

# *The Bulletin*



## **Cruden Parish Church Summer 2016**

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## **Diary Dates Summer 2016**

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

### **JUNE**

Thursday 2nd	Guild Senior Citizens' Outing
Sunday 19th	Congregational Walk leaving church hall at 11.30 am : Burn o' Vat/Loch Kinord
Tuesday 14th	Craft Group in Hall 2 pm
Sunday 26th	Cake and Candy Stall after the service
Tuesday 28th	Craft Group in Hall 2 pm

### **JULY**

Tuesday 12th	Craft Group in Hall 2 pm
Saturday 16th	Congregational Walk leaving Hatton Hall at 9 am : Gordon Way
Tuesday 26th	Craft Group in Hall 2 pm
Sunday 31st	Cake and Candy Stall after the service

### **AUGUST**

Tuesday 9th	Craft Group in Hall 2 pm
Sunday 14th	Congregational Walk leaving church hall at 11.30 am : Scolty Hill, Banchory
Tuesday 23rd	Craft Group in Hall 2 pm
Sunday 28th	Hatton Gala 12.30 pm

### **SEPTEMBER**

Tuesday 6th	Craft Group in Hall 2 pm
Wednesday 7th	Choir Practice: 7.30 pm in the Hall

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Regretfully the Nominating Committee has received no applications for our vacant post. All efforts made to date have, unfortunately, resulted in little or no action.

As we are one of eight parishes in Buchan presently without a Minister, it has been agreed that a communal effort should be made to raise the profile of the area and hopefully attract some suitable candidates.

Under the guidance of Rev Kevin Gruer of Turriff St Ninian's & Forglan Church, a marquee has been hired for the '**Heart and Soul**' event in Princes Street Gardens during the General Assembly.

On Sunday 22nd May all the Buchan Parishes with a vacancy will be promoting our area under the banner of 'Buchan Calling'. The various activities planned will be ongoing from 1.00 pm until 5.00 pm.

Carol Paul has resigned from the Nominating Committee and her position as Clerk has been filled by Rosemary Pittendrigh.

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank Carol for the work that she has put in on our behalf over the last eighteen months. Her meticulous attention to detail was of great service to us.

James Hyman has been appointed by the Session to fill the vacancy. We look forward to his youthful input.

**Bob Forman**

Chairman of the Nominating Committee



## **WATCH & TALK**

We met in January, February and March and enjoyed watching and discussing the following DVDs

### **Christianity, The Future**

Cherie Blair talked about her own childhood as a Catholic and discussed the events, such as the First World War and the social changes of the sixties which have resulted in fewer people in Europe taking part in Church services. She looks to America for hope that with changes, such as abandoning old church buildings and traditional forms of worship, there will be a revival in our part of the world. We were not convinced that Mega Church services held in supermarket type buildings and attracting thousands of worshipper is likely to replace our present church practises.

### **Is it better to be a mixed race**

In this DVD the attitude to people of mixed race in this country was discussed. The prejudices against them was evident in many ways in the past and although today mixed marriages are not frowned on still children born to mixed race parents sometimes feel they do not belong in either social group. Aaratti Prasad the presenter, who has an Indian mother and white English father, talked of the many advantages that arise from the mixture of genes. In nature animals and plants are found to be healthier and stronger when breeds are mixed. Although in the past Germans thought that white races were superior there is evidence that when religious groups encourage their children to marry cousins or second cousins unfavourable genes are passed on through generations. The discussion concluded that to inherit gene copies from parents who are as different as possible is the best way to achieve success in mixed races.

In **Amish Worlds Squarest Teenagers** we learned about two groups, one Amish the other British sharing a holiday in Cornwall at a Watersports Centre. Some of the activities at first were a problem particularly for the Amish girls. Coming from rural America, having to change from their long cotton dresses into wet suits and try water surfing was difficult but they came to enjoy the freedom it brought them. The morals of the British friends were shocking to them and they disliked spending an evening at a noisy disco.

In return the Amish teenagers showed their friends how to create a garden and build a hut. After the holiday it appeared that both groups benefitted from their time together and genuine friendships developed.

We enjoyed Sunday lunch at the Seaview Hotel, Boddom in April when we had the opportunity of thanking those who had hosted our meetings throughout the year.

*Annette Garden*

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## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK**

Christian Aid Week began with the usual Buttery Morning in the Church Hall which raised £265. This year we have not been able to carry out the house to house collection. Envelopes have been delivered in the usual way and can be returned to one of three collection points in both Hatton and Cruden Bay or brought to Church. We are therefore, unable to publish a total at this early stage but hope that the final amount collected will be in line with previous years.

Once again I am delighted to say thank you to all who have worked hard and to all who will in any way contribute to this fundraising,

- to those who organised and supported the buttery morning, being there, helping with the serving, giving and buying of raffle & tombola prizes
- to those who organised and those who did the distribution of envelopes.
- To those who over the year collect coins in jars/boxes/bags etc.
- and, in particular, to the Christian Aid Organisers Rosemary Reid in Hatton and Mary Bratton in Cruden Bay.

