

# *The Bulletin*



## **Cruden Parish Church Spring 2018**

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## Diary Dates Spring 2018

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

### MARCH

Friday 2nd	World of Prayer in St James' Church 7 pm
Sunday 4th	Prayer time in the Vestry 11.15 am
Tuesday 6th	Craft Group in Hall 1.30 pm
Thursday 15th	Messy Church in Hatton Public Hall 3.30 pm Guild Presbyterian Council AGM Strichen & Tyrie Church at 7.30pm
Tuesday 20th	Craft Group in Hall 1.30 pm
Sunday 25th	PALM SUNDAY SERVICE Sacrament of Holy Communion
Monday 26th	Guild in Hall 7.30 pm Floral Art Demonstration Betty Forrester and Mary Bratton
Friday 30th	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 7.pm Service conducted by the Rev Fred Coutts

### APRIL

Sunday 1st	EASTER SERVICE Prayer time in the Vestry 11.15 am
Tuesday 3rd	Craft Group in Hall 1.30 pm
Wednesday 7th	Choir Practice in Hall 7.30 pm
Tuesday 17th	Craft Group in Hall 1.30 pm
Thursday 19th	Messy Church in Hatton Public Hall 3.30 pm
Sunday 22nd	MORNING SERVICE Including the Annual Stated Meeting
Monday 30th	Guild AGM in Hall 7.30 pm Entertainment - Newburgh WRI Concert Party

## MAY

Tuesday 1st	Craft Group in Hall 1.30 pm
Wednesday 2nd	Choir Practice in Hall 7.30 pm
Sunday 6th	Prayer time in the Vestry 11.15 am
Tuesday 15th	Craft Group in Hall 1.30 pm
Thursday 17th	Messy Church in Hatton Public Hall 3.30 pm
Sunday 20th	SERVICE AT JAMES' 9.30 am
Sunday 27th	MORNING SERVICE Sacrament of Holy Communion

### World Day of Prayer

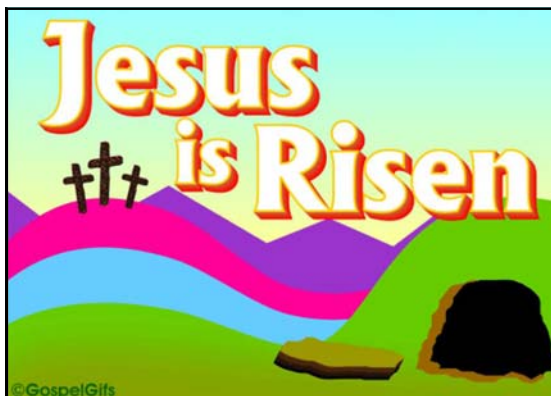
A warm welcome awaits you in St James' Church,  
Cruden Bay

Friday 2 March 2018 at 7.00 pm

'All God's Creation is Very Good'

Written by the women of Suriname in South America

Will YOU join us?



*Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been taken away from the entrance.*

John 20:1

ANNUAL STATED MEETING  
of  
CRUDEN PARISH CHURCH  
Sunday 22 April 2018  
(as part of the morning service)  
PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS  
ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON  
SESSION COMMITTEES

## **RETIRING AND SERVING**

We would thank for their service over the last year the members who are due to retire at this year's Annual Meeting

*Mrs Debbie Mackintosh, Mrs Maureen Reid, Mrs Helen Smith.*

Members who continue to serve on our Session Committees are:

*Mr Ken Bruce, Mr James Hyman, Mrs Lorraine Neilson, Mrs Fiona Stephen.*

As always, those nominated at the Annual Stated Meeting should either be present to declare their willingness to accept nomination or have given previous assurance that they are willing to serve.

**AT THE ANNUAL MEETING THERE WILL BE 4 VACANCIES TO FILL**

*If there are more nominations than vacancies, those nominated will retire to the vestry and voting will be done by a show of hands.*

## **ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**

With this Bulletin, members should find the annual commitment card. Members are asked to participate in the campaign by returning a card when their visitor calls in the next three weeks.

***“Things beyond our seeing, things beyond our hearing, things beyond our imagining have all been prepared by God for those who love him”***

*1 Corinthians 2 : 9*



As this is being written at the end of February the first signs of spring are upon us with snowdrops beginning to appear and before long other flowers like crocuses and daffodils will be in full bloom bringing a dash of colour to our countryside after what seems to have been a long wet winter. Another sign of spring is the odd lamb or two in the countryside and before long farmers will be hoping to be out in the fields planting their spring crops.

