

The Bulletin



Cruden Parish Church Summer 2019

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Diary Dates SUMMER 2019

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

JUNE

- Sunday 2nd Congregational Walk leaving church hall
Udny Green Circular
- Saturday 8th Boot Camp at Hatton Public Park 9 am
followed by Buttery Morning in Hatton Public Hall
from 10 am until 12 noon in aid of Christian Aid
- Sunday 9th Time for Prayer – Mary Garden Room 11.15 pm
- Tuesday 11th Craft Group in Hall 1.30 pm
- Thursday 13th Cruden Church Outing (details inside on page 5)
- Sunday 16th Congregational Walk leaving church hall
Banchory to Crathes
- Tuesday 25th Craft Group in Hall 1.30 pm

JULY

- Sunday 7th Time for Prayer – Mary Garden Room 11.15m
Christian Aid Cake & Candy Stall
- Tuesday 9th Craft Group in Hall 1.30 pm
- Sunday 14th Congregational Walk leaving church hall
Arnage to Ellon
- Tuesday 23rd Craft Group in Hall 1.30 pm

AUGUST

- Sunday 4th Time for Prayer – Mary Garden Room 11.15 am
Christian Aid Cake & Candy Stall
- Tuesday 6th Craft Group in Hall 1.30 pm
- Sunday 11th Congregational Walk leaving church hall
Dunnottar Castle & Dunnottar Woods
- Tuesday 20th Craft Group in Hall 1.30 pm

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 1st	Time for Prayer – Mary Garden Room 11.15 am
Tuesday 3rd	Craft Group in Hall 1.30 pm
Wednesday 4th	Choir Practice in Hall 7.30 pm

Dear Friends

Let me begin by saying a big thank you for the warm welcome I have received since becoming the new parish minister of Cruden Parish Church. So far it has been an enjoyable and meaningful experience getting to know the congregation and becoming more familiar with the communities we are privileged to serve. It is also appropriate that we pay tribute to the people who have kept the church together during the long five-year vacancy.

As you will have noticed in my opening sentence, I have used the same word twice. The word is parish. The word parish means a 'territorial entity' or 'a defined geographical area.' The whole of Scotland is divided into parishes, some of which reflect the historic boundaries of the former estates owned by the local Laird. For us in the Parish of Cruden our geographical area includes Hatton, Cruden Bay and Longhaven, not forgetting Port Errol and other smaller communities, farms and cottages. For me the word 'parish' helps us to define our purpose and identity.

A parish church could best be understood as church at the grass roots, that is earthed in the life and activities of the local area. As members, friends and minister of Cruden Church this means our focus is living out our faith (prayer, worship, discipleship, mission and service) in the place where God has put us (amongst our families and friends, communities and neighbourhoods).

In September the Kirk Session will be having a day away thinking and praying about the future. We will be trying to discern and understand the future God has planned for us. It will be fascinating to see what comes out!

Wishing you a joyful and warm summer!

Rev Sean Swindells

Parish Minister



CAKE & CANDY FOR CHRISTIAN AID

As has happened in the past two years we have organised Cake & Candy stalls in aid of Christian Aid. The first one is on **JULY 7th** in the Church Hall after the Morning Service. The second one will be on **AUGUST 4th** also after the Morning Service. If you wish to donate any baking or tablet please bring it to the Hall before the Service and if you require any further information please contact Beatrice at Church or on 01779 841814.

The Church of Scotland HIV Programme

By Carol Findlay, World Mission Council (The article first appeared in *Guild News*)

The Church of Scotland HIV Programme began from a plea by Partner Churches who were finding that the effects of HIV and AIDS were dominating all areas of their work. The General Assembly of 2002 heard these pleas and directed the World Mission Council to take forward this piece of work on behalf of the whole Church. They mandated that the Programme should include an educational aspect for Church members and support of projects in Scotland as well as overseas.

We have made great strides since 2002 in terms of understanding in Churches, some of which was thanks to the Guild who grabbed the subject with both hands, initially as a discussion topic. When I mentioned to a friend that HIV and AIDS were being talked about in churches, she answered "fur hats will be flying!!" She underestimated the tenacity of the Guild. In many instances, it was the Guild who encouraged the rest of the Church to take the programme on board. One of my favourite quotes from a Guild member was "at 80 years I didn't think I would ever have heard so much talk about sex and condoms in the church but I am pleased I have as now I am more able to talk openly with my grandchildren." Thankfully today, we are much more aware of the nature of the virus and the opportunities for care, support and treatment.

Since these early days, the Guild has continued to educate themselves about the virus but also has provided an amazing amount of support for projects in Scotland and overseas. The opportunity arose to be an 'official' Guild project from 2009 - 2012 with the 'New Hunger' Project. Money was raised for the Church of Scotland HIV Programme Partners around the world to ensure people had nutritious food to take with their antiretroviral medication. The fruits of that project are still being seen today through the work of the Livingstonia Synod Aids Project.

