

**CRUDEN
PARISH
CHURCH**

BULLETIN

APRIL 2009



*Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul,
my life
my all.*

DIARY DATES

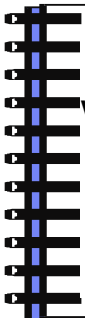
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EACH WEEK

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

Wednesday 1st	:	Coffee and Chat	10.30 am	Hall
Sunday 5th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	
		Service conducted by the Rev Fred Coutts		
Wednesday 8th	:	Choir Practice	7.30 pm	Hall
Friday 10th	:	GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE	7 pm	
Sunday 12th	:	EASTER SERVICE	10.00 am	
Monday 13th	:	Watch and Talk Group	7.30 pm	at the home of Marilyn Samways, Burnview, Main Street, Cruden Bay
Sunday 19th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	Church Walk – Aberdeen March Stones
Monday 20th	:	Kirk Session	7.30 pm	Hall
Wednesday 22nd	:	Choir Practice	7.30 pm	Hall
Sunday 26th	:	MORNING SERVICE	10.00 am	
		Guild Sponsored Walk	1.00 pm	
Monday 27th	:	The Guild AGM	7.30 pm	Hall
		Slides – Rev R Neilson		

HYMN BOOK AFTER EASTER - MISSION PRAISE



VOLUNTEER'S CORNER

WANTED

People willing to spend
some sunny hours in the
graveyard carrying a
clipboard and taking notes!

see next page

PARISH REGISTER

Nothing to report this month

GUILD ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK

(in aid of Guild funds and the annual Senior Citizens' outing)

Sunday 26 April 1 pm Please come and enjoy the walk.

Sponsor Forms with details available from Church Notice Boards

THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL COME OUT ON **26 APRIL**. Copy for inclusion to be handed in to the Manse as soon as possible.

LIFE AND WORK - IN APRIL'S ISSUE BUMPER 68-PAGE EASTER EDITION

Broken for You A reflection on Easter by Jock Stein; Easter prayer from the Moderator; Jim Martin describes a moving visit to the Garden of Gethsemane.

By Royal Appointment Jackie Macadam interviews the Lord High Commissioner to the 2008 and 2009 General Assemblies, George Reid.

A Walk of Faith Ian Bradley outlines proposals for a pilgrim way between Iona and St Andrews

The Swap A Shetland Minister on her pulpit swap with a pastor from a different island.

New Boy on the Block Bryan Owen follows up last month's article on US religion and politics with a look at the new President.

Christian Soldiers The history of the Kirk Session of the Black Watch

Special offer for new postal subscribers Take out a one-year subscription and receive the latest book in the William Barclay Insights series free.

Plus – Four-page supplement on the work of the World Mission Council, Readers Survey response, Fischy Music, all the regular columnists, news, letters and crosswords.

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

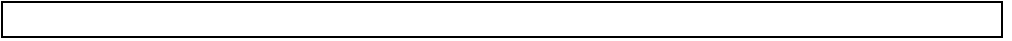
SUNDAY MORNING DUTIES OLD CHURCH 10 am

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Children
5 Apr	Liz Carnie Jim MacDonald	Mary McNaughtan	Rosemary Reid Kathleen Craig	Easter Holidays
12 Apr	Liz Carnie Jim MacDonald	Elma Watson	Mary Bratton Betty Morris	Easter Holidays
19 Apr	Annette Garden Michael Buchan	Mary Esson	Doreen Buchan Liz Carnie	Easter Holidays
26 Apr	Annette Garden Michael Buchan	Fiona Stephen	Norma Forman Dorothy Cruickshank	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid S or C Skinner Helen Smith Charlotte Lamb
3 May	Norma Forman Wallace Donaldson	Wallace Donaldson	Mary Esson Margaret Adams	Holiday
10 May	Norma Forman Wallace Donaldson	Jean Beedie	CHRISTIAN AID LUNCH	Karla Buswell Marie Forsyth Brenda Cadger Sharon Rennie Charlotte Lamb
17 May	Rosemary Reid Joyce Willox	Anne McNaughton	Mary Esson Margaret Jamieson	
24 May		NO SERVICE		
31 May	Lewis McKechnie Anne Cady	Beatrice Fawkes	Alison Neilson Liz Carnie	

TO THOSE ON SUNDAY DUTY If you are unable to fulfil your door duty, please try to find your own replacement before informing Sandy Beedie (door rota)- 841370 or Mary Esson (teas rota) 812206.

