

*CRUDEN  
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*BULLETIN  
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# DIARY DATES

## OCTOBER 2010

### EACH WEEK

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

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|---------------|---|--|----------|--|
| Sunday 3rd    | : | MORNING SERVICE                                    | 10.00 am |  |
| Wednesday 6th | : | Time for Chat and Coffee                           | 10.30 am | Hall   |
|               | : | Choir Practice                                     | 7.30 pm  | Hall   |
| Sunday 10th   | : | <b>HARVEST THANKSGIVING SUNDAY</b>                 | 10.00 am |  |
| Monday 11th   | : | Watch & Talk Group                                 | 7.30 pm  | at the home of<br>Marilyn Samways, Burnview, Main Street, Cruden Bay |
| Sunday 17th   | : | MORNING SERVICE                                    | 10.00 am |  |
|               | : | Cruden Churches Walk                               | 11.30 am | Port Elphinstone   |
| Monday 18th   | : | Kirk Session                                       | 7.30pm   | Hall   |
| Wednesday 20  | : | Choir Practice                                     | 7.30 pm  | Hall   |
| Sunday 24th   | : | MORNING SERVICE                                    | 10.00 am |  |
|               | : | Service conducted by Ms Alice MacLeod, Fetterangus |          |  |
| Monday 25th   | : | The Guild  | 7.30 pm  | Hall   |
|               | : | Gwen Noble – Guild Theme                           |          |  |
| Sunday 31st   | : | MORNING SERVICE                                    | 10.00 am |  |

### HARVEST CHALLENGE

**This year our Harvest Thanksgiving Service is on 10 October. The church will be suitably decorated but we do not want people to bring harvest gifts. Instead, we would like members to try and bring a friend along to share in this special service.**

**HYMN BOOK CHANGE OCTOBER CH4**

# PARISH REGISTER

NO CHANGES TO REPORT

THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN WILL COME OUT ON **31 October**. Copy for inclusion to be handed in to the Manse as soon as possible.

## REMINDER TO THOSE ON SUNDAY DUTY

If unable to do door duty, please inform Sandy Beedie - 841370. This should be done by the preceding Friday to allow correct names to be listed on the service order. If unable to do tea duty, please inform Wilma Moir - 841516. We would prefer, if you are unable to fulfil your duty, that you endeavour to find your own replacement before informing Sandy or Wilma as appropriate.

## REMINDER TO THOSE USING WFO ENVELOPES

It is very helpful that, on any Sunday you attend, you hand in one envelope which can include what you might have put into envelopes for Sundays you missed.

## LIFE AND WORK - IN OCTOBER'S ISSUE

**Beginning the Journey...**A series of articles on religious and moral education and religious observance in Scotland's schools: the current situation, the impact of the new 'Curriculum for Excellence', and why it all matters.

**Pop Art Faith** Stephen Holmes, Senior Lecturer in Theology at St Andrews University, explains how the tenets of Christianity are alive and well in popular culture.

**Records Revival** Jackie Macadam looks at a major project which will open online access to thousands of historic church documents.

**'The Best of Everything'** The Moderator encounters the gifts of the Oberammergau Passion Play.

**Can Cycle** Jackie Macadam learns about an Ayrshire charity which sends refurbished bikes to Africa.

**The Growing Church** Greyfriars Parish Church, Lanark

**Led by the God of Bethel** In the latest part of his series looking at the characters of the Old Testament, the Rev Martin Allen considers the life of Jacob.

**Plus** all the regular columnists, news, letters, reviews and crosswords – all for just £1.60.

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

# CREATION IN REVERSE

IN THE END, man destroyed the heaven that had been called earth. For the earth had been beautiful, and happy until the destructive spirit of man had moved upon it. This was the seventh day before the end.

For man said, 'Let me have power in the earth'; and he saw that the power seemed good and he called those who sought power 'great leaders', and those who sought to serve others and bring reconciliation 'weaklings', 'compromisers', 'appeasers'. And this was the sixth day before the end.