The Church is encouraged to continue in the challenge of being involved in the HIV and AIDS PROJECT.

To find out more contact hiv@churchofscotland.org.uk

ANNUAL OUTING

An open invitation is extended to anyone wishing to join us on Thursday 13 June when we are going to Brechin Castle Garden Centre followed by High Tea at Morris's Hotel in Oldmeldrum.

A bus will pick up in Cruden Bay at 12.30 pm and Hatton Village Hall at 1 pm. If you would like to come please can you notify Shonah Taylor (841519), Irene Will (841532), Muriel Cantlay (841219) and Wilma Moir (841516).

GUILD SPONSORED WALK

A huge thank you to all to sponsors and all who took part in the Sponsored Walk on 28 April in aid of the Church Outing. Approximately £800 has been raised to date which helps fund the church outing to Brechin Castle Garden Centre on Thursday 13 June

Eleven walkers (and 3 dogs!) took part. It was a lovely afternoon and the circular route was from the church hall via Aldie and back to the hall, a total of 7 miles. On return the walkers enjoyed a welcome seat and tea and coffee.

GUILD AGM

The Guild AGM was held on Monday 29 April. After opening worship Muriel gave the annual report and Shonah issued the treasurer's report. The committee for 2019 – 2020 is Shonah Taylor treasurer and committee members Muriel Cantlay, Wilma Moir and Irene Will. Muriel thanked Guild members for their support during the session and welcomed ladies from Cruden Bay rural and Jim Macdonald who provided the entertainment for the evening. Their humorous, varied and entertaining programme included songs, a monologue, a doric sketch, a quiz and Elvis songs (with the King himself!). This was followed by tea, coffee, sandwiches and cakes. The Guild next meets in September.



If you have power to make someone smile
**DO IT! THE WORLD NEEDS
MORE OF THAT.**

The Great Hatton Buttery Morning!



**Takes place on Saturday 8th June 2019,
from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon at Hatton**

Public Hall

Butteries, Tea & Coffee, Home Baking, Sales Tables,
Raffle etc. (Adults £3.00. Children £1.00)

Everyone welcome!

All proceeds raised for Christian Aid

The event is organised by Cruden Parish Church, Registered Charity SC006408

Tel. 07791 755976 for more info

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The Great Hatton Charity Boot Camp



**Takes place at 9.00 am, Saturday 8th June
2019 in the Hatton Pleasure Park**

- No previous experience required.
- Complete beginners especially welcome!
 - Sorry over 16's only
- Please wear appropriate footwear and clothing
 - Suggested donation £5.00 per adult
- Please contact Sean for more info: tel. 07791 755976
email seanswin1@aol.com

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CrossReach has opened a 'first class' education campus in Renfrewshire. The Erskine Waterfront Campus will provide a high standard of education for around 30 looked-after children, aged 8 - 16years. The Campus was built off site by Portakabin Scotland and craned into position. CrossReach Chief Executive Viv Dickenson, who broke the ground at the site at Erskine Waterfront to formally start the building work said: 'Our existing staff team and their pupils have bright, modern classrooms containing all the facilities they need to make it a first class learning environment. CrossReach has been providing residential care and education for children, who for various reasons cannot live with their families, for more than 25 years. Over the last few years, there has been a move away from CrossReach's larger care and education provisions at Geilsland School in Beith and Ballikinrain School near Balfron to a model of smaller community houses, which will be clustered round a central education hub.'

Sheila Gordon, Director of Children and Families Services added: 'CrossReach is undergoing a period of big changes to how it provides residential child care. We now have five community houses and will open a further three houses over the coming year. This means we will be moving away from Ballikinrain. In many ways this is the end of an era but it is also the right thing to do in terms of achieving the best possible outcomes for the young people we are privileged to look after. The new education Campus at Erskine Waterfront in the shadow of the Erskine Bridge will provide modern, comfortable and caring education to around 30 children and young people'.

Further Information to be found at www.crossreach.org.uk

The Scottish Bible Society says 'Support Persecuted Christians in Syria'

The War in Syria has been ongoing for the past eight years. many people, who fled their homes to escape the conflict have returned to find their villages destroyed. But many Christians in this area still face persecution because of their faith. The Scottish Bible Society is reaching out to people using a Bible based Trauma Healing Programme. Trained facilitators work in local churches, supporting people of all ages as they come to terms with some of the terrible things they have seen or endured. This programme is healing broken lives, and because of this, many people are coming to faith in Jesus.

MAY GOD BLESS ALL INVOLVED.

MESSY CHURCH

We were delighted to welcome Sean as the story teller for the last meeting of the Messy Church session. He brought along Melvin the puppy as a special guest and he stole the show. We were also pleased to welcome Jade and Janey as new volunteers.

