

# *The Bulletin*



## **Cruden Parish Church Autumn 2016**

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## Diary Dates Autumn 2015

Worship services will continue every Sunday in the Church at 10 am

### SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 6th	Craft Group in Hall 2 pm
Wednesday 7th	Choir Practice in Hall 7.30 pm
Sunday 11th	Congregational Walk leaving the Church Hall at 11.30 am : Maud to Strichen
Monday 12th	Watch & Talk Group, Main St, Cruden Bay 7.30 pm
Thursday 15th	Messy Church in Hatton Public Hall 3.30 pm
Tuesday 20th	Craft Group in Hall 2 pm
Sunday 25th	MORNING SERVICE <b>Sacrament of Holy Communion</b>
Monday 26th	Guild in Hall 7.30 pm Blythswood Care: Adrienne Dempster

### OCTOBER

Tuesday 4th	Craft Group in Hall 2 pm
Wednesday 5th	Choir Practice in Hall 7.30 pm
Sunday 9th	Congregational Walk leaving the Church Hall at 11.30 am : Peterhead Heritage Trail
Monday 10th	Watch & Talk Group, Main St, Cruden Bay 7.30 pm
Friday 14th	Harvest Home Dance: Longhaven Public Hall 7 pm
Sunday 16th	MORNING SERVICE - Harvest Thanksgiving Conducted by Elders
Tuesday 18th	Craft Group in Hall 2 pm
Thursday 20th	Messy Church in Hatton Public Hall 3.30 pm
Monday 31st	Guild in Hall 7.30 pm MAF Robert Esson

## **NOVEMBER**

Tuesday 1st	Craft Group in Hall 2 pm
Wednesday 2nd	Choir Practice in Hall 7.30 pm
Sunday 13th	<b>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</b> 10.30 am Rev Fred Coutts
Monday 14th	Watch & Talk Group, Main St, Cruden Bay 7.30 pm
Tuesday 15th	Craft Group in Hall 2 pm
Thursday 17th	Messy Church in Hatton Public Hall 3.30 pm
Sunday 20th	MORNING SERVICE Service conducted by Cruden Church Guild
Sunday 27th	MORNING SERVICE <b>Sacrament of Holy Communion</b>
Monday 28th	Guild in Hall 7.30 pm: Keenan Recycling
Tuesday 29th	Craft Group in Hall 2 pm

## **DECEMBER**

Wednesday 7th	Choir Practice in Hall 7.30 pm
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## **SONGS OF PRAISE**

We have received an invitation to join in a Songs of Praise being held in the Congregational Church, Main Street, Cruden Bay on Sunday 11 September at 2.30 pm. Music from the Salvation Army Band followed by tea and refreshments.



### **CHANGE OF TIME:**

Please note that the service on  
13 November, Remembrance Sunday  
will begin at the later time of 10.30 am

## CLEARING THE MIND



I love to walk alone along a beach. There's always something to see – waves, birds and occasionally something interesting washed up on the shore. It's a place where I can think: the wind seems to blow away all the distracting thoughts. That's especially true when I have a problem on my mind which I just can't seem to sort out.

A great place for thinking for me, when I was a student there in the 1960s, was the vast stretch of the West Sands at St Andrews, famous from the opening scene of the film, *Chariots of Fire*. I can remember walking along the beach, totally on my own, with the east wind blasting me and clearing my mind. But as they say on the radio or television when someone has named a particular product, other beaches are available..... and I have discovered our own wonderful stretch of sand at Cruden Bay.

Another way that can sometimes help when your mind is overcome with worries is to start doing something familiar and satisfying. I remember a minister colleague saying to me how he coped with his times of worry by getting out of the house and visiting some of his congregation. His troubles seemed so much easier to cope with, when he was doing something he enjoyed and found satisfying.