And man said, 'Let there be a division among all people and divide the nations which are for me from the nations which are against me'. And this was the fifth day before the end.

And man said, 'Let us gather our resources in one place and create more instruments of power and defend ourselves - the radio to control men's minds, conscription to control men's bodies, uniforms and symbols of power to win men's souls'. And this was the fourth day before the end.

And man said, 'Let there be censorship to divide the propaganda from the truth'. And he made two great censorship bureaux to control the thoughts of men - one to tell only the truth he wishes to know at home, the other to tell only the truth that he wishes to know abroad. And this was the third day before the end.

And man said, 'Let us create weapons which can kill vast numbers, even millions and hundreds of millions at a distance'. And so he perfected germ warfare and deadly underwater arsenals, guided missiles, great fleets of warplanes and destructive power to the extent of tens of thousands of millions of tons of TNT. And it was the second day before the end.

And man said, 'Let us make God in our own image. Let us say God does as we do, thinks as we think, wills as we will, and kills as we kill'. So man found ways to kill with atomic power and dust; even those as yet unborn. And he said, 'This is necessary. There is no alternative. This is God's will.'

And on the last day, there was a great noise upon the face of the earth, and man and all his doings were no more. And the ravished earth rested on the seventh day ....

Anonymous

**(Quoted In The Jesus Hope by Stephen Travis, published by Word Books.)**

## TO MAKE YOU SMILE

Three year old Adam: "Our Father, Who does art in heaven,  
Harold is His Name. Amen"

# STUDY GLEANINGS

Love is not soft like water, it is hard like rock, on which the waves of hatred beat in vain.

It is only the forgiving who are qualified to receive forgiveness.

A friend is a person with whom you dare to be yourself.

Add all the love of all the parents and the total sum cannot be multiplied enough to express God's love for me, the least of his children.

*It is in loving, not in being loved, the heart is blessed;*

*It is in giving, not in seeking gifts, we find our quest;*

*Whatever be your longing or your need, that give;*

*So shall your soul be fed, and you indeed shall live.*

To learn and never be filled is wisdom; to teach and never be weary is love.



God regards the greatness of the love that prompts the man, rather  
than the greatness of his achievement

When you were born, your parents brought you here.  
When you were married, you joined your partner here.  
When you die, your friends will bring you here.  
Don't wait for the big events, come this Sunday.

# SUNDAY MORNING DUTIES

10 am

| Date   | Door                                 | Flowers         | Teas                                 |
|--------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|
| 3 Oct  | Anne McNaughton<br>Betty May         | Rosemary Reid   | Wilma Moir<br>Fiona Stephen          |
| 10 Oct | Anne McNaughton<br>Betty May         | Wedding         | Margaret Adams<br>Anne Cadey         |
| 17 Oct | Wilma Moir,<br>Lewis McKechnie       | Betty Forrester | Margaret Jamieson<br>Beatrice Fawkes |
| 24 Oct | Wilma Moir,<br>Lewis McKechnie       | Anne Smith      | Marilyn Samways<br>Norma Forman      |
| 31 Oct | Dorothy Cruickshank<br>Kate Clark    | Jean Beedie     | Betty Forrester<br>Jessie MacDonald  |
| 7 Nov  | Dorothy Cruickshank<br>Kate Clark    | Betty Forrester | Sharon Clark<br>Wilma Moir           |
| 14 Nov | Beatrice Fawkes<br>Wallace Donaldson | Mary Bratton    | <b>NO TEAS</b>                       |
| 21 Nov | Beatrice Fawkes<br>Wallace Donaldson | Mary McNaughtan | Kathleen Craig<br>Elma Cumming       |
| 28 Nov | John Lamb<br>Sandy Smith             | Marilyn Samways | Elizabeth Bruce<br>Liz Carnie        |