The figure raised will hopefully show that the parish of Cruden continues to support and help the poor and needy of today's world. Our final donation will give many people a chance to enjoy a better life.



## THE GUILD



### Transatlantic Travels

On **Monday 29 February**, Muriel and Philip Cantlay came along to a very well attended meeting, entertaining us with slides and tales of their holiday to the USA aboard the QE2.

Philip related their experiences when they visited New York and Washington, with a bit of prompting from Muriel.

### Monday 28 March

#### My Garden by Piers Claxton

Once again the meeting was very well attended and everyone very much enjoyed Piers' story of how he and his wife transformed a rundown house and land into the most fantastic garden. His work on the garden, almost completely done with no outside help, took a little over 15 years and the photographs of the project from start to finish, left us all, totally amazed.

### Monday 25 April

#### Guild AGM

Rosemary opened the meeting, and gave her report for the past year. The existing committee was re-elected to serve for the 2016-17 session. Rosemary stayed on as President, Mary and Shonah as Secretary and Treasurer. Others in the committee are Muriel, Irene and Lorraine. That being all the business, the Choir, accompanied by Stephen Calder then led the entertainment for the evening. Music, poems and sketches were the order of the evening. This proved to be a lovely end to the session.

After tea, Rosemary reminded everyone about the outing in June and wished everyone a safe journey home .

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## CAKE AND CANDY SUNDAY STALL



To raise funds for the Guild Projects there will be a Cake and Candy Stall held in the Hall after the service on the last Sundays of June and July. Donations for the stall welcome.

Further details from Beatrice Fawkes (841814).

## **GUILD SPONSORED WALK AND 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 24 April in aid of the Senior Citizens' Outing and Guild funds. To date £950 has been raised.

This year the outing on Thursday 2 June is going to Johnstons of Elgin followed by high tea at the Bancar Hotel, Lonmay. An invitation is extended to all senior citizens who are church members or adherents.

A bus will pick up in Cruden Bay at **12.00 pm** and Hatton Village Hall at 12.15 pm. **(Please note the earlier than usual pick up time)** If you would like to come please can you notify any Guild Committee Member – Rosemary Pittendrigh (812220), Shonah Taylor (841519) or Hatton Post Office, Irene Will (841532), Lorraine Neilson (812436), Muriel Cantlay (841219).

## **CRUDEN CRAFT GROUP**

The craft group continues to meet every second Tuesday and will carry on throughout the summer months without a break. Recently a box of knitted and crocheted goods was donated to Peterhead Maternity Hospital and The Fishermen's Mission in Peterhead was the recipient of a large bag of knitted hats which will be put to very good use by the fishermen using our port. New faces are always welcome at the group and even if you only want to come now and again you will be made very welcome.

**Carol Paul**



## **CRUDEN CHURCHES' WALKING GROUP**

In March, fourteen adults with Stephanie and Adam set off on the first walk of the season on the Aberdeen Sculpture Trail. From the Castlegate to Bon Accord Square a number of interesting statues and sculptures were viewed. In Schoolhill and Rosemount Viaduct walkers viewed the Cowdray Hall War memorial, the William Wallace Statue, Robert Burns with his daisy in Union Terrace, the ornate figure of Edward V11 on the corner of Union Terrace and Union Street to a very dull plain rectangular stone in memory of Archibald Simpson in Bon Accord Square, the famous Aberdonian architect who designed many notable buildings in the city. The final sculptures on the remaining side of the Union Bridge are the black Kelly's cats (copies of which can be seen in the Duthie Park Winter Gardens). After welcome refreshments in the Coffee Shop in Gaelic Lane, the consensus was that the walk was worthwhile and educational although not all the statues are mentioned in this report.

**Beatrice Fawkes**

### **Inverugie Sunday 23 April**

The walking group, combined with the Guild members for their annual sponsored walk, gathered at the Fishermen's car park on the Ugie, and were surprised to see swallows swoop over the river, their arrival there a whole three weeks earlier than last year.

Dr Thain, owner of Inverugie Castle had put together for us an excellent collection of photos and pictures and provided first hand information on the structure and history of the castle. Equally fascinating was the centuries old ice house located nearby, its size and excellent state of preservation quite amazing. On leaving the castle we headed back through the village to the shelter of the railway line, the "tortoises" among us overtaking the "hares" there by taking a wee short-cut up the bank. We exited from the railway line at Westerton and headed back down the brae, enjoying the panoramic views all around. We left out the Ravenscraig Castle section on account of the extra time spent at Inverugie Castle at the start of our walk.

We adjourned to a deserted Waterside Hotel for tea and "rock scones" before heading home.

**Margaret Wisely**



## DEVELOPMENT OF THE HATTON SITE

The Kirk Session are continuing their discussions with regard to the development of the Hatton site by selling serviced plots to fund the construction of a new manse. As far as we are aware this is the first time that a Church of Scotland congregation has given thought to this type of development and we have been encouraged by the support given by the General Trustees. Recently Professor Stewart Brymer, one of the General Trustees, met with the Kirk Session and encouraged them to continue to investigate the options open to us and through vision and prayer what was best for Cruden would emerge.