CHRISTIAN AID BENEFITS FROM CONCERT IN CRUDEN CHURCH

The March concert by the Ythan Singers was well attended and as a result of donations made, Cruden Church is able to send £311 to Christian Aid, the chosen charity to benefit from the concert. A few photos from the concert are on our website.



Dear Friends

I want to say a little more this month about our request for volunteers on the page opposite. You may remember that last month one of the previous volunteers to whom appreciation was expressed was Paul Anderson who had found time away from his schoolwork to input graveyard data into a computer database.

We are now in the process of trying to make the information available on our website. The hope is that people, especially those from overseas, thinking of coming to the north east to do some ancestor researching can check up on the gravestones before they leave home simply by going on to www.crudenchurch.org.uk.

However the forms Paul had to input into the database only covered a section of the graveyard. What we need to do now is find some volunteers who would be prepared to help cover the rest of the churchyard. Ideally it would be good to find a project leader to coordinate a few volunteers. Once their work was done and we make the information available on our website, then it will make our site of much greater interest to those browsing the net, many of whom are searching for information about the graveyard.

At this time, I am only looking for people to gather the information in the graveyard so you don't have to be good with a computer. You just need to be able to write. If you would like to help, please get in touch with me.

New District Elder

At its February meeting, the Kirk Session appointed Mrs Muriel Cantlay to succeed Robert Esson as one of our District Elders covering the rural area in the south of the parish. The Session is grateful to Muriel for being willing to take on this responsibility. I would ask any member who does not yet know Muriel to make her feel welcome when she calls.

Your friend and minister





CRUDEN CHURCH FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS

to Mrs Jemima Goldie, Glencairn Home, Fraserburgh who will be celebrating her 90th Birthdays this month.

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



THE KIRK SESSION
WOULD THANK ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO OUR STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN LAST MONTH.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE RETURNED CARDS PROMISING FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND ALSO FOR THE MONEY DONATED.

THE NEXT KIRK SESSION MEETING IS AT 7.30 PM ON 20 APRIL IN THE CHURCH HALL. ANY MEMBER OF THE CHURCH CAN ATTEND AS AN OBSERVER IF THEY WISH.

~~ONE OF THE~~ ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WILL BE THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ELDER TO REPRESENT US IN PRESBYTERY NEXT SESSION.

THE GUILD AGM WILL BE HELD ON 27 APRIL AFTER WHICH ALL THOSE ATTENDING WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO ENJOY SLIDES OF ECUADOR. THIS TAKES PLACE IN THE CHURCH HALL BEGINNING AT 7.30 PM.



Christian Aid Week

10 -16 May 2009

As I write this, the snow is falling quite quickly, so we can only hope that following a white February we will get a warm, sunny spring/summer time and everyone will be feeling the better for it and also willing to help with Christian Aid again!!

The Buttery Morning will be on Saturday 9 May from 10.00 am until 11.30 am in the Public Hall, Hatton. Raffles will be on sale as usual. Admission £2 per person.

The Christian Aid Lunch will be on Sunday 10 May following the morning service. Tickets will be available near the end of April costing £2.

The House-to-House collection will take place during the week of 10 - 16 May and as usual I am on the lookout for anyone willing to help. People in rural areas may find an envelope in their Bulletin if I end up struggling to get enough collectors. If that happens, please return it to your Bulletin delivery person, pop it in the plate at the church door or at the local Post Office or give me a call at home.

I am aware that many people are very busy, and the last thing they want is someone asking them to give up some more of their precious spare time. Even if you can only do one evening or a couple of hours collecting, that would be a big help.

