

**CRUDEN
PARISH
CHURCH**

BULLETIN
APRIL 2013



STEWARDSHIP 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; also to those who have considered their time commitment to the Church

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DIARY DATES

APRIL 2013

EACH WEEK (Except during school holidays)

Sundays 10.00 am Children's Junior Church in the Church & Stables

- Wednesday 3rd : PLEASE NOTE NO Coffee and Chat this month
- Sunday 7th : **MORNING SERVICE** 10.00 am
- Monday 8th : Watch and Talk Group 7.30 pm in the home of
Marilyn Samways, Burnview, Cruden Bay
- Sunday 14th : **MORNING SERVICE** 10.00 am
- Sunday 21st : **MORNING SERVICE** 10.00 am
- Monday 22nd : Kirk Session 7.30 pm Hall
- Sunday 28th : **MORNING SERVICE** 10.00 am
Service conducted by Elders
- Monday 29th : The Guild AGM 7.30 pm Hall
"Buchan Coast's Wild Flowers Janet McLeman

MAY

- Wednesday 1st : Coffee and Chat 10.30 am Hall
Presbyterial Coffee Evening 7.30 pm Fraserburgh

The Kirk Session decided that this year there would be an opportunity throughout Holy Week to contribute to THE GETHSEMANE APPEAL.

This Appeal had been launched to help provide a Therapeutic Roof Garden at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary for the benefit of particularly long term patients and their relatives.

**If you would like to donate, additional information is available at
www.facebook.com/ari.roofgarden**

FROM THE MINISTER 28 March 2013

Dear Friends

WANTED - A CHURCH OFFICER

At a recent meeting, the Kirk Session accepted the resignation, for medical reasons, of David Singleton as Church Officer. I would like to express my thanks to him for the time he has served in that capacity.

The Kirk Session would like to appoint a new church officer. Duties centre on ensuring that the church properties are open and ready for any events held in them, including Sunday morning services, weddings and funerals and midweek evening events. A flexible approach can be taken to the exact duties to be undertaken.

I will be happy to pass on any other information to anyone who might be interested in serving the church in this way or who might know someone who would be. This is a job that would suit a fit, recently retired person, male or female who can drive, bearing in mind the location of our church.

WORSHIP ELDERS

I write this half way through Holy Week and by the time you read this Easter will be past. I was delighted that a number of elders, who have all undergone some training in worship leading, were willing to take responsibility for the Holy Week services from Monday to Thursday. All of them have put in a considerable amount of time preparing for this involvement and I am grateful to them all for doing such a good job.

On a few occasions later in the year, starting at the end of this month when I shall be conducting communion in Peterhead Trinity Church, elders will be responsible for leading worship in the church on Sunday mornings. This is not an easy commitment for them to make. I believe this will help strengthen the church if, when the time comes, there is a period of lengthy vacancy for it means that there will be resources from within the church to enable it to function as a church, even when an Interim Moderator or Readers are not available.

Your friend and minister

Rodger Neilson

PARISH REGISTER

*(denotes church member)

DEATH

*Mr Albert Mee, Auchtercrag Care Home, Ellon

*Mrs Florence Beddie, 55 Berryden Road, Peterhead

Mrs Ruth Adamson, Smithy House, Aulton Road, Cruden Bay

The Kirk Session, at its March meeting, reappointed the Session Clerk, Robert Esson, to represent it at the Presbytery of Buchan for next Session starting on 1 July. He has new contact details. His new phone number is 01779 813049 and his new email is robertesson@btinternet.com

FAIRTRADE I am pleased to report that the Fairtrade stall at the beginning of March sold goods to the value of £347.60 with £34 being passed on to the Treasurer for funds. Wilma & I are delighted with the response & would express our thanks to all who supported Fairtrade.

Beatrice Fawkes

GETTING THE BROADER PICTURE The Kirk Session is grateful to those of its members who have been/will be attending meetings outwith the parish. Session Clerk, Robert Esson was at a **Spiritual Nurture Day Conference** and reports on it in this issue of the Bulletin.

Jean Beedie and Beatrice Fawkes joined the Cruden members of Presbytery at a **Presbytery Plan Conference** in March which sought to open up the subject of the future deployment of ministers and congregations for mission.

Beatrice Fawkes and Robert Esson will represent Session at the **Eldership Consultation Seminar** being held in Rubislaw Church Centre, Aberdeen, on 16 April.

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

SUNDAY MORNING DUTIES 10 am

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Children
7 Apr	Norma Forman Annette Garden	Mary McNaughtan	Doreen Buchan Betty Forrester	Easter Holidays
14 Apr	Irene Will Annette Garden	Ellma Watson	Beatrice Fawkes Norma Forman	Easter Holidays
21 Apr	Helen Harper Barrie Harper	Atholene Ritchie	Dorothy Cruickshank Sharon Clark	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Brenda Cadger
28 Apr	Helen Harper Barrie Harper	Norma Forman	Rosemary Reid Betty Morris	Karla Buswell Helen Smith Irene Siddle
5 May	Muriel Cantlay Jim Macdonald	Betty Morris	Norma Forman Wilma Moir	School Holiday
12 May	Muriel Cantlay Jim Macdonald	Jean Beedie	Liz Carnie Dorothy Cruickshank	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Brenda Cadger
19 May		NO SERVICE		Karla Buswell Helen Smith Irene Siddle
26 May	Mary Bratton Lewis McKechnie	Anne McNaughton	Marilyn Samways Fiona Stephen	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid Brenda Cadger

TO THOSE ON SUNDAY DUTY If you are unable to fulfil your door duty, please try to find your own replacement before informing the Minister (door rota) 841229 or Wilma Moir (teas rota) 841516.