Nature is full of mysteries. We live in a world where many things are beyond our human understanding despite all the advances of science and technology. There are many things which we question on a daily basis, nature being only one of them.

As the Bible tells us, all that is around us is God’s creation and he does not expect us to understand it all, but he does expect us to be thankful for all that he does for us in our daily lives. Arguably the greatest thing that he did for us was allow his Son, Jesus Christ, to come and live on earth all those years ago and at Easter we remember the ultimate sacrifice that was paid for us when Jesus died on the cross allowing the sins of mankind to be forgiven.

God recognises that we are all unique and none of us are perfect but if we let him into our lives he will love and comfort us just as he did for Jesus. God has indeed prepared much for us which is way beyond our seeing, hearing and imagining. So as we travel through the season of Lent wondering what we will give up or sacrifice for our own good we need to ensure that we focus on Jesus and remember all that he sacrificed for us.

**Cruden Parish Church****RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

Year ended 31 December 2017

	Note	Unrestricted Funds			Endowment	Total	Total
		2017	2017	2017	Fund	2017	2016
		General	Fabric/Organ 12 & 13	Activities (see over)	Burnett		
<b>Receipts</b>							
Donations	4	43,958.18	0.00	0.00	240.00	44,198.18	48,582.14
Legacies		0.00	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00
Funds Generation		622.37	0.00	950.00	0.00	1,572.37	4,699.55
Interest		11.36	0.09	0.00	0.00	11.45	28.00
Investment income		156.35	550.00	0.00	0.00	706.35	759.00
Rental of premises		425.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	425.00	435.00
Weddings & Funerals		650.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	650.00	660.00
Grant and Loan		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Receipts		100.00	160.00	322.00	0.00	582.00	920.72
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>45,923.26</b>	<b>20,710.09</b>	<b>1,272.00</b>	<b>240.00</b>	<b>68,145.35</b>	<b>56,084.41</b>
<b>Payments</b>	Note 5						
Costs of generating funds		377.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	377.61	434.01
Charitable activities		33,349.66	7,098.89	1,850.47	0.00	42,299.02	48,866.78
						0.00	0.00
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>33,727.27</b>	<b>7,098.89</b>	<b>1,850.47</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>42,676.63</b>	<b>49,300.79</b>
<b>Surplus for the year before transfers</b>		<b>12,195.99</b>	<b>13,611.20</b>	<b>-578.47</b>	<b>240.00</b>	<b>25,468.72</b>	<b>6,783.62</b>
<b>Transfers</b>		<b>-6,000.00</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Surplus for the year</b>		<b>£6,195.99</b>	<b>£19,611.20</b>	<b>-£578.47</b>	<b>£240.00</b>	<b>£25,468.72</b>	<b>£6,783.62</b>

**2017 ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

The Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator has laid down its requirements for the presentation of charity accounts. Compliance is required to maintain charitable status. All Church of Scotland congregations are obliged to present an Annual Report which involves much more than the presentation of figures. The Kirk Session has decided that because of the size of the annual report, only the two page summary in the middle of this Bulletin will be issued to members. A full copy of the Annual Report can be had from the church welcome area or by requesting a copy from the Treasurer.

## Cruden Parish Church

Year ended 31 December 2017

	Note	Unrestricted Funds			Endowment	Total 2017	Total 2016
		2017 General	2017 Fab/Org 12 & 13	2017 Activities	Fund 2017 Burnett		
<b><u>Bank Balances</u></b>							
Brought forward		57,591.10	995.06	3,367.07	930.46	62,883.69	56,100.07
Surplus for the year		6,195.99	19,611.20	-578.47	240.00	25,468.72	6,783.62
Carried forward	7	<b>£63,787.09</b>	<b>£20,606.26</b>	<b>£2,788.60</b>	<b>£1,170.46</b>	<b>£88,352.41</b>	<b>£62,883.69</b>
<b><u>Investments at market value</u></b>							
(cost £ 8,352.20)	8	5,739.60	13,684.00	0.00	0.00	-19,423.60	18,181.60
<b><u>Assets</u></b>							
Gift Aid Receivable		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>		None					

