

**CRUDEN
PARISH
CHURCH**

**THE
BULLETIN**

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**Cruden Bay Congregational Church and Cruden
Parish Church are co-operating to hold a**

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

in their churches in October

Further information will be coming your way.

SEPTEMBER 2008

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DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER 2008

EACH WEEK

Sundays 10.00 am Children's Sunday Club in the Old Church & Stables

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| Monday 1st | : | Kirk Session | 7.30 pm | Old Hall |
| Wednesday 3rd | : | Coffee and Chat | 10.30 am | Old Hall |
| Sunday 7th | : | MORNING SERVICE | 10.00 am | Old Church |
| Monday 8th | : | Watch and Talk Group | 7.30 pm | Main Street, Cruden Bay |
| Sunday 14th | : | MORNING SERVICE Cruden Churches Walk | 10.00 am | Old Church Portsoy to Findlater |
| Wednesday 17th | : | Choir Practice | 7.30 pm | Old Hall |
| Saturday 20th | : | Afternoon Tea with Andy Gaston See a later page for further details | 3 – 5 pm | Aldie Farm |
| Sunday 21st | : | MORNING SERVICE Service conducted by the Rev Fred Coutts | 10.00 am | Old Church |
| Wednesday 24th | : | Choir Practice | 7.30 pm | Old Hall |
| Sunday 28th | : | MORNING SERVICE Sacrament of Holy Communion Service conducted by the Rev Fred Coutts | 10.00 a | Old Church |
| Monday 29th | : | Guild | 7.30 pm | Old Hall |

From 15 September to 3 October, during the absence of the Minister,
pastoral duties will be undertaken by
the Rev Allan Fawkes (phone 01779 841814)

THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL COME OUT ON **28**
SEPTEMBER. Copy for inclusion to be handed in to the Manse
as soon as possible.

FROM THE RETIRED SESSION CLERK

Sandy Beedie was not aware of the plan to make a presentation to him on 29 June to mark his retirement as Session Clerk. It came as a pleasant surprise and he takes this opportunity to say thank you to all who contributed.

With the Junior Church prize giving, and the presentation to Andrew Clyne of a Long Service Certificate for over 30 years devoted service to the church, I was delighted to see such a large congregation.

On seeing on the Order of Service PRESENTATION followed by my favourite hymn, I began to suspect that once again, our minister had been a bit devious when he asked me to present Andrew with his Long Service Certificate, my suspicions were soon realised.

I would like to thank the entire congregation for the very generous gifts I received on my retirement as Session Clerk.

I thoroughly enjoyed the work, and no doubt I shall miss being in the centre of things. I would like to thank Rodger for all his assistance and help throughout the years, also the Committee Conveners for producing a copy of their reports as I found this to be very helpful when writing the minutes.

I am still completely overwhelmed by the generosity of the congregation; however, I have given a lot of thought as to how I would spend the monies that I received. As I enjoy playing bowls I have decided to purchase a set of bowls, and a camcorder.

Jean would also like to thank the congregation for the beautiful flowers that she received. Thanking you all once again.

Sandy Beedie

CRUDEN GUILD

The Guild begin their new session on 29 September at 7.30 pm in the Old Church Hall. Former and new members will be made most welcome



CRUDEN CHURCH FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS

to **Miss Elizabeth Sim, Sunnbank Care Home, Cruden Bay** who will be celebrating her 90th Birthday this month.

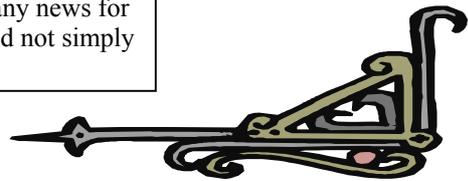
to **Mr & Mrs J Taylor, 3 St Olave Place, Cruden Bay** who will be celebrating their Ruby Wedding this month.

and to their son **Andrew** who has graduated with first class honours B.Sc in Architecture from Robert Gordon's University.

to **Mr & Mrs Allan, 12 Main Street, Hatton** who will be celebrating their Silver Wedding this month.

to **Mrs Jenny Radford, Willowbank, Hatton** who teaches at Hatton School and still found time to graduate Master of Education in Advanced Professional Studies from the University of Aberdeen

The minister would welcome, in writing please, any news for this feature in the Bulletin. He feels that it should not simply be a list of anniversaries and birthdays.



THE AFTER-SERVICE REFRESHMENTS

Thank you to all who have been willing to help serve teas/coffees following the morning services over the months. More volunteers would be welcome. Please get in touch with me if you would be willing to help out.

Mary Esson

THE SENILITY PRAYER

O God, grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway. The good fortune to run into the ones I do like and the eyesight to tell the difference.



The Boys' Brigade Company begins its new session in Cruden Bay School on 3 September. **More adult help would be appreciated.** Further details are available from Colin Skinner (812692).