We appeal to those who are tax payers, if they would be willing to complete the Gift Aid part on the envelope - this has a value of 28% currently, which means for every £10 gifted, we can claim another £2.80 from the government in tax, which is a very worthwhile boost for charities.

I look forward to getting lots of 'YES' answers when I am trying to recruit collectors later this year.

Thank you for reading this, and hopefully this will be another good year for the charity.

Mary Esson

INCIDENT LOG - Following best practice, there is now beside the First Aid Box on a church hall bookshelf an Incident Report Log. Any accident, particularly causing injury, however slight, should be recorded by filling up a form from the Log.

CONGREGATIONAL WALKS

At our walks planning meeting in February we looked at many walks, read the details and studied the maps, drank tea and coffee, ate biscuits, and then decided on a programme of walks as follows.

Sunday 15 March	Logie Buchan
Sunday 19 April	Aberdeen March Stones
Saturday 16 May	Speyside Way, Fochabers to Craigellachie
Saturday 13 June	Mount Battock, or Fettercairn Fasque
Sunday 19 July	Rattery to Peterhead
Saturday 15 August	Speyside Way, Craigellachie to Ballindalloch
Sunday 13 September	Whitehills Stone Circle and Green Hills
Sunday 11 October	Logie Durno
Sunday 15 November	Tarves
Sunday 17 January	New Deer, Auchreddie, Drum
Sunday 7 February	Torry Churches Trail Aberdeen

MARCH WALK

On 15 March, we met at the Auchmacoy Hall which still has an annual service of worship each year. We welcomed two new people who joined us on a lovely spring day and proceeded towards Bilbo Farm, turning right down to the concrete bridge built by subscription given by the parishioners of Logie Buchan parish to allow easy access over the river Ythan.

We then went on to the church at Kirkton of Logie Buchan, looked at the headstones and made our way over the hill of Logie as far as Ladymire Equestrian Centre. At this point we retraced our steps back to our cars and went on to the Buchan Hotel in Ellon for lovely refreshments.

APRIL WALK

Our next walk is in Aberdeen walking around another section of the March Stones and Freedom Lands marking the land giving to the city by Robert the Bruce in 1313 AD. All are welcome to come along and join us on the 19th leaving the hall at 11.30. For further information please contact me on 01771 624280

Robert Petticrew

A little boy was overheard praying : "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."

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Adult Sunday School

There will be another Adult Sunday School starting on 19 April lasting for three weeks. As before the Adult SS will be held at 11.30 am on Sundays in the Church, lasting approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ hour. The subject of this series is

Contemporary Christian Ministries.

There was a time when Church of Scotland ministers were nearly all parish ministers but now many are employed in different kind of chaplaincies. And now the role of chaplain is increasing filled by lay people called by God into this sphere of service. Three people exercising different kinds of chaplaincies have agreed to come along and talk about their Christian ministry.

19 April Cate Adams, City Centre Chaplain
26 April Rev Andrew Jolly, Industrial Chaplain
3 May Rev Dr David Ross, Prison Chaplain

The different speakers will be introduced by Dr John Lamb, convener of our Education and Worship Committee.

Please note the following dates.

NEXT COFFEE and CHAT OLD HALL
WEDNESDAY 1 April 10.30 am

A 1950s-STYLE AFTERNOON TEA PARTY WITH
ENTERTAINMENT! SATURDAY, 30 MAY

20 JUNE 2009
AN ALL AGES CHURCH OUTING TO ADEN PARK.
FURTHER INFORMATION WILL COME YOUR WAY
SOON BUT PLEASE KEEP THE DATE FREE.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Minute of Annual Stated Meeting held on Sunday 8 March 2009 in the Old Church during the morning service. The Rev Rodger Neilson presided over the meeting which was opened with prayer.

Minute: The minute of the 2008 Annual Stated Meeting was approved on the motion of Wallace Donaldson seconded by Mary Bratton.

