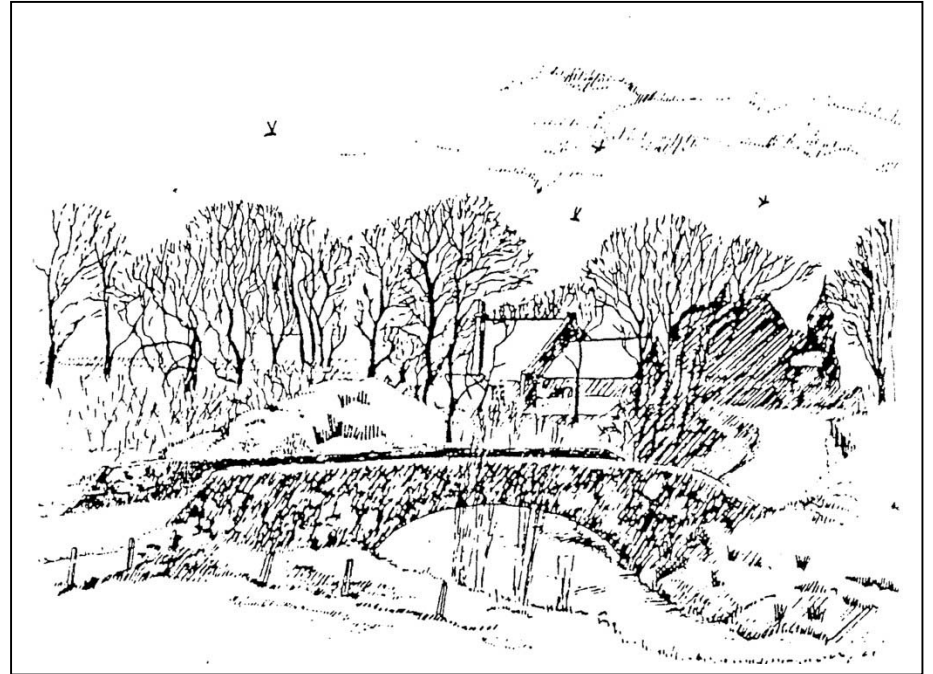


***CRUDEN  
PARISH  
CHURCH***

***JANUARY 2008***



***THE BULLETIN***

# DIARY DATES

## JANUARY 2008

### EACH WEEK

*Wednesdays* 7.30 pm Choir Practice in the Old Church Hall **resuming 9th**  
*Sundays* 10.00 am Children's Sunday Club in the Old Church & Stables

Sunday 6th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Old Church
Sunday 13th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Old Church
Monday 14th	:	Video Group	7.30 pm	Burnview, Main Street, Cruden Bay
Sunday 20th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Old Church
Sunday 27th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Old Church
		<b>Sacrament of Holy Communion</b>		
		Service conducted by the Rev Fred Coutts		
Monday 28th	:	The Guild	7.30 pm	Old Church
		Coping with Alzheimer's Disease		

From 21 January to 9 February, during the absence of the Minister, pastoral duties will be undertaken by the Rev Allan Fawkes (phone 01779 841814).

### NEXT MONTH

Sunday 3rd	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Old Church
		Service conducted by the Rev Fred Coutts		
Monday 18th	:	Kirk Session	7.30 pm	Old Hall
Friday 22nd	:	<b>Snowdrop Dinner</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Red House Hotel</b>

**FULLER DETAILS ON A LATER PAGE**

### JANUARY HYMN BOOK - CH4.

THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL COME OUT ON **27 JANUARY**. Copy for inclusion to be handed in to the Manse as soon as possible.

*FROM THE MINISTER 19 December 2007*

Dear Friends

*A very Happy New Year to you all*

It is very tempting in the middle of the winter sometimes to cast your mind ahead to the warmer sunnier months. Sometimes in church planning you are obliged to do so. A number of the elders have been discussing our congregation's involvement in a Church of Scotland event taking place on the first weekend of May at the Royal Highland Centre, Ingliston near Edinburgh.

The Church Without Walls project, on the go now for a few years, is all about encouraging Christian congregations to be open and positive about the future.

