

# CRUDEN PARISH CHURCH

Church of Scotland

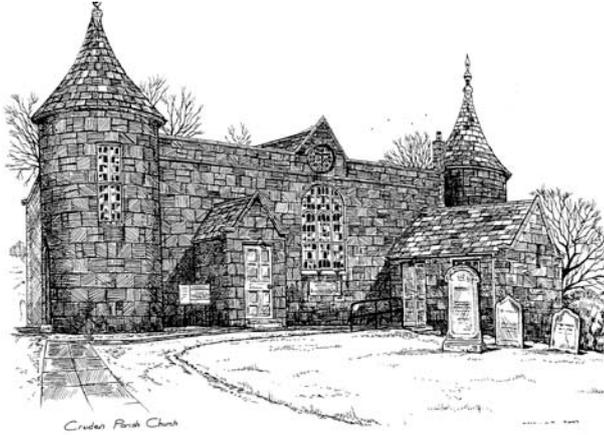
## INFORMATION GUIDE

In Cruden Parish Church we are committed to providing regular and meaningful worship within the tradition of the Church of Scotland and as part of the worldwide Church of Jesus Christ.

We will use, through Christian fellowship and education, our God given resources, which are rich and varied, to encourage the development of Christian faith and practice in all ages and groups within the church and the community.

We will let our awareness of the needs of the congregation, the community and the world direct our church life and the activities and projects we will support.

August 2011



# CHURCH DIRECTORY

**Minister** Rev Rodger Neilson  
 Tel 01779 841229  
 Email [minister@crudenchurch.org.uk](mailto:minister@crudenchurch.org.uk)

**Session Clerk** Robert Esson 01779 812206

## CRUDEN PARISH CHURCH

LOCATED OVER THE BISHOP'S BRIDGE FROM  
 THE HATTON TO CRUDEN BAY ROAD VIA  
 BRIDGEND

<u>District Elders</u>	
<i>Hatton</i>	Betty Forrester
"	Beatrice Fawkes
<i>Rural</i>	Muriel Cantlay
"	Robert Petticrew
<i>Peterhead</i>	Sandy Smith
<i>Cruden Bay</i>	Jack Young
"	Kate Clark
"	Betty May

**CHURCH SERVICES**

***EVERY SUNDAY AT 10 am***  
*crèche available when the Junior Church meets*

*An opportunity is provided to chat over tea and coffee in the Hall after each morning service.*

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| <b>Treasurer</b>                | Rosemary Pittendrigh |
| <b>Church Officer</b>           | David Singleton      |
| <b>Bond Treasurer</b>           | Muriel Cantlay       |
| <b>WFO Treasurer</b>            | Annette Garden       |
| <b>Roll Keeper</b>              | Mary McNaughtan      |
| <b>Presbytery Elder</b>         | Robert Esson         |
| <b>Child Protection</b>         | Kathleen Craig       |
| <b>Life &amp; Work</b>          | Isobel Young         |
| <b>Christian Aid</b>            | Rosemary Pittendrigh |
| <b>Junior Church</b>            | Katherine Hyman      |
| <b>Communion</b>                | Wilma Moir           |
| <b>Guild</b>                    | Rosemary Pittendrigh |
| <b>Flowers</b>                  | Betty Forrester      |
| <b>Cleaning Co-ordinator</b>    | Beatrice Fawkes      |
| <b>Old Church Teas</b>          | Wilma Mor            |
| <b>Church Walks</b>             | Robert Petticrew     |
| <b>Transport Co-ordinators</b>  |                      |
| Hatton                          | Beatrice Fawkes      |
| Cruden Bay                      | Rosemary Pittendrigh |
| <b>Press Officer</b>            | Mary Bratton         |
| <b>Missionary Correspondent</b> | Betty May            |
| <b>Organist</b>                 | Stephen Calder       |

# Allelujah!

**HOLY COMMUNION**

The Sacrament of Holy  
 Communion will be celebrated at

**10am in the Church**  
 on the last Sunday of

**SEPTEMBER NOVEMBER**  
**JANUARY MARCH and MAY**

<u>Committee Conveners</u>	
<b>Finance</b>	Rosemary Pittendrigh
<b>Property</b>	Robert Esson
<b>Social</b>	Betty Forrester
<b>Education &amp; Worship</b>	John Lamb
<b>Membership &amp; Outreach</b>	Kathleen Craig
<b>District Elders</b>	Jack Young

## CRUDEN CHURCH WALKS

A Walking Group enjoy a series of Sunday or Saturday walks from March to October. The intention is quite simply to enjoy, in the company of like-minded people, some of the many walks and scenery of North East Scotland.