That was how Peter decided to cope with his problems. He had watched Jesus being executed; then there was the empty tomb and stories and dreams (were they?), of Jesus still with them. Peter just couldn't sort it out in his mind. So what did he do? Down to the beach and into the boat. "I'm going fishing," he said. "We'll come with you," said the other disciples. And we all know what happened next: Jesus on the shore, the great haul of fish and breakfast together on the beach.

Troubles sorted out and a commission given to feed Jesus' sheep and take care of his lambs. (John 21)

We are in a time of transition in Cruden Parish Church, wondering what will happen next. Perhaps we need to take a lesson from Peter, clear

our minds, keep doing the familiar things in our church and seek the guidance of Jesus about what we should be doing now. There is a great haul of fish waiting.

Perhaps I will see you on the beach?

**Fred Coutts**



The **CELEBRATION OF HOPE** will join the Churches of North East Scotland to bring the Good News to Peterhead and surrounding areas. Meetings will take place at the Community Centre at Peterhead Academy from **5-9 October 2016**, led by Will Graham, the grandson of Billy Graham. This will probably be the biggest united Christian outreach in our area in our lifetime.

More information will be available about the meetings nearer the time. Keep in touch with the preparations and the events leading up to the **CELEBRATION OF HOPE** on their website:

**[celebrationofhope.co.uk](http://celebrationofhope.co.uk)**

or on the Facebook page ***Celebration of Hope North East Scotland.***

## **So true.....**

It's easy to sit in the sunshine and talk to one in the shade,  
It's easy to float in a well-trimmed boat and point out the places to wade,  
It's easy to tell the toiler how best he may carry his pack,  
But no one can rate the burden's weight until it has been on his back.

## A cool delivery brings hope to South Sudan

As a humanitarian crisis looms over war-torn South Sudan, MAF is working closely with NGO partners to fly emergency food and medical supplies. The organisation is committed to looking at ways it can help tackle the huge humanitarian needs faced by this troubled country.

Earlier this year, MAF flew a consignment of measles vaccines to Aweil for our partner Medair, enabling them to vaccinate an astounding 49,483 babies and children and halt the spread of a largescale measles outbreak that was tragically claiming many young lives.

Looking at the six large coolers securely tied down in the back of our Cessna Caravan, MAF Pilot Chris Ball said these were the biggest coolers he'd ever seen. The coolers, measuring 3 feet long by 2 feet high, held thousands of vaccines to immunise between 40,000-60,000 children.

'It was,' Chris said, 'a pretty amazing sight.'

Alicia Morcombe, Medair's Health Manager, explains how the need for the vaccination campaign had become apparent. 'Medair came to Aweil North for a multi-sector assessment, and it became clear very quickly that health needs were a huge priority.

'The more communities we visited, the

more people told us of children dying of measles. We even heard about one community that was burying children every day who had died from preventable diseases, including measles.'

Children rarely die of measles in the UK because they are routinely immunised against a range of childhood diseases.

It is a level of provision that is rare in South Sudan, where conflict and an under-funded health system – coupled with high rates of malnutrition and poor living conditions – leave children even more susceptible to this highly contagious disease.

'There was no time to lose after our assessment,' Alicia recalls. 'We were able to launch the measles campaign in a week. Medair contacted MAF to request a flight from Juba to Aweil to deliver the vaccines as quickly as possible.

'It was imperative that the measles vaccines were kept cool. A long and

bumpy trip on insecure roads was out of the question. The vaccines wouldn't remain cool enough.

Just three hours after take-off, Chris landed in Aweil and unloaded the huge coolers of vaccines. Over 40 Medair teams consisting of 290 local staff then travelled village to village, providing measles vaccinations to thousands of children.

At each vaccination site, hundreds of mothers lined up with their little ones, eager for their sons and daughters to receive the life-saving vaccines.

Mary, a mother of five, expressed her relief and thanks. 'Measles is very dangerous, so I'm very happy because now my children will be free from measles. If Medair hadn't done the measles campaign, the outbreak would have left a trail of destruction behind, and there would have been many deaths.'