**CWW 2008 – the National Gathering** is bringing congregations from all over Scotland to Ingliston to tell their own story at an event at which Church of Scotland members can be present in large numbers. The church is trying to be a movement rather than a museum!

The Kirk Session has agreed to be fully involved and this means buying one of the 500 tents which will be pitched and in which we will have a display to tell the story of Cruden Church. After the event our tent will be donated to an international relief project specialising in disaster relief and emergency aid.

Our hope is that members of the congregation will want to attend this event and so we intend to organise a bus to go to Ingliston on Saturday 3 May. Entry tickets will be £10 per person with a family ticket available for £30. To that will need to be added a share of the bus hire plus meal costs. It promises to be an exciting day out for at the event there will be other congregational tents to visit as well as speakers, music, workshops, zones for children and young people and cafes and catering for all tastes.

Please look out for the notice on the welcome area board and add your name if you might be interested in going. It would be very helpful to have some early indication of interest – without any commitment on anyone's part. Further information can be obtained from myself or the planning group of elders – Wilma Moir, John Lamb, Beatrice Fawkes, Katherine Hyman and Karla Buswell.

Your friend and minister

*Rodger Naylor*

# PARISH REGISTER

\*(denotes church member)

## DEATH

\*Mrs Annie Bannerman, Wyndwell Nursing Home, Peterhead.

## POSTAGE STAMPS



Please do not throw away the stamps from all the cards which you received this Christmas. Those attending church on Sundays are invited to bring used postage stamps cut carefully from envelopes and postcards. Please place them in the receptacle by the Church notice board. If you cannot bring them yourself, please ask a friend to do so.

## CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Thanks to the generosity of those attending our Watchnight and Christmas Day services, UCAN, a north east charity supporting research and treatment of urological cancer, will receive **£295.50**

## SNOW DROP DINNER

Date Friday 22 February 2008

Red House Hotel

Time 7 for 7.30pm

Ticket **£17** each to include 3 course meal & wine

After-dinner speaker – Mr Gordon Hay, Longside

Musical entertainment being arranged

*An Initiative of Cruden Parish Church Social Committee*

## SUNDAY MORNING DUTIES – OLD CHURCH

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Children
6 Jan	Sandy Beedie Anne McNaughton	Hilda Davie	Alison Neilson Mary Coutts	No Sunday Club
13 Jan	Jack Young Isobel Young	Hilda Davie	Kathleen Craig Elma Cumming	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Mary Bratton S or C Skinner
20 Jan	Jack Young Isobel Young	Violet Penny	Doreen Duncan Marilyn Samways	Karla Buswell Marie Forsyth Brenda Cadger Sharon Rennie
27 Jan	Peter Slamaker Wilma Moir	Jean Beedie	Dorothy Cruickshank Kathleen Craig	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Beatrice Fawkes S or C Skinner
3 Feb	Peter Slamaker Wilma Moir	Beatrice Fawkes	Norma Forman Jessie MacDonald	Karla Buswell Marie Forsyth Brenda Cadger Joyce Fowlie
10 Feb	Annette Garden Dorothy Cruickshank		Sharon Rennie Betty Forrester	No Sunday Club
17 Feb	Annette Garden Dorothy Cruickshank		Mary Bratton Margaret Jamieson	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Mary Bratton S or C Skinner
24 Feb	Liz Carnie Mary McNaughtan		Liz Carnie Iris Durno	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Mary Bratton S or C Skinner

**TO THOSE ON SUNDAY DUTY** If you are unable to fulfil your duty, please try to find your own replacement before informing Sandy Beedie - 841370.

**HOLY  
COMMUNION**



**27 January**  
Old Church 10 am

**Duty Elders** Betty May, Betty Smith, Mary Bratton, Kathleen Craig, John Lamb, Jim MacDonald, Andrew Clyne, Wallace Donaldson, Rosemary Pittendrigh, Robert Petticrew.

GLEANINGS  
from a Study  
Leave Notebook

Such is our desire for imperishable life that we cannot be satisfied with having a long life this side of death.

Augustine explained that God **made** us without our cooperation but will not **save** us without our cooperation.