**Robert Esson**



## **PARISH REGISTER**

### **DEATHS**

Mrs Jeanette Groves, 104 Braehead Drive, Cruden Bay.

Miss Hazel Paterson, 8 Bridgend Cottages, Hatton

### **BABTISM**

Alastair Norrie, Hinmaist, Auchenten, Hatton.

## **MESSY CHURCH**

We have had excellent attendance at Messy Church. It is great to see so many children enjoying the activities we provide. The singing is getting better as the children are getting to know the songs and the adults join in too. We have heard about some ladies of the Bible, Hannah and Esther. The next meeting on the 19th of May will be the last of the session. New members visitors and helpers are always welcome.



**The Messy Church Team**



The next issue of the Bulletin will be published at the beginning of September. Please send all material to be included before Sunday 21 August to:

**Ladebank**

**1 Manse Place**

**Hatton**

**[bulletin@crudenchurch.org.uk](mailto:bulletin@crudenchurch.org.uk)**

## Sunday Morning Duties 10 am

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Children
5 June	Margaret Bruce Ken Bruce	Jean Beedie	Rosemary Reid Margaret Adams	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid
12 June	Betty May Robert Petticrew	Margaret Cruickshank	Kathleen Craig Beatrice Fawkes	Karla Buswell Helen Smith
19 June	Betty May Robert Petticrew	Joyce Willox	Doreen Buchan Mary Bratton	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid
26 June	Debbie Macintosh Betty Forrester	Trish Smith	Liz Carnie June Manning	Karla Buswell Helen Smith
3 July	Debbie Macintosh Betty Forrester	Irene Stott	Elma Cumming Iris Durno	School Holidays No Junior Church
10 July	Beatrice Fawkes Liz Carnie	Rosemary Pittendrigh	Beatrice Fawkes Kathleen Craig	School Holidays No Junior Church
17 July	Beatrice Fawkes Liz Carnie	Betty Forrester	Marilyn Samways Margaret Bruce	School Holidays No Junior Church
24 July	Isobel Young Jack Young	Norma Forman	Norma Forman Beatrice Fawkes	School Holidays No Junior Church
31 July	Isobel Young Jack Young	Maureen Esson	Margaret Adams Rosemary Reid	School Holidays No Junior Church
7 Aug	Carol Paul Stewart Paul	Iris Durno	Fiona Stephen Irene Stott	School Holidays No Junior Church
14 Aug	Carol Paul Stewart Paul	Anne Smith	Mary Bratton Doreen Buchan	School Holidays No Junior Church
21 Aug	Jim MacDonald Margaret Adams	Betty Forrester	June Manning Liz Carnie	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid
28 Aug	Jim MacDonald Margaret Adams	Trish Smith	Iris Durno Liz Carnie	Karla Buswell Helen Smith
4 Sept	Marilyn Samways Sarah Paterson	Muriel Cantlay	Margaret Adams Rosemary 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.

**Interim Moderator** Rev Bob Fowlie  
01771 622228 bob.fowlie@googlemail.com

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<b>Session Clerk</b>	Robert Esson	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Rosemary Pittendrigh	
<b>District Elders</b>	Betty Forrester	Hatton
	Beatrice Fawkes	Hatton
	Muriel Cantlay	Rural
	Robert Petticrew	Rural
	Sandy Smith	Peterhead
	To be appointed	Cruden Bay
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	Betty May	Cruden Bay
<b>Bond Treasurer</b>	Muriel Cantlay	
<b>Bulletin</b>	841320 Fred Coutts bulletin@crudenchurch.org.uk	
<b>Christian Aid</b>	Rosemary Pittendrigh	
<b>Cleaning</b>	Rosemary Pittendrigh	
<b>Communion</b>	Adrian Smith Joyce Willox	
<b>Flowers</b>	Betty Forrester	
<b>Guild</b>	Rosemary Pittendrigh	
<b>Junior Church</b>	Katherine Hyman	
<b>Life and Work</b>	Isobel Young	
<b>Organist</b>	Stephen Calder	
<b>Presbytery Elder</b>	Robert Esson	
<b>Press Officer</b>	Mary Bratton	
<b>Roll Keeper</b>	Mary McNaughtan	
<b>Safeguarding</b>	Kathleen Craig	
<b>Teas</b>	Beatrice Fawkes	
<b>Transport</b>	To be appointed	Hatton
	Rosemary Pittendrigh	Cruden Bay
<b>Walks</b>	Maureen Esson	
<b>WFO Treasurer</b>	Annette Garden	

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**Committee Conveners**

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<b>District Elders</b>	To be appointed
<b>Education and Worship</b>	To be appointed
<b>Finance</b>	Rosemary Pittendrigh
<b>Membership and Outreach</b>	Kathleen Craig
<b>Property</b>	Robert Esson
<b>Social</b>	Betty Forrester