The walks are not too long, especially those on Sundays and do not usually involve any gradients of any significant steepness. It does not matter whether you come to just one walk or all the walks, you will be most welcome. On days of longer walks, shorter walks are often offered as an alternative. A leaflet detailing the planned walks is available.

### COFFEE AND CHAT

(with homemade pancakes)

in the Church Hall on the first  
Wednesday of the month from  
September to April  
at 10.30 am to 12 noon  
*ALL ARE WELCOME*



A number of church members meet monthly over the winter to view and then discuss DVDs on themes relevant to faith and life. Details of and reports from the meetings are to be found in the church magazine.

## *From the Minister*

This leaflet has been prepared to provide an opportunity for those who stay in the parish to learn something about a congregation which plays a part in the lives of more than 500 people, some of whom will be your neighbours and friends.

If there is anything more you want to find out, please contact the relevant person as listed in the following pages or myself. We would be delighted to answer your questions.

Perhaps you might even want to keep this leaflet handy so that you might refer to it whenever you want to check some information about the church at a later date.

*Rodger Neilson*

Minister

### The Minister

is available to anyone in the parish who would wish to speak with him. It is best to phone first to arrange a mutually suitable time. Contact him on 01779 841229 or at [minister@crudenchurch.org.uk](mailto:minister@crudenchurch.org.uk)

Families who have someone in hospital should inform the minister if they wish a visit to be made.

## THE KIRK SESSION

The responsibility of spiritual oversight of the congregation lies with the elders who together, with the minister, form the Kirk Session. The Session meets usually on the third Monday of a month. The Session Clerk is Mr Robert Esson



Serving on the Session's 6 committees, as well as the elders, are 9 people elected by the congregation at the Annual Stated Meeting in March. 3 of the 9 retire each year but are eligible for re-election.

**CONTACT : Mr Esson on 812206**

## BIBLE STUDY

*Bible Study is at the heart of Christian Life.*

Enquiries will be welcome from anyone interested in Bible Study. The monthly Bulletin will give details when courses begin.



Let us know what you would be interested in.

**CONTACT : The Minister on 841229**

## THE BULLETIN

Each month apart from July and August, our Church magazine is delivered to the homes of all our members, keeping them informed of what is happening in our congregation and in the church at large. We are happy to deliver the magazine to non-members who would like to receive a copy of the Bulletin.



## BOYS' BRIGADE

Attached to Cruden Church is a company of the Boys' Brigade. Boys in Primaries 2 3 and 4 are eligible for membership of the Anchor Boys. Boys in Primaries 5, 6 and 7 can join the Junior Section. There is no Company Section for older boys.



### Cruden Boys' Brigade

Under the captaincy of Mr Colin Skinner, the Company meets in Port Erroll School. Anchor Boys are led by Mrs Alison Neilson and the Junior Section is led by Mr Colin Skinner. Both sections meet on a Wednesday evening from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.

*Not affiliated to the Church but with whom we have good links are the following organisations with units in both Cruden Bay and Hatton:*

### RAINBOWS

For girls of 5 and 6 years of age

### BROWNIES

For girls aged 7 to 10

### GIRL GUIDES

For girls aged 10 to 15.



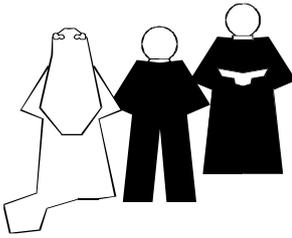
For more information on these, contact District Commissioner Marie Fulton on 812384

## BAPTISMS

Children are baptised in Cruden Church according to the regulations of the Church of Scotland which requires that one or both parents are members or have expressed a sincere desire to join the church.

