

*CRUDEN
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*THE BULLETIN
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We've gone !



**Thanks for the
memories**

FAREWELL FROM THE MINISTER 29 January 2014

Dear Friends

With 10 Bulletins being issued each year, I presume that this will be the 400th Bulletin that I have been responsible for and it will certainly be my last. I deliberately planned to have this issue come out after my final weekend so I could reflect on what was an unforgettable few days.

To begin with, in the middle of January, Alison was pleased to join me at a dinner in Cruden Bay Golf Club House attended by present and former elders. This was an evening of reminiscence rounded off by a generous gift from the Kirk Session of a decanter and crystal glasses on an inscribed tray.

We were pleased to see so many come along to the Farewell Social in the church last Friday. We cannot find the words to express our deep thanks to all who made the evening possible – the planners, the speakers, the singers and those responsible for the refreshments.

For what was a very emotional evening I was pleased that my daughter and her children and one of my brothers were able to be with us.

Thanks to an overgenerous congregation and community, with the £4,000 donated I was able to choose a farewell gift which Alison and I will both be able to make good use of. Being keen bird watchers and having been aware for a while that we were needing a new telescope and tripod, we can now use a telescope far better than what we would have bought for ourselves. All our future birding holidays as well as our local birding will be the better because of the generosity of you all.

I intend to use money left over after the purchase of the telescope to buy myself a new laptop computer and we will possibly also buy something for our new house.

Local schools, church organisations, Trinity Church in Peterhead and many individuals have been very generous in saying farewell to us and that has been greatly appreciated.

For twelve months, after I first thought I would like to retire at the end of January 2014, I had not been looking forward to my final service because of the emotions that would surface. The church was almost full and it was not easy to stand there knowing that this was to be the last sermon I would preach as minister of Cruden Church. Once again I was pleased to have more members of the family sharing that occasion with me and I was very moved by the overwhelming comments and tears from those shaking my hand for the last time.

So now we are off to our new home near Dunfermline and we take with us some wonderful memories of the last 40 years. As much as some of the special events and celebrations will be remembered, above all we shall remember the people with whom it has been a privilege to have been involved over such a long period of time.

Some, whose memories are cherished, are no longer with us. Some have travelled most of the 40 years with me and to them I want to say a special thank you. While my focus of late has inevitably been over all these years, I am not forgetful of the contribution made in more recent times by those on whom the Church is so dependent.

We look forward to keeping up to date with news by reading future Bulletins on the internet. In particular I can't wait to hear of the successful completion of the installation of the new sanctuary windows. What is more important, while there can be no expectation of a quick end to the vacancy, we must all hope that God will bless you soon with a new minister.

Cruden Parish Church has quite a history of long ministries and it has been an honour and a privilege for me now to be part of that history.

Alison joins me in wishing you all every blessing in the future.

Your friend and former minister

Rodger Naylor

DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY 2014

EACH WEEK (Except during school holidays)

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

Sunday 2nd	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	
Tuesday 4th	:	Craft Group	2.00 pm	
Wednesday 5th	:	Coffee and Chat	10.30 am	Hall
Sunday 9th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	
Monday 10th	:	Watch and Talk Group	7.30 pm	
		in the home of Marilyn Samways, Burnview, Cruden Bay		
Wednesday 13th	:	Walking Group Planning Meeting	7.30 pm	Hall
Sunday 16th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	
Tuesday 18th	:	Craft Group	2.00 pm	
Thursday 20th	:	MESSY CHURCH	3:15 pm	Port Erroll Hall
Sunday 23rd	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Church
	:	ANNUAL GUIDE THINKING DAY SERVICE		
Monday 24th	:	The Guild	7.30 pm	Hall
		Guild Project- Mary's Meals with Paul Costello		

**COFFEE and CHAT CHURCH HALL
WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH 10.30 am**

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*Mrs Jenny McGarrol, 20 Frank Jack Court, Peterhead.

Those using WFO envelopes should ensure they are using the current year's envelopes. It is also most helpful when people DO NOT return a batch of envelopes but put all their contents into one envelope, marking on it the total amount enclosed. **THANK YOU.**



THANKS Cruden Church is grateful to Mr Henry McIntosh, Peterhead for once again agreeing to audit our church accounts. As always, our Treasurer was quick off the mark in getting the accounts ready and they were presented to the Session at its meeting on 20 January.

