Go Tell It On The Mountains to Janice's guitar. Debbie and her kitchen helpers served a lovely meal to finish off the meeting.

December Messy Church was very lively. Debbie and her helpers made amazing things with lolly sticks and a fruit Grinch on cocktail sticks. Joyce made paper snow flakes and Kathryn's table produced beautiful cards. There was a story corner for those who didn't feel crafty and everyone enjoyed party games. The children dramatized the story of Jesus Christmas Party. Their characterisation of the grumpy innkeeper was wonderful. We all enjoyed the party food.

The next Messy Church is in Cruden Bay on Thursday 16 January. Bring your child. If you don't have a child borrow one! All welcome.

Rosemary Reid

CRUDEN CHURCH WALKS.

It will soon be that time of year when the walking group comes together to plan its schedule of walks for the coming summer. Everyone is welcome to join us on the 13th February at 7:30 pm in the Church Hall where suggestions for new walks or even one done in the past will be welcome.

For further information please contact me on 01771624280.

Robert Petticrew.

CRUDEN CHURCH GUILD

MONDAY 25 NOVEMBER

LIFE'S CHALLENGES

Speaker Ewan Mackay.

Once again Rosemary welcomed members and guests to a very well attended meeting. After the reading and prayer, she introduced our young guest speaker, who turned out to be so much more than we expected. This was no ordinary 17 year old, as we were about to find out.

With the help of a power point presentation, Ewan spoke of his life coping with cerebral palsy. It started from his birth right up to the present day. He was determined to raise money for the neo natal clinic in Aberdeen, mainly as a thank you for all the help he received. So his plan was to climb Ben Nevis. For anyone this is some feat, but for Ewan a somewhat more arduous task. However, with help from friends and family, he completed the climb and raised a lot of money, through donations, for his charity.

He is also an accomplished musician and told us how he has organised a folk club in the Kilmarnock Arms, on the last Friday of the month.

Beatrice gave a vote of thanks, echoing all our thoughts as to how lovely he was - not something that is said of many 17 year olds. After tea, Rosemary wished everyone a safe journey home, reminding everyone the Christmas dinner was on Monday 9th December, at the Hatton Mill.

MONDAY 9 DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS PARTY

As previously announced, the Christmas meal this year was at the Hatton Mill. There was a good turnout for this, with everybody in the right Christmas spirit.

Rosemary sent her apologies for not attending, due to illness. However Beatrice ably stepped in and welcomed all for the evening. The staff at the Mill, did us proud, and a beautiful meal was enjoyed by everyone.

For the entertainment there was a quiz by Beatrice, readings by Wilma, poems and a bit of a sing along by Lorraine.

After the vote of thanks, Beatrice wished everyone a Very Merry Christmas.

The next Guild meeting will be held on Monday 27 January 2014. The speaker for this evening will be Sandra Campbell, who will give us some insight into the works of "Mercy Ships" All are welcome to come along.

Lorraine Neilson