

**CRUDEN  
PARISH  
CHURCH**

**BULLETIN  
MAY 2010**



**CHRISTIAN AID - 9 - 15 MAY 2010**

Scottish Charity Number SC039150

*The annual **Buttery Morning** will be on **Saturday 8 May** from 10 am until 11.30 am in Hatton Village Hall. Admission £2.*

*The **Christian Aid Lunch** will be on **Sunday 16 May** in the Church hall after the morning service.*

*The **House to House** collection will take place during the week of **9 - 15 May**. Those who are tax payers are encouraged to complete the Gift Aid part on the envelope.*

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# DIARY DATES

## MAY 2010

### EACH WEEK

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

- Sunday 2nd : MORNING SERVICE 10.00 am  
Wednesday 5th : Coffee and Chat 10.30 am Hall  
Saturday 8th : Christian Aid Buttery Morning 10.00 am Hatton Village Hall

### 9th – 15th Christian Aid Week

- Sunday 9th : MORNING SERVICE 10.00 am  
Monday 10th : Video Group 7.30 pm Burnview, Main Street, Cruden Bay  
Saturday 15th : Church Walk at Strathdon leaving Hatton Hall at 8 am  
Sunday 16th : MORNING SERVICE 10.00 am  
followed by Christian Aid Lunch  
Monday 17th : Kirk Session meeting 7.30 pm Hall  
Sunday 23rd : **UNITED MORNING SERVICE 9.30 am ST JAMES'**  
**therefore no service in Cruden Church**  
Sunday 30th : **UNITED MORNING SERVICE 10.00 am**  
**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL COME OUT ON **30 MAY**. Copy for inclusion to be handed in to the Manse as soon as possible.

\*\*\* **MAY HYMN BOOK MISSION PRAISE** \*\*\*

At the April meeting of the Kirk Session, our Church Treasurer, Rosemary Pittendrieh, informed the Elders of the results of the recent Stewardship Campaign. We are grateful to all the members who are generous in their support of the church.

The Session also appointed Rosemary as our Christian Aid Coordinator.

# PARISH REGISTER

## DEATHS

\*denotes member

\*Mrs Norah Hardy, Sunnybank Care Home , Cruden Bay.

\*Mrs Gertrude Kelman, (formerly of Mill Cottages, Hatton).

## HOLY COMMUNION



30 May  
10 am

**Duty Elders** Irene Will, Betty Smith, Jim MacDonald, Kate Clark,  
John Lamb, Robert Petticrew, Robert Esson, Katharine Hyman,  
Joyce Willox, Jack Young.

**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 Wilma Moir (teas rota) 841516.

**REMINDER** Anyone who might be considering whether they would like to join the church should contact the minister. All those intending to become full church members are invited first of all to start attending church services.

## ACCLAMATIONS CONCERT

The Social Committee is busily making arrangements for the concert to be held in the Church on Wednesday 16 June 2010 presented by the Acclamations Choir of Aberdeen. Admission will be by donation on presentation of a free ticket available in advance (but also at the door). These tickets are being issued to help gauge the numbers for refreshments to be served at the end of the concert.

*Beatrice Fawkes*

# SUNDAY MORNING DUTIES 10 am

<b>Date</b>	<b>Door</b>	<b>Flowers</b>	<b>Teas</b>	<b>Children</b>
2 May	Norma Forman Robert Petticrew	Lewis McKechnie	Alison Neilson Doreen Buchan	Holiday
9 May	Norma Forman Robert Petticrew	Wallace Donaldson	Betty Forrester Mary Couatts	Karla Buswell Marie Forsyth Brenda Cadger Sharon Rennie Charlotte Lamb
16 May	Kathleen Craig Anne Cadey	Anne McNaughton	<b>CHRISTIAN AID LUNCH</b>	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid S or C Skinner Joyce Fowlie Charlotte Lamb
23 May	<b>SERVICE</b>	<b>IN ST JAMES'</b>	<b>THIS MORNING</b>	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger S or C Skinner Mary Bratton Charlotte Lamb
30 May	Dorothy Cruickshank Alison Neilson	Beatrice Fawkes	Iris Durno Elma Cumming	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid S or C Skinner Helen Smith Charlotte Lamb
6 June	Dorothy Cruickshank Robert Esson	Betty Forrester	Kathleen Craig Margaret Adams	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger S or C Skinner Joyce Fowlie Charlotte Lamb
13 June	Kate Clark Sarah Paterson	Margaret Cruickshank	Elizabeth Bruce Alison Neilson	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid S or C Skinner Mary Bratton Charlotte Lamb
20 June	Kate Clark Sarah Paterson	Bessie Sandison	Anne Cadey Betty Forrester	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger S or C Skinner Helen Smith Charlotte Lamb
27 June	Mary McNaughtan John Lamb		Wilma Moir Liz Carnie	Karla Buswell Brenda Cadger S or C Skinner Helen Smith Charlotte Lamb

# FROM THE MINISTER 20 April 2010

Dear Friends

The April meeting of the Kirk Session was largely given over to the elders making a response to the consultation by the Assembly Commission on the subject of the ordination of those who are in same sex relationships. The Commission's explanatory DVD was watched, then, after a short time of group discussion, elders were invited to indicate their views on a number of issues relating to the belief (i.e. how we use our bible as a source of teaching) and the practice of the church. It had been arranged by the Commission that many of their questions would be answered by means of secret ballot papers. They were handed in and will be collated before the Session next meets in May. The June Bulletin will contain further insight on the thinking of our elders who were taking part in an exercise that can have significant impact on the Church of Scotland's future.