THE GUILD

For the Guild meeting on Monday 24 February, the guest speaker will be Paul Costello speaking about "Mary's Meals", one of the current Guild Projects. Anyone interested in coming will be most welcome at the Hall at 7.30 pm.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Thanks to the generosity of those attending our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services, British Red Cross Syria Crisis Appeal benefited to the extent of £525.

THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN SHOULD COME OUT ON **2 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
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
2 Mar	Wilma Moir Liz Carnie		Mary Bratton Marilyn Samways	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid
9 Mar	Adrian Smith Sandy Smith	Mary Bratton	Betty Forrester Liz Carnie	Karla Buswell Helen Smith Brenda Cadger
16 Mar	Adrian Smith Sandy Smith	Beatrice Fawkes	Fiona Stephen Irene Stott	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid
23 Mar	Margaret Bruce Ken Bruce	Beatrice Fawkes	Doreen Buchan Janice Hutchinson	Karla Buswell Helen Smith Brenda Cadger
30 Mar	Margaret Bruce Ken Bruce	Jean Beedie	Rosemary Reid Iris Durno	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid

CRUDEN CHURCH FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS

to **Mr & Mrs Frank Groves, 104 Braehead Drive, Cruden Bay** who will be celebrating their Ruby Wedding this month.



There was a happy buzz at the first Messy Church for this session in Cruden Bay. The theme of roads and the journey through life saw the children talking about their life and gave them the opportunity to try bandaging in case like the good Samaritan they needed it.

The highlights of the day were the sandal making and the car design activity. All the children went home with sandals similar to those in bible times. It was wonderful to see the enjoyment and concentration on the faces of the car designers, adults and children. The results were spectacular. Beatrice's talk on the journey through life made use of road signs and a crossing lollipop to keep the children's interest. Thanks to Adrian and the janitorial department in Peterhead Academy for these. The session ended with a lovely meal prepared by the ladies in the kitchen. Transport is a problem to take people from Hatton. If you think you can help please get in touch. The next meeting is on 20 February.

Rosemary Reid

CALENDARS & CARDS

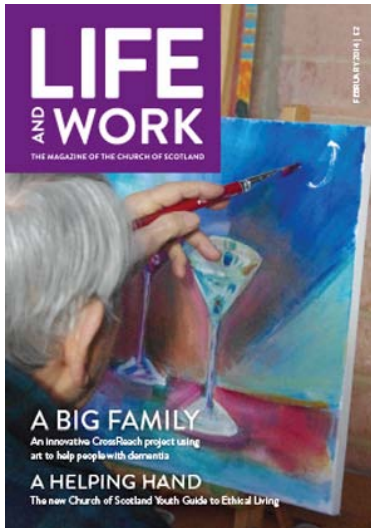
The profit from the sale of Calendars & Cards amounts to £450 which has been passed to the Treasurer for the Windows Project.

Beatrice Fawkes

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Once again, with the March Bulletin will come the annual commitment card for members.

Within the first two/three weeks of March, these cards will be collected by a church visitor. Please show your support to the church by returning your cards.



FEBRUARY ISSUE OF THE MAGAZINE OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

Heart for Art, an innovative CrossReach project which is helping people with dementia express themselves through art.

A Helping Hand The new Church of Scotland Youth Guide to Ethical Living.

Open My Ears, That I May Hear A personal plea for worship leaders to consider people with hearing disabilities.

A Great Journey The Church's Head of Stewardship says attitude can make the difference in stewardship campaigns.

Scotland's People on the Record A taste of the old parish records, available online.

Hands Across the World Previewing Heart and Soul 2014.

Being There for People The Moderator asks 'what is the purpose of the Church of Scotland?'

Acts and Actions The Rev Dr Martin Fair urges us to follow the example of the early Christians.

Saying Goodbye Ruth Burgess discusses how to make funerals meaningful to non-churchgoers.