Annual Accounts: The accounts had been independently examined, found to be in order and subsequently approved by the Kirk Session at its meeting on 16 February. A summary of the Annual Report had been previously distributed to members in the Bulletin and a number of full copies including the budget for 2009 were made available to those attending the meeting. Rosemary Pittendrigh, Treasurer, reported that the General Fund had finished the year with a surplus of £4,603. Donations from all sources had totalled £55,216. Special income of £18,000 came from a £10,000 grant and £8,000 loan from the General Trustees after the lead theft from the Church roof. Total church income was £80,609 but subtracting the grant and loan makes this total £3,300 less than 2007. Total expenditure was up by approximately £2,300. Mrs Pittendrigh went on to give an account of the 2009 Budget which was based simply on trying to achieve a break even situation over the year.

Mr Neilson thanked Mrs Pittendrigh for all her work throughout the year and expressed thanks also to the Congregation's Independent Examiner Alistair Bain who had been assisted by Shonah Taylor and also to the organisation treasurers required to submit their own accounts in time for inclusion in the church accounts.

Minister's Report: It had been an eventful twelve months since the last annual meeting. Mr Neilson mentioned the special congregational meeting last April to approve the sale of the West Church. At the moment the General Trustees have appointed an architect to obtain outline planning permission for the site. In May the congregation took part in the National Gathering at Ingliston, near Edinburgh. Over the summer of 2008, in conjunction with Cruden Bay Congregational Church, a successful Back to Church Sunday was planned for October. At the end of the year, we lost Rosemary Lund and Violet Penny as organists but have been pleased to engage Stephen Calder who has quickly established himself as our regular organist. Ongoing adult Christian Education initiatives continue to interest a satisfactory number of people. He expressed his thanks to all the elders and members from whom he receives support and encouragement.

Election of Members to serve on Kirk Session Committees: Having thanked the retiring members, Mr Neilson called for nominations to fill the three vacancies for members to serve on Session Committees.

Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
David Singleton	Andrew Clyne	Rosemary Pittendrigh
Mary Coutts	Beatrice Fawkes	Betty Forrester
Helen Smith	Muriel Cantlay	Wilma Moir

There were no further nominations so Mr Neilson declared that those nominated were elected to serve on the Kirk Session Committees.

Closure: There being no other business, Mr Neilson closed the meeting with prayer.

WATCH AND TALK GROUP

Due to adverse weather conditions the February meeting was cancelled.

The March meeting saw us continuing to watch the DVD about the Qur'an. It would appear there are two versions of the Qur'an, one in Arabic and another from an old language called Syriac. Translations from these two versions vary in many ways.

The film ventured into the area of a woman's place in the Muslim world. Prior to the 1970s, women in Egypt very seldom wore the hijab - another word for the veil - but after the death of Nasser many women reverted to wearing the hijab and were quite happy with the situation.

All in all, a woman's place in the Muslim world seems to be not as somebody who is subordinate to man but as somebody who is happy to accept her place as written in the Qur'an. Women in many countries can make their own choice regarding the wearing of the veil - either not at all or just covering their heads. In other countries they are expected to be covered from head to foot. Whatever their choice, they do not appear to be under any pressure as for them it is God's will.

What we have learned from this DVD is that Islam is a religion which, like Christianity, should be acknowledged and hopefully understood.

The next meeting will be on Monday 13 April at the home of Mrs Marilyn Samways, Cruden Bay at 7.30 pm. All interested in coming along will be very welcome.

Jenny McGarrol

THE GOSPEL

You are writing a Gospel, a chapter each day, by the deeds that you do, by the words that you say.

People read what you write, whether faithless or true, and say, "What is this Gospel according to you?"

People read and admire the Gospel of Christ, with its love so unfailing and true, but what do they say and what do you think of the Gospel according to you.

It's a wonderful story, Christ's Gospel of love and it shows that His love is divine: I hope that its content will be there again in the story of your life and mine.

You are writing each day a letter to others, take care that the writing is true - it's the only Gospel that some others will read, that Gospel according to you.