## WEDDINGS

Couples, whether members or not, are welcome to have their wedding service in the Church. Couples should contact the minister to agree a suitable time to discuss their service. Available from the minister is a brief leaflet which gives information about weddings in Cruden Church.



## FUNERALS

The Church is available for funerals. Hymn books (or, in the case of a requested hymn not being in the hymn book, duplicated hymn sheets) are available for use.

## OLD RECORDS

For those engaged in ancestor research, it should be noted that Cruden Church has no records going back to the early 20th century. We have fulfilled the duty to hand over all records over 50 year old to the Scottish Records Office.

## FLOWER CALENDAR

Members are invited to sign their names on the Flower Calendar in the Church Welcome Area if they would like to place the flowers on the Communion Table on any particular Sunday.



## THE GUILD

The members of our Guild meet over the winter once a month - the last Monday at 7.30 pm in the Old Church Hall. Each winter a varied syllabus of meetings is organised by the committee, whose Convener for 2011/2012 is Mrs Rosemary Pittendrigh. In April each year a sponsored walk fundraiser is organised. The Guild happily arranges transport for anyone who would like to attend any of their meetings.



## CHURCH FABRIC

Property Reports, commissioned in accordance with a scheme laid down by the General Assembly, have indicated the need to meet substantial costs in bringing our properties up to a satisfactory standard. Our Fabric Fund would always benefit from any donations which would be gratefully received. They should be clearly marked for the Fabric Fund.



Currently, the Church is trying to make long overdue improvements to the sanctuary windows and, through fundraising and grant applications, is intending to replace the windows as monies become available.

## JUNIOR CHURCH

During school term time, there is a **Sunday Club** meeting in the Old Church Stables at the time of the morning service. The youngsters usually attend the first part of the church service before returning to the Stables for their own activities.

When the Sunday Club meets, a crèche facility is also available in the Stables annexe of the Old Church Hall. The Junior Church is under the leadership of Mrs Katherine Hyman



## SAFEGUARDING POLICY

The Church of Scotland has a deep concern for the wholeness and well-being of each individual. It seeks to safeguard the welfare of all people, regardless of age, who come into contact with the Church and its organisations. It is the responsibility of each individual within the fellowship of the Church to prevent any physical, sexual or emotional abuse.

The Kirk Session has appointed Mrs Kathleen Craig as Child Protection Coordinator. She ensures that all those working with young people in the church have been properly appointed and vetted by the authorities in line with government and church legislation.



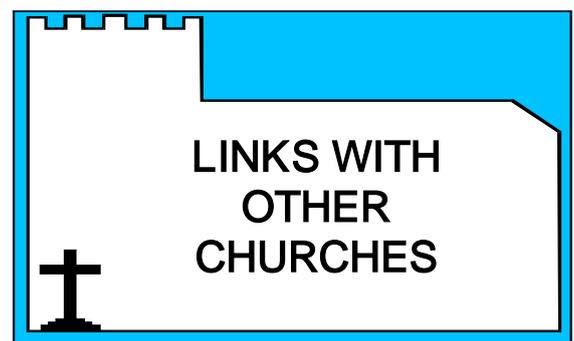
Each year, in May, members are involved in a house-to-house collection on behalf of Christian Aid. The whole parish is covered and over £2,500 is raised. This is added to by monies raised from one or two other ventures. Our Christian Aid organiser is Mrs Rosemary Pittendrigh

## CHOIR

The Choir, meets to practise the hymns as well as special items. From mid August to May practices are on certain Wednesdays at 7.30 pm in the Old Church Hall.



We welcome the occasional visitor who would enjoy an evening of praise and fellowship. We would give an even warmer welcome to anyone who wanted to come and join.



On the last two Sundays of May, we unite with St James Episcopal Church to share in each other's services of communion.

At the beginning of March each year, we share both with St James' and with Cruden Bay Congregational Church in the annual World Day of Prayer service, each church taking it in turn to host the event

## JOINING THE CHURCH

Anyone interested in joining the Church should start attending worship. When required by those already attending worship, a membership class will be held. Topics covered are the Christian faith and life and the responsibilities of church membership.

**CONTACT : The Minister on 841229**