CHURCHES WALKING GROUP

BADAGUISH WEEKEND August 15-18

Due to rather adverse weather conditions no outdoor activities were undertaken on Friday and the evening was spent planning what the various walkers were wanting to do on Saturday.

Saturday saw one group of walkers making their way to an area known as the Uath Lochans where they did a charted walk which proved to be very interesting with some beautiful scenery, the peace and quiet being very relaxing.

The more energetic walkers decided to tackle part of the Speyside Way starting at Ballindalloch. This walk proved to be quite a challenge but again the area and scenery were something to be enjoyed. Due to the challenge of the terrain and the length of the walk - approximately 13 miles - a car was stationed about half way along the route, on the main road, so that anyone feeling they had gone far enough could opt out of continuing any further. I have to confess I was the only one to say enough was enough. The rest of the group continued on their way taking in more eye catching scenery and interesting surroundings. When the Group reached Cromdale, Alison Warrender and Irene Will decided they too had reached the limit of their endurance and they left the last 4 walkers to finish the walk on their own. Marilyn Samways very kindly came and took the drivers back to the start of the walk where their cars had been left.

Sunday saw us again split into two parties, two of us making what can only be called an unmarked walk around the Loch Insh and Uath Lochans areas while the rest of the group went to the Highland Folk Museum which they found to be very interesting and in some ways educational of the lives of people of the area hundreds of years ago. In the evening we made our way to Aviemore for our annual meal out which, as usual, we thoroughly enjoyed.

Apart from Friday the weather was kind to us and our Badaguish weekend appeared to be enjoyed by us all, the company being, as usual, most agreeable.

Jenny McGarrol

MEMO

**RESTARTING Sept 3rd
Cruden Church Coffee and Chat**
(with homemade pancakes)

in Old Hall on Wednesdays
at 10.30 am to 12 noon

ALL ARE WELCOME

2008 Sep 3 Oct 1 Nov 5 Dec 3
2009 Feb 4 Mar 4 Apr 1

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CHEESE AND WINE EVENING

FUND RAISING FOR EKWENDENI

A Cheese and Wine will be held at the Red House Hotel, Cruden Bay on
Friday, 3 October at 7pm for 7.30pm.

We have invited Fiona Benzie and Rosalind Rennie to tell us about their visit
to the Synod of Blantyre.

There will be musical entertainment during the evening.

Tickets price £11 00

So please put this date in your diary, bring some friends and enjoy helping to
boost our Ekwendeni funds.

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY 12 October 2008

- BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY was pioneered by an Anglican diocese a few years ago and was found successful enough to have been developed and taken up by other dioceses and denominations.
- Cruden Bay Congregational Church has joined us in taking this initiative in the parish of Cruden.
- Our hope is to extend an invitation to everyone **WITHIN THE PARISH OF CRUDEN** to consider coming back to church.
- Inevitably it is impossible to miss out people who are already attending church - whether our own or others. The invitation appeals to such people to be supportive of this effort.
- If an inviter comes to your door **PLEASE GIVE THEM AN ENCOURAGING SMILE AND THANK THEM FOR THE TIME THEY ARE GIVING IN THE SERVICE OF THE CHURCH.**

Meet Andy, Zebedee and Charity

Or to be more explicit

**Andy Gaston and another two of his Malawian Colleagues,
Zebedee Chiumia and Charity Nyirenda**

Mrs Betty Forrester will be hosting a **Meet our Guests** afternoon at **Aldie Farm** from 3 to 5 pm on **Saturday 20 September**.

This will provide, *in an informal setting*, an opportunity for the 3 visitors to share their experiences with us before enjoying something to eat. So, all our members and friends are invited to turn up during the afternoon to hear from our guests and to enjoy refreshment.

BLYTHSWOOD SHOE BOX APPEAL

Once again it is time to appeal to the people of the Cruden parish Church to help us fill as many Christmas Boxes as possible for the people of various European countries which the Blythswood Care Charity help each year. We excelled ourselves last year by providing 90 boxes and I have no doubt we will try our best again this year.

Boxes should be handed to:

Cruden Bay Mrs. Jenny McGarrol, 3 Ward Street. (812408)
Hatton Mrs. Jean Beedie, 37 Manse Road. (841370)

Boxes may also be taken to the Old Church on Sunday mornings. If you are unable to fill your own shoebox but wish to donate items, please put them in the box provided in the Reception area of the Church.

Please note the Boxes should be handed in by the END OF OCTOBER.

Jenny McGarrol

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Social Committee were delighted that the Treasure Hunt and Barbecue had gone well, the latter despite dull weather. Over 50 people attended the Open Air Service which rounded off the last Sunday afternoon in July.

No entries were received for the Christmas Cards/Calendar competition so the Committee decided to check with Peters of Turriff the cost of producing up to two cards using old Sunday School Christmas posters.

The Coffee and Chats start in September and a card with all the dates will be given out to those who come along to the first one. A quiz has been arranged for 8 pm at Cruden Bay Golf Club on Friday 31 October. Cost will be £5 per team.