Ruth Burns, a Health Project Manager for Medair, echoes her thanks. 'We're extremely grateful for MAF's support and contribution to our life-saving measles vaccination campaign in Aweil

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To find out more about MAF's work and the people we serve in remote, hard-to-reach or isolated areas, visit their website [www.maf-uk.org](http://www.maf-uk.org)



A MAF pilot loads a van with measles vaccines to take to Aweil



Mary's daughter is vaccinated by a Medair health worker

*You, Lord, give perfect peace to those who keep their purpose firm and put their trust in you. (Isaiah 26:3)*

## CRUDEN CHURCHES' WALKING GROUP

On **Sunday 18 June** ten walkers set off by car to the Muir of Dinnet National Nature Reserve. After a picnic lunch we set off from the Burn O' Vat car park, crossed the road and took the Little Ord Trail which is about 2.5 miles long. The path was mostly gravel or grass with a few gentle inclines so was quite easy to follow. On the way round overlooking Loch Kinnord there is a beautiful Pictish Cross which had been carved over 1000 years ago. Also on the Loch we could see an island covered with trees, this was once a crannog: the remains of a hut built on a platform over the water. The Loch was also covered in water lilies but alas they were not in flower. We enjoyed a lovely cup of tea/coffee and homemade scone at the Deeside Activity Centre tearoom before heading back home.



**Sunday 21 August** saw nine walkers head off to Scolty Hill, Banchory. It was quite a dull morning when we left Cruden Church car park but by the time we reached Aberdeen the sun had come out and stayed with us for the rest of the afternoon. Two of the walkers did a shorter walk round the Scolty Wood and managed to get a seat half way round and enjoyed the superb views of the surrounding countryside. The rest of us set off for the Scolty hill, the climb was fairly steep but the spectacular views of Banchory and Deeside were well worth



the climb. The Scolty Tower was built as a monument to General William Burnett who fought with Wellington in the Napoleonic Wars. It has been restored a number of times and now contains a spiral staircase. From the top of the tower looking west you can see Morven, Mount Keen and Lochnagar, to the South Clachnaben with the large tor on top was clearly visible and to the North the Hill of Fare could be seen. All around the purple heather was in full bloom and the blueberries were in plentiful supply also. After the walk a much needed cup of tea was enjoyed at the Raemoir Garden Centre.

**Maureen Esson**

### **SHOE BOX APPEAL**

We are doing the Blythswood shoe box appeal again this year. You will find a leaflet in with this bulletin. I hope you will help bring a little happiness. Empty and covered boxes will be available in the welcome area. There will also be a box to put individual items if you do not wish to fill a box. Full boxes can be handed in at church or to me at 11 Manse Road, Hatton by the end of October. Thank you in anticipation.

**Rosemary Reid**

### **CRUDEN CRAFT GROUP**

The Craft Group has continued to meet fortnightly throughout the summer months, providing an opportunity for fellowship and of course, plenty of knitting and crochet. Recent donations have been handed in to Peterhead Maternity Hospital, who very kindly send on our premature garments to Aberdeen Maternity Hospital, saving an extra journey. Also benefitting from the busy Craft Group were the New Hope Trust (Faith Acres) and Blythswood Care. Two blankets and five twiddle muffs were gratefully received by Tor-Na-Dee care home in Aberdeen. Beatrice Fawkes visited the group to thank Muriel Simmers for all the twiddle muffs she has made which have been sent to Woodend Hospital. We enjoyed having a visitor and an open invitation is extended to anyone wishing to come along and see what we are all about and of course, enjoy a cup of tea.

**Carol Paul**

## PARISH REGISTER

### DEATH

Mrs Ethel Fyfe, 50 Chevron Crescent, Peterhead.

### NEW MEMBER

Mrs June Manning, 24 Hobshill Road, Hatton.