*We can see that it is better to put our faith, hope and love in God rather than ourselves; in one who loves us infinitely more than we can love ourselves. Then we can think of ourselves as not being left alone. Christ lives deep inside us, present in our heart through faith.*

**My self is fragile. Every human being is a something pulled towards nothingness. We cannot shine on our own. We escape the dark of non-existence only so long as divine light stays with us and in us.**

The force of habit makes it difficult to change a course from a road long travelled, from a way of living or a way of thinking ingrained in us by time. When we are old, those who care for us are paid to do so, like those assigned to watch a smouldering fire until it is at last extinguished. The question for many of us in our lengthening life is whether our self will disappear from time like rising smoke or will grow in substance in the eyes of God as we come closer to eternity. The root of our continuing anxiety is that we want to be something but are always on the verge of being nothing. Perhaps it is this awareness of our fragility that prompts some of us to spend a lifetime seeking a safe place with no surprises. How do we deal with the sobering fact of our fragility? We can simply ignore it or we can use it as an excuse to live as we please now (eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we will die). But if we have the gift of faith, we may say to ourselves "Eat, drink, and die, for tomorrow you will be merry." Then we will continue to truly live until we die, knowing that death will be a door to life of eternal happiness.

The message of faith is that I am fragile to be sure, but I am also imperishable, a being with truly infinite possibilities.

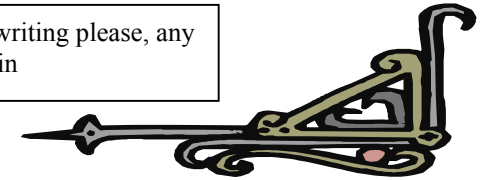


## CRUDEN CHURCH FAMILY

### CONGRATULATIONS

Rosemary and Archie Reid, Manse Road, Hatton, are delighted to announce the arrival of their grandson Fraser Michael Archie on 1st December.

The minister would welcome, in writing please, any news for this feature in the Bulletin



## CHRISTMAS PAST

It was good to have the organ overhaul completed before our Christmas services started and our organists are delighted with the result! The Minister was delighted at the number attending the Christingle Service – as many as had been at the morning service on the 23rd – about 70 people. The 40 people attending the West Church Carol service on the 23rd was far more than expected but there was no increase in the number attending the Watchnight and Christmas Day Services.

Unfortunately the repairs to the Old Church roof were not completed before Christmas. While the roof was secure from any more water getting in, the workmen will be back to finish after their New Year holiday is over.



### VOLUNTEER'S CORNER

A new regular feature in the Bulletin

### WANTED

We are looking for someone to spend a little time in our properties making an inventory of contents. If interested please phone the Minister (841229) for further information.

## OUR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

For most of January, we shall consider more teaching from the Psalms.

The Bible readings for **January** are

January 7	Psalm 27 : 1 - 14	Ephesians 5 : 8 – 21
January 14	Psalm 29 : 1 - 11	Matthew 8: 23– 27
January 21	Psalm 118 : 19 - 29	Acts 4 : 8 - 12
January 28	Pulpit Supply	Rev Fred Coutts

**In line with the decision of the Kirk Session taken last August, there will be no services in the West Church after December 2007. In November the Session confirmed that there will therefore, in the meantime, be no evening services. This means that currently we have only one Sunday service at 10 am in the Old Church.**



### CRUDEN GUILD

The first half of the Guild year has been very interesting. We started off in September with local author Debra Leslie who writes books in the Doric and we were all amused by the stories she read to us.

In October we were especially fortunate when Marjorie Clark of Christian Aid came to address us. She gave us a firsthand account of the work that Christian Aid does and showed us what a worthwhile cause it is.

November brought Ruth Thomson of CHAS. Her talk on the children's hospice association was very moving.

With Christmas approaching it was time for a meal! This year St Olaf was the venue, secret Santa came, a quiz followed (thanks to Mrs Atholene Ritchie for making it up) and we finished the evening by singing carols.

In 2008 we continue with meetings related to the Guild theme 'Body, Mind & Soul', and start with The Vulnerable Mind, when a representative from Alzheimer's Scotland will be the speaker. New members or casual visitors (male and female) always welcome.