LIFE AND WORK - IN SEPTEMBER'S ISSUE

The Whole Truth? Writers from Progressive and Evangelical perspectives discuss the literal truth of the Bible. Plus, the Moderator, the Chief Executive of the Scottish Bible Society, the Minister of St Giles in Edinburgh and the Leader of the Iona Community reveal their favourite versions

What Makes a Good Hymn? Douglas Galbraith gatecrashes another General Assembly to find out.

If you would like to read Life & Work, the magazine of the Church of Scotland, contact Isobel Young on 812360

CHRISTIAN AID 2008

£3,337.92 has been forwarded to the Perth Offices this year from Cruden Parish for Christian Aid.

Very many thanks to all who kindly donated money in many ways - House to House giving, Buttery Morning, buying and donating raffle prizes, serving teas and coffees on the day, saving by way of boxes, jars, bags etc (by the way, I have a couple of cardboard boxes for collecting coins if anyone is interested).

Thanks also to the 34 people who gave of their time and efforts to help with House to House collecting and the counting the money on the Friday evening.

Thank you all again for making 2008 the best year yet to date for Cruden Christian Aid.

Mary Esson

WATCH AND TALK

To round off the 2007/8 Session the members of the Group treated themselves to an evening meal at the St Olaf Hotel in Cruden Bay. We had a very happy social evening, the service and food provided by the hotel were perfect.

The next Session starts on Monday 8th September 2008 at 7.30 pm meeting in the home of Mrs Marilyn Samways, Main Street, Cruden Bay. Current members and any new members wishing to join us will be made very welcome.

Jenny McGarrol

The first meeting this session will be on Monday 8 September at Burnview, Main Street, Cruden Bay the home of Mrs Marilyn Samways, starting at 7.30 pm.

We will be looking at, and discussing, an up-date on the Dead Sea Scrolls.

All former members of the group will be most welcome as well as anyone else who may be interested in finding out more about the winter programme.

Annette Garden

SUNDAY MORNING DUTIES

10 am

| Date | Door | Flowers | Teas | Junior Church |
|---------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|---|
| 7 Sept | Kate Clark Dorothy Cruickshank | Jean Beedie | Elma Cumming Margaret Jamieson | Karla Buswell Marie Forsyth Brenda Cadger Sharon Rennie Charlotte Lamb |
| 14 Sept | Kate Clark Dorothy Cruickshank | Anne McNaughton | Jessie MacDonald Anne Cadey | Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Helen Smith S or C Skinner Charlotte Lamb |
| 21 Sept | Lindsey Savage Wallace Donaldson | Marilyn Samways | Doreen Buchan Sharon Rennie | Katherine Hyman Marie Forsyth Brenda Cadger Joyce Fowlie Charlotte Lamb |
| 28 Sept | Lindsey Savage Wallace Donaldson | Marilyn Samways | Mary Esson Betty Morris | Karla Buswell Maureen Reid Mary Bratton S or C Skinner Charlotte Lamb |
| 5 Oct | Helen Fowlie Margaret Mitchell | Rosemary Reid | Margaret Adams Jessie MacDonald | Karla Buswell Marie Forsyth Brenda Cadger Sharon Rennie Charlotte Lamb |
| 12 Oct | Helen Fowlie Margaret Mitchell | Marina Bruce | Betty Forrester Mary Bratton | In Church for Harvest Thanksgiving |
| 19 Oct | Beatrice Fawkes Peter Slamaker | Anne Smith | Elma Cumming Alison Neilson | |
| 26 Oct | Beatrice Fawkes Peter Slamaker | Anne Smith | Doreen Buchan Norma Forman | |

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PARISH REGISTER

*denotes Cruden Parish Church member

DEATHS

Mrs Katy McKen, Rowan Terrace, Hatton.

*Mr Bob Laird, Sunnybank Care Home, Cruden Bay.

*Mrs Isobel Bridges, Modley House, Ellon.

Mrs Seonaid McLachlan, Whinnyfold, Cruden Bay.

*Mrs Christina McGillvray, Sunnybank Care Home, Cruden Bay.

Mrs Cathie Young, Sunnybank Care Home, Cruden Bay

*Mrs Barbara Smith, 19 Rowan Terrace, Hatton.

WEDDINGS

7 June

Ross Middleton and Maria Golledge, 21 Castlewoods, Cruden Bay.

5 July

Neil Taylor and Vikki Junor, 1 Auchlethen Drive, Hatton.

HOLY COMMUNION



28 September
Old Church 10.00 am

Duty Elders Anne McNaughton, Helen Fowlie, Beatrice Fawkes, Irene Will,
Kate Clark, Katherine Hyman, Kathleen Craig, Jack Young, Sandy
Beedie, Betty Forrester

CRUDEN CHURCH CHOIR

Practices have resumed on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm in the Old Church Hall. The Choir would be delighted if anyone wanted to join them to practice the hymns for Sunday and some of the special anthems that occasionally enhance our worship.