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

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2014

24 February - 9 March

For 2014 Fairtrade is focussing on the subject of bananas and the theme title for the fortnight is "Abolish Unfair Bananas"



The older generation thought nothing of getting up at 6 am. The younger generation (and retired ministers) doesn't think much of it either.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 7 March

Cruden Bay Congregational Church 7 pm

The service comes from Egypt and the theme is:

Streams in the Desert

World Day of Prayer is an international, ecumenical, prayer movement initiated and carried out by Christian women in more than 180 countries and over 1000 languages. Every year Christians of many traditions and all ages, celebrate a common day of prayer on the first Friday in March.

World Day of Prayer services are held all around the world, beginning in Tonga and New Zealand in the east and continuing throughout the day to Samoa and Alaska in the west. We bring the needs of the world, and of the writing country in particular, before Almighty God knowing that He will hear and answer us, as we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

God invites us to have a prayer relationship with Himself, but He also expects us to have concerned relationships with our neighbours, throughout the world. Prayer must be accompanied by action, as God moves our hearts and directs our thoughts.

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 13 February at 7:30 pm in the Church Hall where suggestions for new walks or even ones done in the past will be welcome.

For further information please contact me on 01771624280.

Robert Petticrew

It's right to be contented with what you have but never with what you are

THE WAY OF FELLOWSHIP

When man fell and chose to make himself, rather than God, the centre of his life, the effect was not only to put man out of fellowship with God, but also out of fellowship with his fellow man.

The story of man's first quarrel with God in the third chapter of Genesis is closely followed in the fourth chapter by the story of man's first quarrel with his fellow, Cain's murder of Abel.

The Fall is simply, 'we have turned every one to his own way' (Isaiah 53:6).¹ If I want my own way rather than God's, it is quite obvious that I shall want my own way rather than the other man's. A man does not assert his independence of God to surrender it to a fellow man, if he can help it. But a world in which each man wants his own way cannot but be a world full of tensions, barriers, suspicions, misunderstandings, clashes, and conflicts.

Now the work of the Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross was not only to bring men back into fellowship with God, but also into fellowship with their fellow men. Indeed, it cannot do one without the other.

As the spokes get nearer the centre of the wheel, they get nearer to one another. If, however, we have not been brought into vital fellowship with our brother, it is a proof that, to that extent, we have not been brought into vital fellowship with God.

The first epistle of John insists on testing the depth and reality of a man's Fellowship with God by the depth and reality of his fellowship with his brethren. Some of us have come to see how utterly connected a man's relationship to his fellows is with his relationship to God.

Everything that comes as a barrier between us and another, be it never so small, comes as a barrier between us and God. We have found that where these barriers are not put right immediately they get thicker and: thicker until we find ourselves shut off from God and our brother by what seem to be veritable brick walls. Quite obviously, if we allow new life to come to us, it will have to manifest itself by a walk of oneness with God and our brother, with nothing between.

From The Calvary Road by Roy Hession (1950)

WATCH AND TALK GROUP

On 13 January we watched the second DVD entitled “Strictly Kosher”.

This again featured the Jewish Community in Manchester when the customs and traditions based on the Jewish faith were shown to be the means by which the community keeps together and apart from other social groups in the area.

We learned that the period of mourning for a son would last for a year and at a wedding men and women dance in separate groups. The importance of fashion, again was described, and a visit to Paris to buy the latest designs was combined with a meal in the Jewish quarter. The story of Jack continued from the first DVD. We heard more of his time in the concentration camps, his survival of the death march and his transport with other boys to England.

On this occasion we were very pleased to have our Minister with us to celebrate an informal communion and to acknowledge Jenny’s faithful contribution to our group. We regret that due to Rodger’s retirement this will be the last time Alison will join us.

The next meeting will be on Monday 10 February when we will be watching “ Making of the Holy City”

Annette Garden

THE NEXT EDITOR

Dr John Lamb has indicated that he is willing to succeed our former minister in editing the Bulletin. Contributions for inclusion in the Bulletin should be emailed to John at J.D.Lamb@johndlamb.net

FORGETFULNESS

The visiting city dweller was amazed when the farmer gave a whistle and his dog herded the cattle into the corral, then latched the gate with her paw. “Wow”, That’s some dog. What’s her name?” The forgetful farmer thought a minute, then asked, “What do you call that red flower that smells good and has thorns on the stem?” “ A rose”.

“That’s it!” The farmer turned to his wife. “Hey Rose, what do we call this dog?”

in Preaching Resources from Leadership magazine