### WEDDING

Paul Reid and Rachel Lornie, 12 John Buchan Drive, Cruden Bay.

## HOLY COMMUNION

**25 September 10 am**

**Duty Elders** Betty May, Annette Garden, Sandy Smith,  
Wilma Moir, Robert Petticrew, Peter Slamaker,  
Jim MacDonald, Betty Forrester, Rosemary Pittendrigh, Robert Esson.



**27 November 10 am**

**Duty Elders** Betty Smith, Mary Bratton, Kathleen Craig, Irene Will,  
Maureen Esson, Adrian Smith, Kate Clark, Sandy Smith, Muriel Cantlay,  
Peter Slamaker.



The new session of **Messy Church** got off to a great start with 25 children attending.

Reminder of dates for the diary:

September 15<sup>th</sup>; October 20<sup>th</sup>; November 17<sup>th</sup> and  
December 15<sup>th</sup>. Children old and new are always welcome  
with their parents.

**Messy Church Team**

The next issue of the Bulletin will be published at the beginning of December. Please send all material to be included before **Sunday 20 November 2016** to:

**Fred Coutts**  
Ladebank, 1 Manse Place  
Hatton AB42 0UQ  
[bulletin@crudenchurch.org.uk](mailto:bulletin@crudenchurch.org.uk)



## Sunday Morning Duties 10 am

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Children
4 Sept	Marilyn Samways Mary Bratton	Muriel Cantlay	Margaret Adams Rosemary Reid	Karla Buswell Jennifer Emslie
11 Sept	Marilyn Samways Norma Forman	Rosemary Reid	Margaret Bruce Liz Carnie	Katherine Hyman Helen Smith
18 Sept	Margaret Bruce Ken Bruce	Maureen Esson	Mary Bratton Doreen Buchan	Karla Buswell Maureen Reid
25 Sept	Margaret Bruce Ken Bruce	Marilyn Samways	Fiona Stephen Irene Stott	Katherine Hyman Helen Smith
2 Oct	Sarah Paterson Liz Carnie	Rosemary Pittendrigh	Iris Durno Jennifer Emslie	Karla Buswell Beatrice Fawkes
9 Oct	Mary Bratton Liz Carnie	Watson Family	Beatrice Fawkes Norma Forman	School Holidays No Junior Church
16 Oct	Isobel Young Jack Young	Betty Forrester	June Manning Wilma Moir	School Holidays No Junior Church
23 Oct	Isobel Young Jack Young	Joyce Willox	Marilyn Samways Iris Durno	School Holidays No Junior Church
30 Oct	Helen Harper Barrie Harper	Jean Beedie	Kathleen Craig Elma Cumming	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid
6 Nov	Helen Harper Barrie Harper	Betty Forrester	Margaret Adams Rosemary Reid	Karla Buswell Helen Smith
13 Nov	Carol Paul Stewart Paul	Mary Bratton	NO TEAS	No Junior Church
20 Nov	Carol Paul Stewart Paul	Mary McNaughtan	Liz Carnie Margaret Bruce	Karla Buswell Mary Bratton
27 Nov	Sarah Paterson Iris Durno	Betty Forrester	Irene Stott Fiona Stephen	Katherine Hyman Helen Smith
4 Dec	Norma Forman Iris Durno	Mary Bratton	Jennifer Emslie Marilyn Samways	Karla Buswell 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.

**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
	01771	Robert Petticrew	Rural
		To be appointed	Peterhead
		To be appointed	Cruden Bay
		To be appointed	Cruden Bay
		Betty May	Cruden Bay
<b>Bond Treasurer</b>		Muriel Cantlay	
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<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>		Robert Esson	Hatton
		Rosemary Pittendrigh	Cruden Bay
<b>Walks</b>		Maureen Esson	
<b>WFO Treasurer</b>		Annette Garden	

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**Committee Conveners**

<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