Your friend and minister

*Rodger Neilson*

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**WANTED**

1. For our Christian Aid Collection in Cruden Bay this year we need **three** more volunteers. If you can help phone Mary Bratton on 812573.
2. In Hatton we need **two** more volunteers. If you can help phone Rosemary Reid on 841531.
3. We need internal doors in the stables painted. Can you help? Windows at the Church and Hall also need to be repainted. If you will be willing to help, phone Robert Esson on 812206

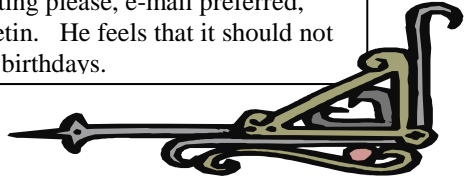


# CRUDEN CHURCH FAMILY

## CONGRATULATIONS

to **Mrs May Matthews, Links Cottage, Cruden Bay** who will be celebrating her 80th Birthday this month.

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



Please note the following dates.

LAST COFFEE and CHAT OLD HALL  
WEDNESDAY 5 MAY 10.30 am

**16 JUNE 2010**  
A CONCERT BY THE ABERDEEN CHOIR  
ACCLAIMATIONS

**A SUMMER SUNDAY**  
AN OPEN AIR SERVICE AND PICNIC ON A DATE  
STILL TO BE FINALISED

CRUDEN CHURCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

**CHRISTIAN AID POSTSCRIPT** On the front cover of the Bulletin there is an encouragement to taxpayers to complete the Gift Aid declaration on the Christian Aid Week envelopes. Please note that if you do NOT want follow up material from Christian Aid you must tick the appropriate box – otherwise you will receive later mailing.

# CRUDEN GUILD

This year the **Senior Citizens Outing** is going to Mains of Drum Garden Centre, Drumoak followed by high tea at Lochter, Oldmeldrum on Thursday 3 June. An invitation is extended to all senior citizens who are church members or adherents. Please see the enclosed notice.

A bus will pick up in Cruden Bay at 12.30 pm and Hatton at 1 pm. Due to the high cost of buses, we want to know numbers in advance. If you would like to come please can you notify any Guild Committee Member – Rosemary Pittendrigh, Shonah Taylor, Irene Will, Kathleen Craig.

## WATCH & TALK GROUP

### April Meeting - Trouble in Amish Paradise

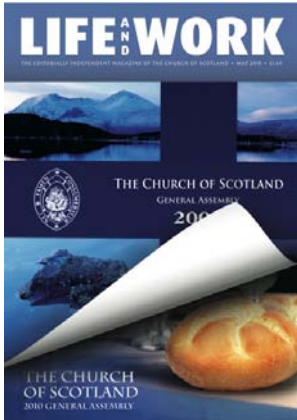
The Amish community in the State of Pennsylvania U.S.A. are descendants of Protestants who emigrated from Switzerland and Germany around 300 years ago. They are a very close community of people who live by the rules and regulations laid down by their Bishops and Leaders. The problem is the Bible used by the Bishops is written in German - probably an ancient form of the language – and this means the ordinary Amish people cannot read the Bible for themselves.

Two young Amish men - Ephraim and Jesse - have rocked the boat by reading an English translation of the Bible and realised the teachings of the Bishops bear very little resemblance to the Bible as we know it. Both these young men have chosen to follow the teachings of Jesus rather than believe the teachings of the Bishops, as a result of this they, together with their families, have been excommunicated from the Amish community which also means they are virtually disowned by their own families. However when ill health befell Ephraim's family the Amish people were quick to rally round and help in every possible way. The story of the Amish people showed that a lot of the time they stick to the rules, but when necessary, they will break them, showing that double standards prevail whenever it suits them.

The faith of Ephraim and Jesse in Jesus and his teachings is unquestionable. It is almost a foregone conclusion that as time goes on more young Amish will question the Bishops and their teachings and the outcome may force a complete change in their way of life.

Our next meeting is on Monday 10 May at 7.30 pm at the home of Marilyn Samways, 3 Main Street, Cruden Bay. We were pleased to welcome John Lamb at our meeting of 12 April and look forward to enjoying the company of anyone who wishes to join us in future.

*Jenny McGarrol*



# MAY ISSUE

**General Assembly 2010** Interviews with the Moderator-Designate, the Rev John Christie, and the Lord High Commissioner, Lord Wilson of Tillyorn  
Also - Reports to the assembly and Fringe diary

**Ballot Box Views** Representatives of Church organisations and Christian charities offer their thoughts on the issues that should count at the forthcoming Westminster election.

**Water Works** To mark Christian Aid Week, Jackie Macadam meets a collector who had the chance to experience the charity's work in Kenya first-hand.

**Arbroath's Ancient Site** John R Hume visits St Vigean's Church in Arbroath

**Winning Religious Freedom** Peter Howie's final pen portrait of the Reformation examines the role of James Renwick, the last of the Covenanters to be executed.

**40 Years of the SRT** Dr Murdo Macdonald celebrates the anniversary of the Kirk's Society, Religion and Technology Project.

**A European Vision** The Rev Doug McRoberts highlights the diversity, breadth and history of the Presbytery of Europe, which 'really isn't about providing convenient churches for Scots on holiday'.

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## Christian One-liners

Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisors.