

The Bulletin



Looking out to a bright new future!

Cruden Parish Church June/July/August 2014

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Worship services will continue every Sunday morning in
Cruden Parish Church at 10 am

JUNE

Sunday 1st	Cake and Candy Stall after the service
Thursday 5th	Guild Senior Citizens' Outing
Tuesday 10th	Craft Group in Hall 2pm
Saturday 21st	Congregational Walk leaving Hatton Hall at 9 am : Fettercairn and the Angus Glens
Tuesday 24th	Craft Group in Hall 2pm

JULY

Sunday 6th	Cake and Candy Stall after the service
Tuesday 8th	Craft Group in Hall 2pm
Sunday 20th	Congregational Walk leaving the church hall at 11.30 am : Inch and perhaps Dunnideer
Tuesday 22th	Craft Group in Hall 2pm

AUGUST

Sunday 3rd	Cake and Candy Stall after the service
Tuesday 5th	Craft Group in Hall 2pm
Sunday 17th	Congregational Walk leaving the church hall at 11.30 am: Monnymusk
Tuesday 19th	Craft Group in Hall 2pm
Sunday 31st	Hatton Gala 1 - 4 pm

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 2nd	Craft Group in Hall 2pm
Wednesday 10th	Choir Practice: 7.30 pm in the Hall



I enjoy sitting in our church, looking out through the windows. Just now, there is the bright splash of colour of the oilseed rape and the green hill behind. It is relaxing, helps me focus on worship.

Not all church windows let you look out. Stained glass helped people in the Middle Ages who could not read, to think about the Bible stories depicted. But you can't see what is going on in the world outside. Yes, we do need times of retreat, and refreshment, but Jesus calls us to be engaged with the world. To look out, see and care.

It is good to read in this issue of the Bulletin that Cruden Church takes this seriously. You will read of our involvement in Christian Aid, the invitation by the Guild to support the Backpack Project, of knitting for hospitals in Malawi, or nearer home taking care of older people in our community.

Our clear glass windows let people look in as well. I was in the church the other

day, taking photographs of our windows for the Bulletin. Someone saw me and knocked on the window. I let him in. He was the grandson of Rev Adam Mackay who was minister of Cruden 100 years ago, just before the First World War. Seeing me inside, he knew he could come in and what a wonderful conversation we had.

We must always be aware of what people see when they look at us as a congregation, "to see ourselves as others see us": to be welcoming, to be relevant and in touch with our society, trying to make the promises of Jesus real to the people in our community. Jesus calls us to care, but he also calls us to make disciples.

Our clear glass windows are a symbol to me of the importance of looking out, and the importance of letting people look in, to see Jesus embodied in our life as individuals and as a congregation.

Fred Coutts



This year's Buttery Morning raised £370 which was down from last year. Once we add this to all the money received from the house to house collection so far, as well as other donations, our grand total is £3058

Once again we are delighted to say thank you to all who have worked hard and to those who have supported this fundraising,

- to those who organised and supported the buttery morning, being there, helping with the serving, giving and buying of raffle prizes.
- to those who organised and those who did the collecting for the house-to-house collection in the parish.
- to those who over the year collect coins in jars/boxes/bags etc.
- to those who came along on Friday evening to help with the count.
- and, in particular, to our Christian Aid Organiser, Rosemary Pittendrigh.

The figure raised shows that the parish of Cruden continues to support and help the poor and needy of today's world. This amount of money will give many people a chance to enjoy a better life.

MALAWI SUPPORT

A special mention of gratitude is due to Mrs Ann Smith for her dedicated support to the needy children in Ekwendeni. Over the years Ann has knitted 1000 baby jackets for Ekwendeni and we owe her our heartfelt thanks for her quiet and unselfish support of the needy babies in Malawi.

The Raven Trust continue to send much needed goods to Malawi to help those much less fortunate than ourselves. For many years they have transported boxes of items from Cruden to Ekwendeni hospital. The Raven Trust have now informed us that there are other hospitals in Malawi in much greater need, including Embangweni hospital mentioned in the last edition of the Bulletin. Following on from this information it is our plan to send goods to Dr MacLean at Embangweni hospital where we know that all our donations will be greatly received.

Robert Esson

CHURCH WINDOWS



The new sanctuary windows are currently in the process of being made and it is hoped that they will be fitted before the end of summer.

Although this is good news, we now face the problem of how we are going to pay for them. We have been awarded grants from the General Trustees of £15,000, from the Baird Trust of £3,000 and with £20,000 currently in the Project Fund we are more than half way to funding the project, leaving us approximately £25,000 short.

We would be in a position of meeting this shortfall by accepting a loan from the General Trustees of £15,000 together with the balance being paid from the General Fund.

The Session wish to minimise the need for a loan, which has to be paid back, and are reluctant to use the General Fund, therefore we pray that you can support the initiatives the Sessions wish to promote.

At the time of writing a number of events are being considered for the coming months. The first two to be launched are: Cake & Candy stalls on the first Sunday in June, July and August and at the Hatton Gala.

The other is “Give a little Pane”. We will be urging people to help buy a pane of glass by making donations of £10, gift aided if possible, towards the cost of the new windows and it is hoped to launch this in June.

Your support, as always, would be greatly appreciated to help put an end to draughty Sunday mornings!!!!

CAKE AND CANDY SUNDAY STALL

To raise funds for the Windows Project there will be a monthly Cake and Candy Stall in the Hall after the service on the first Sunday of June, July and August.

Donations for the stall welcome. We have again agreed to provide some of the food and serve teas at the Hatton Gala on 31st August and your support will be appreciated.

Further details from Beatrice Fawkes (841814).

GUILD

A FELLOWSHIP TO BUILD

As Rosemary was on holiday, Beatrice opened the Guild meeting on 31st March. Not the usual number of members attended, due to illness and lack of transport. After the reading and prayer, she handed over to Fred Coutts, who, of course, needed no introduction to those who were there.

He gave a very interesting and enthusiastic presentation on the theme of, "A fellowship to build", illustrating it from three fellowships he had been involved in through his life: The Radio Luxembourg *Dan Dare Spaceman's Club*, The *Iona Community*, and the *European Network of Healthcare Chaplains*. Drawing it all together he showed that fellowship involved, belonging, participating, sharing, supporting, befriending and a sense of purpose. After his talk, and the vote of thanks, tea was served. Beatrice wished all a safe journey home.



AGM

Rosemary welcomed all to the AGM held on 28th April. It was a lovely April evening, and the meeting was well attended. After the reading and the prayer, the new committee was elected. As it was, it stayed the same, with only one change. Muriel Cantly took over the post vacated by Alison Neilson. So there was no further business.

Rosemary introduced the entertainment for the evening, Sheila Craggs and her very talented company. They provided an excellent and varied programme of music and readings. It was just a wonderful evening's entertainment.

Lorraine gave the vote of thanks, and everybody sat down to the excellent buffet tea provided by the committee. Rosemary then wished everyone a safe journey home, and everyone left saying, "What a wonderful end to the session". And they were right.

Lorraine Neilson.

Coffee & Chat

The amounts raised over the year at the Coffee & Chat is £297 and for the Marmalade is £425. This has been passed to the treasurer to be added to the Windows Project.

GUILD SPONSORED WALK & SENIORS' OUTING

The Guild would like to say a big thank you to all sponsors and all who took part in the Sponsored Walk on 27th April in aid of the Senior Citizens' Outing and Guild funds. Once again, in the region of £860 has been raised.

This year the outing on Thursday 5 June is going to Kellockbank Country Emporium followed by high tea at the Banff Springs Hotel, Banff. An invitation is extended to all senior citizens who are church members or adherents.

A bus will pick up in Cruden Bay at 12.30 pm and Hatton at 1 pm. Due to the high cost of buses, we need to know numbers in advance. If you would like to come please can you notify any Guild Committee Member – Rosemary Pittendrigh, Shonah Taylor, Beatrice Fawkes, Irene Will, Lorraine Neilson.

THE BACKPACK PROJECT



Part of the Mary's Meals campaign - one of the Guild's Projects they have supported

The Guild have decided to support the Backpack Project, which is a simple way of helping children from poor families in countries like Malawi and Liberia get to school. Very often these families cannot afford to buy

basic things like pencils and copy books, or even suitable clothes for their children to wear to school. And so their children miss out on school and an education. The Project helps solve this problem by providing poor children with the things they need in school. This is done by an invitation to fill up an old school bag/backpack with some everyday school things. These bags will then be given out to children who really need them. The Backpack Project is proving to be an effective way of helping children get to school.

It is not necessary to fill a bag, listed below are the items required to make up the packs and donations will be greatly appreciated. For further details please speak to Shonah Taylor. Leaflets and a box will be available in the Church Hall over the next few months for donations. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Wanted Items

Backpack/School Bag, Exercise Books/Notepads, Pencils,, Pens, Crayons, Erasers, Rulers, Sharpeners, Pencil Case, Towel, Shorts, Skirt/Dress, T Shirt, Flip Flops/Sandals, Small Ball eg Tennis Ball, Soap, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Spoon.

In February and March the children explored the themes of "I am the light of the world" and "Love your neighbour" with their usual enthusiasm. Some of the highlights were candle lights, lanterns and mask making but the star event was the water pistol target shoot. Food based activities are always popular as the end product can be eaten. Thanks to Fred for his talk using technology and lots of visual aids. Thanks also to those who brought the drama of the Good Samaritan to life. A new CD of lively songs went down well thanks to Lorraine.



We were pleased to welcome several new children and we look forward to seeing all of them and hopefully more next time.

The last meeting of the session was the usual messy, happy affair with a mixture of messy and edible activities based on the story of the Prodigal Son. We are pleased to have the help of a young volunteer Logan Blanchard. She is working towards her Saltire Award, and with her willing and happy personality she is a real asset.

The next session will be in Hatton.

Dates for the Diary

14th June	Messy church have an activity table at Cruden Bay Gala
21st August	Messy Church Hatton
31st August	Messy Church have an activity table at Hatton Gala
18th September	Messy Church Hatton
October	No Messy Church Hatton - school holidays
20th November	Messy Church Hatton
18th December	Messy Church Hatton

Two Walks enjoyed by the Cruden Churches' Walking Group

On Sunday 23rd April the group walked to Auquharney and the Moss road, incorporating the Guild sponsored walk. We were pleased to welcome two Boddam guests. A head count numbered 22 in total, and included, most importantly, two children and two dogs. We split into two groups, the larger group, led by Robert, opting for the longer Moss road loop, and our smaller group opting for the Easter Auquharney loop.

They set off at a brisk pace up the brae from the Hatton Mill starting point and were out of sight almost immediately. Our smaller group adopted a more leisurely pace. Mist and rain diminished the expansive views normally seen, but we enjoyed the distinctive warble of an elusive lark, and the pungency and vibrancy of a maturing rapeseed crop.

Robert's group maintained their steady pace throughout and finished their five miles as quickly as we completed our three miles. We returned to the Mill for tea and coffee, to enjoy the delicious home bakes kindly provided for us by Beatrice and Rosemary.

The next walk on 11th May was to Formartines and Haddo. The dreich morning discouraged a few potential walkers, but our group of 6 hardy souls, (including Robert and his sister Marie) braved the elements. Suitably clad and shod, we set off from Formartines, past the historic lodge building and into the estate. The well-maintained track along side the Fishery gave way to a poor rutted farm track, and we had to dodge the puddles on this short stretch of our walk.

We had a brief look at the Theatre and the Waterloo monument before heading back along the main drive and taking a right into Raxton Wood, given over to shooting in the winter, and hence out of bounds to the general public at that time. Just beyond the "Mains" farm buildings and Estate office, we stopped to admire the agility and acrobatics of a red squirrel as it raced up a beech tree, scampered along the flimsy top-most branches and crossed effortlessly to a neighbouring conifer.

Neither the overhead nor underfoot conditions stopped us from enjoying the sight and smell of forget-me-nots, bluebells and wild garlic in the hedge rows and the patient vigil of a nesting swan, safe on her island bed on the fishery lake. We rounded off the afternoon with refreshments at the restaurant before heading home.

Margaret Wisely

CHURCH FAMILY

Congratulations to :

JUNE

Mrs Elsie Walsh, 13 Cantlay Court, Cruden Bay

who will be celebrating her 90th Birthday.

JULY

Mr & Mrs Metcalf, 24 Slains Crescent, Cruden Bay and

Mr & Mrs Slamaker, Sherburn House, Blackhills, Peterhead

who will be celebrating their Silver Weddings.

AUGUST

Mr James Mathers, Broadmuir, Cruden Bay

who will be celebrating his 90th Birthday.

Mr James Anderson, 8 Errolston Road, Cruden Bay,

Miss Nan Laing, 26 Quarry Road, Hatton,

Mrs Morag Ross, 25 Main Street, Cruden Bay,

Mr Henry Thomson, 7 John Buchan Drive, Cruden Bay,

Mrs Sheila Anderson, Thelastane, Northfield, Hatton

Mrs Christina Baxter, Quadrangle, Stirlinghill, Boddam

who will be celebrating their 80th Birthdays.

Mr & Mrs Harper, Glen Afton, Whinneyfold

who will be celebrating their Ruby Wedding.

Mr & Mrs Stephen, Inch Biggle, The Sheilings, Boddam

Mr & Mrs Bruce, 6 Olave Place, Cruden Bay

who will be celebrating their Silver Weddings.

PARISH REGISTER

Deaths

Mr Bryan Ross,

Moss-Side of Rora, Peterhead.

Mrs Sheila Henwood,

England.

The next issue of the Bulletin will be published at the beginning of September. Please send all material to be included before Sunday 24 August to:

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Sunday Morning Duties 10 am

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Children
1 June	Fiona Stephen Michael Buchan	Wedding	Margaret Adams Jim MacDonald	
8 June	Muriel Cantlay Kate Clark	Joyce Willox	Rosemary Reid Janice Hutchinson	Karla Buswell Helen Smith
15 June	Muriel Cantlay Kate Clark	Margaret Cruickshank	Doreen Buchan Liz Carnie	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid
22 June	Robert Esson Mary Bratton	Irene Stott	Beatrice Fawkes Janice Hutchinson	Karla Buswell Helen Smith
29 June	Robert Esson Mary Bratton	Irene Stott	Wilma Moir Mary Bratton	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid
6 Jul	Jim MacDonald Margaret Adams	Lewis McKechnie	Wilma Moir Iris Durno	School Holidays No Junior Church
13 Jul	Jim MacDonald Margaret Adams	Rosemary Pittendrigh	Liz Carnie Lewis McKechnie	School Holidays No Junior Church
20 Jul	Robert Esson Robert Petticrew	Betty Morris	Elma Cumming Betty Morris	School Holidays No Junior Church
27 Jul	Robert Esson Robert Petticrew	Jean Beedie	Irene Stott Fiona Stephen	School Holidays No Junior Church
3 Aug	Carol Paul Stewart Paul	Iris Durno	Marilyn Samways Norma Forman	School Holidays No Junior Church
10 Aug	Carol Paul Stewart Paul	Wendy Willox	Beatrice Fawkes Rosemary Reid	School Holidays No Junior Church
17 Aug	Beatrice Fawkes Irene Durno	Betty Forrester	Mary Bratton Wilma Moir	School Holidays No Junior Church
24 Aug	Beatrice Fawkes Irene Durno	Irene Will	Wilma Moir Liz Carnie	Karla Buswell Helen Smith
31 Aug	Margaret Adams Adrian Smith	Wedding	Iris Durno Beatrice Fawkes	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid

Reminder to those on duty. If you are unable to do door or tea duties, please endeavour to find someone to do them for you.