| Date   | Children  | Date   | Children   | Date   | Children  |
|--------|---|--------|--|--------|---|
| 3 Oct  | Katherine Hyman<br>Maureen Reid<br>S or C Skinner<br>Joyce Fowlie<br>Charlotte Lamb | 31 Oct | Karla Buswell<br>Brenda Cadger<br>S or C Skinner<br>Mary Bratton<br>Charlotte Lamb | 7 Nov  | Karla Buswell<br>Brenda Cadger<br>S or C Skinner<br>Helen Smith<br>Charlotte Lamb |
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## TO MAKE YOU SMILE

A father was at the beach with his children when the four year old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand. "Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked. "He died and went to heaven", the dad replied. The boy thought a moment and then said, "Did God throw him back down?"

## **FROM THE MINISTER** 22 September 2010

Dear Friends

### **Retiring elders**

At its August meeting, the Kirk Session agreed to the wishes of two elders to stand down from active involvement after many years. The Session minuted their warm appreciation of the contributions made by **Andrew Clyne and Wallace Donaldson**. They will continue to be supportive in different ways.

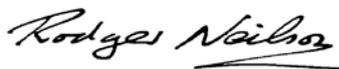
### **Now for some bad news**

I would ask you to read carefully the centre pages of this month's magazine. There is no doubt that we face a significant problem with the fabric of our church, one that has to be tackled immediately. The Session agreed that it would make sense at the same time to do other work beyond treating the wet rot as and when funds are available. The hope is that much of the cost will be met by grants. However, it is important that members of the congregation are seen to be playing their part in fund raising before grant-giving bodies will offer their support. The next issue of the Bulletin will go into more detail on what our own fundraising efforts will be. The time has come round again when you will be given a chance to show how important your church building is to you and to our community.

### **And time for some good news**

It looks as if my extra responsibility as interim moderator of Deer Parish Church will soon be coming to an end. A sole nominee has been appointed and approved by the congregation and it now remains for two presbyteries to give their consent at their meetings in October. I expect that there could well be an induction of the new minister, the Rev Sheila Kirk of Alyth Parish Church who preached before the Nominating Committee in our church on 8 August, at the beginning of November. I have enjoyed my contacts with the Deer people, who in many ways are like the fine folks of Cruden but, if truth be told, I will welcome having less meetings to attend.

Your friend and minister

  
Rodger Nairn



# CRUDEN CHURCH FAMILY

## CONGRATULATIONS

to **Mrs Margaret Cruickshank, 2 Hatton Lodge, Hatton** who will be celebrating her 90th Birthday this month.

to **Mrs Gladys Mackie, 4 Stewart Cottages, Hatton** and **Mr Alfred Anderson, Thelastane, Hatton** who will be celebrating their 80th Birthdays this month.

to **Mr & Mrs Baxter, Quadrangle, Stirlinghill** who will be celebrating their Golden Wedding this month.

to **Mr & Mrs W Robertson, Elphinstone Croft, Ardifferyhill, Hatton** who will be celebrating their Ruby Wedding this month.

The minister would welcome, in writing please, e-mail preferred, any news for this feature in the Bulletin so that it is not just a list of anniversaries and birthdays.



## CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

Can you help us brighten some ones Christmas?

Please read the enclosed leaflet, look out a shoebox and take time to do some shopping. The leaflet gives details of things you can include.

Parcels can be left with Rosemary Reid 11 Manse Rd Hatton or brought to the church.

**Closing date for parcels 31/10/2010**

### Do you hate covering the box?

Junior Church members are willing to make covered boxes available for a small donation. Any spare boxes and Christmas paper would be very welcome.

## WATCH & TALK GROUP - 14th September

### THE HISTORY OF THE BIBLE

The first meeting of the 2010/11 Session saw us watching the first episode of a DVD about the 'History of the Bible'. This episode was presented by an unorthodox Jew named Howard Jacobson; his theme was 'Do we believe that God created the Universe in six days as written in the Book of Genesis?' Atheists do not accept that the Creation, as written in the Bible, happened at all. Richard Dawkins argues that the whole idea of a God creating the Universe in 6 days is ridiculous and not possible.