The accounts approved by the Kirk Session on 7 February 2018

Signed for and on behalf of the Kirk Session

**Robert M Esson**

**Session Clerk**

**Rosemary Pittendrigh**

**Treasurer**

<b><u>Income</u></b>	<b>2017 Activities Funds</b>				
	<u>Flower</u>	<u>Junior Church</u>	<u>Guild</u>	<u>Messy Church</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Legacies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fundraising	0.00	0.00	950.00	0.00	950.00
Bank & Deposit interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other receipts	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>225.00</u>	<u>97.00</u>	<u>322.00</u>
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,175.00</u>	<u>97.00</u>	<u>1,272.00</u>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>					
Charitable activities	0.00	0.00	1,534.47	316.00	1,850.47
Other costs	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,534.47</u>	<u>316.00</u>	<u>1,850.47</u>
<b><u>Surplus</u></b>	0.00	0.00	-359.47	-219.00	-578.47
<b><u>Opening Balance</u></b>	<u>139.39</u>	<u>271.42</u>	<u>1,092.59</u>	<u>1,863.67</u>	<u>3,367.07</u>
<b><u>Closing Balance</u></b>	<u>139.39</u>	<u>271.42</u>	<u>733.12</u>	<u>1,644.67</u>	<u>2,788.60</u>

## CRUDEN CHURCH WALKING GROUP 2018

The walking group met in February and after plenty discussion and suggestions, the following dates and walks were agreed.

Sunday 25 March	Braes of Gight
Sunday 29 April	Aden Park and Pitfour Lake Circular Combined Sponsored Walk with Cruden Church Guild
Sunday 20 May	St Mary's Chapel and Rattray Head
Sunday 10 June	Portsoy - Findlater Castle - Portsoy Circular
Sunday 22 July	Aberdeen Beach Esplanade to Footdee
Sunday 12 August -	Tyrebagger Sculpture Trail
Sunday 16 September	Aden Park - Stuartfield Circular

As usual we will leave the Church Hall at 11.30 am. If your friends or family enjoy a good walk and a blether please bring them along as well, they will be made very welcome. Please also bring a picnic lunch.

If you require further information then please contact  
Maureen Esson on 01779 813049  
Mobile: 07949792233

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Messy Church is a happy lively place thanks to all the enthusiastic people who give their time and talents to help. The children enjoy the action songs with Lorraine and Jim. It is great to see the adults joining in too. We are looking at including Messy Science , so watch this space. We welcomed a delegation from

Rosehearty who are thinking of starting Messy Church. We wish them well. Although numbers were down at the beginning of the year they are picking up now. Next meeting 15th March.

**Messy Church Team**



## **Craft Group**

The Craft Group resumed fortnightly meetings in January, having enjoyed an excellent Christmas lunch party at the St Olaf Hotel in December, before taking a break. The ladies have started the new session enthusiastically and are enjoying knitting and crocheting for a variety of charitable causes.

We were all very saddened to learn of the passing of Margaret Cruickshank who was one of the founder members of the group which started in June 2013. Over the years Margaret seldom missed a meeting and was always such a happy lady as she knitted and chatted with everyone. She looked forward to her craft group every two weeks and contributed so many beautiful pieces of work. Her cheery smile and friendly manner will be greatly missed by all of us.

**Carol Paul**

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## **Cruden Guild**

Due to the adverse weather conditions experienced at the end of the year, we had no meeting in November and our Christmas meal had to be cancelled in December. For our first meeting of the New Year we enjoyed a tour of New Zealand by Motor Home when Robert and Maureen Esson entertained us with an excellent commentary along with beautiful photos of their memorable holiday last year. At our meeting this month Fred is coming to talk to us on the Theme – Go in Love. In March we are having a Floral Art Demonstration by Betty and Mary and at our AGM in April, we are looking forward to being entertained by Rosemary Lund and the ladies of Newburgh WRI. We would welcome anyone who wishes to join us at our meetings on the last Monday of each month.



## PARISH REGISTER

### DEATHS

Mrs Mary Jamieson, The Bungalow, Mains of Leask, Ellon,  
Mrs Margaret Cruickshank, 2 Hatton Lodge, Hatton.

## HOLY COMMUNION

**25 March 10 am**

Duty Elders Peter Slamaker, Beatrice Fawkes,  
Mary Bratton, Irene Will, Adrian Smith,  
Robert Esson, Jim MacDonald,  
Robert Petticrew, Muriel Cantlay, Maureen Esson.