It was good to look at our local community and to realise how lucky we are to live in Cruden. Look out for displays of pictures, photos and messy craft on display at church. Sorry all of the decorated biscuits were eaten.

The meeting was tinged with sadness as we said good bye to Beatrice who as put so much into Messy Church for the last seven years. Thank you to her for all her hard work. Although she is retiring we hope she will visit in the future.

The first meeting of the new session is on 19 September when we look forward to welcoming new and old families. All welcome. Enjoy your Summer and hope to see you in September.

The Messy Church Team



CRAFT GROUP

In the last month the craft group has seen an increase in numbers and we always are delighted to welcome new members and hope that they enjoy the fellowship the group offers. We finished our project of knitted and crochet flowers for Hatton in Bloom and two members of the committee visited the group to receive them and in return left us delicious cupcakes which were enjoyed with our cup of tea. We look forward to seeing the display in the summer and identifying our individual flowers.

Two boxes of goods were donated to the Blythswood lorry when it visited Peterhead and we continue to make hats, scarves and mitts for our own Blythswood Christmas boxes later in the year. We welcomed a visit from the minister who took time out of his busy schedule to come along and introduce himself to the members, however he probably won't become a member as knitting and crochet are not amongst his many talents!

Carol Paul

PARISH REGISTER

DEATHS

Mrs Catherine Mundie, Mansfield, Main Street, Hatton

Mrs Gladys Mackie, 4 Stewart Cottages, Hatton

TRANSFERRED IN

Mr John Mackie, "Drumore", 1 Manse Terrace, Boddam

Mrs Ena Mackie, "Drumore", 1 Manse Terrace, Boddam

Presenting The World's Big Sleep Out!!!

The up to date news of Social Bite is that they have big plans for 2019!

Social Bite's SLEEP IN THE PARK events have significantly changed the landscape of homelessness in Scotland. They've seen more than 18,000 people raise their voices to call for an end to homelessness through these events, and with just shy of £8 million raised they have been able to pioneer some pretty amazing programmes. They, of course, wouldn't have been able to achieve such positive steps forward without people coming together to believe in Scotland where everyone has a safe place to call home.

This year Co-founder, Josh Littlejohn will head up The World's Big Sleep Out to take the Sleep in the Park concept to a global stage where internationally recognised faces will take part.

Social Bite will take part by hosting a Sleep Out in Edinburgh while sleep out events will take place in New York, London & hopefully Chicago, Barcelona andnMadrid.

The global campaign aims to see 50,000 people sleep out on 7 December to raise \$50,000,000 for homelessness andrefugee causes worldwide. Local charities will also benefit where the events take place.

What was born in Scotland is now being adopted worldwide creating a unity like no other before. We set out on this mission to be a Scotland for the world to follow & we're doing just that.

The next issue of the Bulletin will be published at the beginning of September. Please send all material to be included before **Sunday 18 August 2019** to: Fred Coutts, Ladebank, 1 Manse Place, Hatton AB42 0UQ bulletin@crudenchurch.org.uk

Sunday Morning Duties 10 am

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas
2 June	Ken Bruce Margaret Bruce	Fiona Stephen	Elma Cumming Iris Durno
9 June	Muriel Cantlay Michael Buchan	Trish Smith	Beatrice Fawkes Norma Forman
16 June	Muriel Cantlay Michael Buchan	June Morrison	June Manning Marilyn Samways
23 June	Irene Will Mary Bratton	Betty Morris	Margaret Adams Rosemary Reid
30 June	Irene Will Mary Bratton	Sheena Innes	Doreen Buchan Beatrice Fawkes
7 July	Joyce Willox Wilma Moir	Rosemary Pittendrigh	Margaret Bruce Ken Bruce
14 July	Joyce Willox Wilma Moir	Betty Forrester	Liz Carnie Betty Forrester
21 July	Katherine Hyman Beatrice Fawkes	Norma Forman	Iris Durno Elma Cumming
28 July	Katherine Hyman Beatrice Fawkes	Marilyn Samways	Marilyn Samways Kathleen Craig
4 August	Kate Clark Shonah Taylor	Iris Durno	Norma Forman June Manning
11 August	Kate Clark Shonah Taylor	Muriel Cantlay	Rosemary Reid Margaret Adams
18 August	Mary McNaughtan Liz Carnie	Betty Forrester	Doreen Buchan Mary Bratton
25 August	Mary McNaughtan Liz Carnie	Irene Stott	Margaret Bruce Ken Bruce
1 September	Robert Petticrew Peter Slamaker	Beatrice Fawkes	Liz Carnie Kathleen Craig
8 September	Robert Petticrew Peter Slamaker	Maureen Esson	Iris Durno 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.

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