*Muriel Cantlay*



## **SOMETIMES IT IS GOOD TO LOOK BACK**

### ***SOMETHING OF VALUE***

*We met and married a long time ago.*

*We worked long hours when wages were low.*

*No TV, no wireless, no bath; times were hard,  
Just a cold water tap and a walk in the yard.*

*No holidays abroad, no carpets on the floors.*

*We had coal on the fire, and we didn't lock doors.*

*Our children arrived, no pill in those days.*

*We brought them up, without any state aid.*

*They were safe going to play in the park,*

*And old folks could go for a walk in the dark.*

*No valium, no drugs, and no LSD,*

*We cured most of our ills with a good cup of tea.*

*No vandals, no muggings, there was nothing to rob.*

*We felt we were rich with a couple of bob.*

*People were happier in those far off days,*

*Kinder and caring in so many ways.*

*Milkmen and paper boys would whistle and sing,*

*A night at the pictures was one mad fling.*

*We all get our share of trouble and strife;*

*We just have to face it, that's the pattern of life.*

*Now I'm alone, I look back through the years.*

*I don't think of the bad times, the troubles and tears.*

*I remember the blessings, our home and our love,*

*And that we shared them together, I thank God above.*

**BLESSED ARE THOSE WITH MEMORIES**

**LIKE THESE**



## 2008 FLOWER CALENDAR

This is on the notice board in the Old Church welcome area and members are invited to add their name beside any date on which they would wish to place flowers on the communion table. It is hoped that the early months of this year will soon be filled.

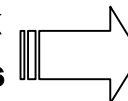
### ORGANISATIONS

Treasurers of our organisations are reminded that they must hand in to the manse by the end of **February** an **audited** copy of their balance sheet for the year ending 31 December 2007. Details of what is required will be found in the Leaflet for Treasurers, further copies of which are available from the Minister.



### A Look Back At Christmas

Thoughts from Alison



### THE GUILD

Guild members will meet on Monday 28 January in the Old Church at 7.30 pm when they will have a guest speaker from Alzheimer's Society, Scotland.

### GUIDES

Hatton Guides are **desperately** needing a new leader. If you know anyone who might be interested, please encourage them to contact District Commissioner Annabella Vidgen 812445.

- C** Christ
- H** Holy One
- R** Risen Lord
- I** Isaiah foretold
- S** Saviour
- T** To worship him
- M** Mary, mother of Jesus
- A** Angels rejoice in Him
- S** Salvation for humankind

# WHEN IN HOSPITAL

Since the Minister has been recently disappointed not to have always known when people are in hospital and then been discharged, repeated below is a reminder of what was printed a year ago in the Bulletin.

## Information received from the Chaplaincy Office at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary.

As a result of a national ruling that the Data Protection Act prohibits the hospital disclosing patient information to chaplains unless patients have given their **explicit** consent, the Chaplaincy Office is no longer to provide ministers with the amount of information which was previously made available.

### GUIDELINES FROM THE HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

What you should do

1. **Members should inform the minister directly** if they are going to be in hospital, as now we cannot guarantee that we will be able to inform your minister ourselves if members' information is not recorded appropriately on the hospital system.
2. Church members in hospital are encouraged to do the following
  - If they are booked in for an elective (non-emergency) admission, they should ensure that they **complete and return to the hospital the pro forma** which is included in the Patient Information Booklet. This will allow the hospital to enter their religion details and to record their permission for us to inform the minister. They should **check this information on the admission form they collect when they arrive at the hospital** and request that any mistakes are corrected.
  - If they are admitted as an emergency, they should **request ward staff to record on the computer system their appropriate religion details and their permission for chaplains to have access to this information** so that we may inform the relevant parish minister.
  - If patients change their minds about what they requested to be recorded when they were admitted, they should request ward staff to make the changes.
  - **If they wish to request a visit from a hospital chaplain, they should request ward staff to contact the chaplain.**

What this boils down to is quite simple. It is even more important than before that families inform the minister not only if there is anyone in hospital they would like visited and what ward they are in but **also let the minister know when the patient is discharged.**

**Minister**

Rev Rodger Neilson

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Email [rodger.neilson@virgin.net](mailto:rodger.neilson@virgin.net)**Session Clerk**

Sandy Beedie

**Treasurer**

Rosemary Pittendrigh

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"		Robert Petticrew
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"		Kate Clark
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Mary Esson

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**Transport Co-ordinators**

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Betty May

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