**27 May 10 am**

Duty Elders Betty May, Mary Bratton, Maureen Esson, Wilma Moir,  
Betty Forrester, Adrian Smith, Robert Esson, Jim MacDonald,  
Rosemary Pittendrigh, Kathleen Craig.



The Christian Aid Service will be held on **Sunday 13 May** following which a Christian Aid Donation envelope for your consideration and convenience will be included in the next issue of the Bulletin to be distributed at the end of May.

The next issue of the Bulletin will be published at the beginning of June. Please send all material to be included before

**Sunday 20 May 2018 to:**

Fred Coutts

Ladebank, 1 Manse Place, Hatton AB42 0UQ

**bulletin@crudenchurch.org.uk**



@CrudenParishChurch

## Sunday Morning Duties 10 am

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Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Children
4 March	Betty Forrester Mary Bratton	Irene Stott	Kathleen Craig Elma Cumming	Katherine Hyman Joyce Willox
11 March	Betty Forrester Mary Bratton	Atholene Ritchie	Iris Durno Jennifer Emslie	Helen Smith Wilma Moir
18 March	Carol Paul Stewart Paul	Betty Morris	Beatrice Fawkes Norma Forman	Maureen Reid Beatrice Fawkes
25 March	Carol Paul Stewart Paul	Maureen Esson	Fiona Stephen Irene Stott	Katherine Hyman Rosemary Reid
1 April	Liz Carnie Norma Forman	Anne Smith	June Manning Wilma Moir	School Holidays No Junior Church
8 April	Liz Carnie Norma Forman	Mary McNaughtan	Rosemary Reid Margaret Adams	School Holidays No Junior Church
15 April	Carol Paul Stewart Paul	Elma Watson	Marilyn Samways Mary Bratton	School Holidays No Junior Church
22 April	Carol Paul Stewart Paul	Marilyn Samways	Doreen Buchan Liz Carnie	Helen Smith Betty Forrester
29 April	Elma Cumming Barry Harper	Mary Bratton	Kathleen Craig Elma Cumming	Maureen Reid Mary Bratton
6 May	Muriel Cantlay Robert Petticrew	Beatrice Fawkes	Margaret Bruce Jennifer Emslie	Mid-term Holiday No Junior Church
13 May	Muriel Cantlay Robert Petticrew	Anne McNaughton	Beatrice Fawkes Norma Forman	Katherine Hyman Jennifer Emslie
20 May	<b>NO SERVICE</b>			Helen Smith Joyce Willox
27 May	Ken Bruce Margaret Bruce	Joyce Willox	Irene Stott Fiona Stephen	Maureen Reid Wilma Moir
3 June	Ken Bruce Margaret Bruce	Beatrice Fawkes	June Manning Wilma Moir	Mid-term Holiday No Junior Church
10 June	Debbie Macintosh Betty Forrester	Trish Smith	Margaret Adams Rosemary Reid	Katherine Hyman Beatrice Fawkes

### 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** Ali MacLeod

aliowl@hotmail.com Tel: 01771 622992 Mob: 07821 670705

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<b>Session Clerk</b>	Robert Esson	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Rosemary Pittendrigh	
<b>Contact Elders</b>	Betty Forrester	Hatton
	Beatrice Fawkes	Hatton
	Joyce Willox	Hatton
	Muriel Cantlay	Rural
	Robert Petticrew	Rural
	Robert Esson	Peterhead
	Maureen Esson	Cruden Bay
	Kate Clark	Cruden Bay
	Kathleen Craig	Cruden Bay
	Betty May	Cruden Bay
<b>Gift Aid Treasurer</b>	Muriel Cantlay	
<b>Bulletin</b>	Fred Coutts	
	bulletin@crudenchurch.org.uk	
<b>Christian Aid</b>	Rosemary Pittendrigh	
<b>Cleaning</b>	Rosemary Pittendrigh	
<b>Communion</b>	Joyce Willox	
<b>Flowers</b>	Betty Forrester	
<b>Guild</b>	Rosemary Pittendrigh	
<b>Junior Church</b>	Katherine Hyman	
<b>Life and Work</b>	Rosemary Pittendrigh	
<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>	Carol Paul	
<b>Committee Conveners</b>		
<b>Finance</b>	Rosemary Pittendrigh	
<b>Membership and Outreach</b>	Kathleen Craig	
<b>Property</b>	Robert Esson	
<b>Social</b>	Betty Forrester	