Moses claimed to have received instructions from God to tell the Jews that he was the one and only God and therefore should be worshipped as such. According to the Bible that is the time the Jews first accepted there was only one God and all other Gods had to be cast out of their lives. However; records seem to differ with this belief. It appears that the Babylonians attacked Jerusalem and took the Jews back to Babylon and at that time the Jews were worshipping many Gods. As this all happened hundreds of years after the teachings of Moses, one wonders how seriously the Jews took the word of Moses.

However, there is still the question 'Did God create the Universe?' or has it evolved as Darwin worked so hard to prove. This enigma may never be solved.

The next episode of the 'History of the Bible' will be presented by Ragi Omah who researched into the Life of Abraham. We will watch this at our next meeting on Monday 11 October at 7.30 pm at the home of Mrs Marilyn Samways, 3 Main Street, Cruden Bay, where all old and new members will be made very welcome.

*Jenny McGarrol*

### **Cruden Church Coffee and Chat**

(with homemade pancakes)

in Old Hall on Wednesday

on 6 October at 10.30 am to 12 noon

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

# 2010 REPAIR PROJECT

In early summer, we discovered extensive wet rot affecting both the east wall of the sanctuary and also the wall of the east tower stairwell. It was already known that many of the church windows were showing signs of age with rotting wood frames and also the east tower roof was needing attention, particularly the leaning point at the apex of the roof.

The Kirk Session of Cruden Parish Church agreed at its meeting on 30 August to adopt a project of necessary work to be undertaken at Cruden Old Church. Taking into consideration various estimates already received for much of the work to be done, the Kirk Session agreed to launch an appeal to raise **£60,000** to pay for the work to be done in four phases.

1. The treatment of the wet rot and the prevention of water penetration.
2. The redecoration of those parts of the church affected by the work undertaken.
3. The repairs to the gallery tower roof.
4. The repairs to or replacement of the windows.

It is being phased to allow the church to move on to the next phase only when enough money has been obtained to pay the costs.

While the congregation will obviously seek to raise funds for the work, the urgency of the situation will require grants and loans to be obtained to make it possible for the work to be undertaken before the end of the year.

## **Phase One**

1. To prevent further water penetration, we have a estimate of £2,000 from our preferred slater (W H Slating Services of Turriff who has done work for us before) to make good the skews and table joints where water has been getting in and to fit new roof vents.

2. We have received quotes for dealing with the wet rot and have accepted the cheapest quote from Grampian Property Care of **£18,322** excluding VAT. Grampian Property Care have indicated they can start in October and the work would take 4 weeks making it possible for us to be back in the Church before Christmas. We shall be asking them to start on 18 October which is three days after the last wedding to be held in the church this year. Once the work is finished there will be a considerable amount of clean-up to take place for we are advised that, despite all precautions being taken, dust will have settled into every nook and cranny of the church.

While the church is unavailable for use, services will be held in the Hall. Next month's Bulletin will explain the arrangements to be put in place this year for both the Remembrance Day service and the November communion if we are still out of the church.

3. There will be ancillary costs since we will be required to engage an electrician to move light fittings etc in the affected area and then reinstate them after the work is completed. We also will have to contract a joiner to install vents in the walls and floors to ensure better air circulation in future.

At its September meeting, the Presbytery of Buchan, noting our project to be in four phases, agreed that we proceed immediately with phase one namely the prevention of water penetration and the treatment of the wet rot. The Presbytery also approved and supported our application to the General Trustees for a grant (or loan) of £30,000 to enable us to complete the whole project.

*Members must be aware that grants are usually given on the understanding that the body receiving the grant is undertaking its own fundraising.*