CRUDEN CHURCH GUILD

This year, the Guild AGM is on Monday 29 April at 7.30 pm in the church hall. Special guest that evening will be Janet McLeman taking about "Buchan Coast's Wild Flowers"

Please take special note of the following date

THURSDAY 20 JUNE 2013

when there will be a concert in Cruden Church involving Fiona Kennedy. More details next month



Christian Aid Week 12 -18 May 2013

The Buttery Morning will be on Saturday 11 May from 10.00 am until 11.30 am in the Public Hall, Hatton. Raffles will be on sale as usual. Also a tombola. Admission - £3 per person.

The House-to-House collection, to be organised by Mary Bratton in Cruden Bay and Rosemary Reid in Hatton, will take place during the week of 12 - 18 May. Every year we need to recruit a few different collectors. Even if you can only do one evening or a couple of hours collecting, that would be a big help. Please think about offering your services to either of these two ladies.

We appeal to those who are tax payers 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.

GUILD ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK
PITFOUR
in conjunction with
CRUDEN CHURCHES WALKING GROUP
(in aid of the annual Senior Citizens' Outing
and the Windows Project)

Sunday 21 April 11.30 am

Why not come and enjoy this walk.

Sponsor Forms with details available from Church Notice Boards

ANNUAL REMINDER -- INCIDENT LOG

Following best practice, there is 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 the Log.

2013 CONGREGATIONAL WALKS

A leaflet with more information about the various walks is available on request or can be picked up from the Church Welcome Area.

This month's walk is on Sunday 21st at the Pitfour estate near Mintlaw where we will be joined by the Guild for their sponsored walk of 4 miles or a shorter walk of 2 miles. We will leave the Church Hall at 11.30 am and meet at the quarry beside the estate church. We will then walk around the lake, view the swans and fishery, visit the Temple of Theseus, then walk around Chapel Park and finish at the stables. The paths are good and it is reasonably flat so come along and join us on this lovely walk through trees and farmland. For further information give me a call on 01771624280.

Robert Petticrew.

IT'S MARMALADE TIME AGAIN

Beatrice Fawkes plans to make marmalade once again with proceeds going to the Windows Project. If anyone would like to order marmalade, contact Beatrice on 841814. The marmalade will be available towards the end of April after which there will be a sales table in the hall after Church until the end of May.

A female CNN journalist heard about a very old Jewish man who had been going to the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem to pray, twice a day, every day, for a long, long time. To check it out, she went to the Wall, and there he was, walking slowly up to the holy site. She watched him pray, and after about 45 minutes, when he turned to leave, using a cane and moving very slowly, she approached him for an interview.

"Pardon me Sir, I'm Rebecca Smith from CNN. What's your name?" "Morris Feinberg," he replied

"Sir, how long have you been coming to the Wailing Wall to pray?"

"For about 60 years." "60 years! That's amazing! What do you pray for?"

"I pray for peace between the Christians, Jews and the Muslims." "I pray for all the wars and all the hatred to stop." "I pray for all our children to grow up safely as responsible adults, and to love their fellow man."

"And how do you feel, Sir, after doing this for 60 years?"

"It's like talking to a brick wall."

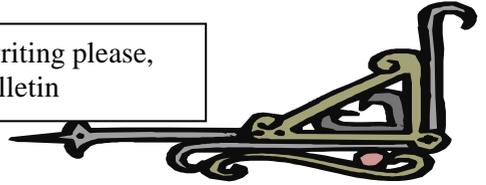


CRUDEN CHURCH FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS

to Mrs & Mrs Archie Reid, 11 Manse Road, Hatton who celebrate their Ruby Wedding this month.

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



WATCH AND TALK GROUP

Subject: THE LIFE OF JESUS

At the March meeting we watched "Strictly Kosher" a revealing account of the Jewish community in Manchester, part of the one and a quarter million Jews living in Britain today. Three of this community talked about the customs, traditions and festivals which are such an important part of their lives, whether they are non religious or orthodox.

They spoke of the difficulties resulting from the interpretation of biblical laws in modern society and also of their determination to preserve their family values. Food, clothes and haircuts are all governed by strict rules and their traditions are carefully preserved by circumcision, at times of marriage, the children's ba mitzvahs and festivals such as Purim.

One man, a survival of the holocaust, coming to Britain in 1945 and now with a very successful business, spoke touchingly of coming from the hell of the concentration camp to the paradise of life in Britain.

This DVD provoked a lively discussion. While we found some of the customs absurd we felt nostalgia for the times when we too had held community and family life as important as these Jews do in Manchester.

The next meeting will be on Monday 8 April when we will be watching "Old MacDonald had a Farm".

Annette Garden

Spiritual Nurture

I recently attended a day conference organised by Kincardine and Deeside Presbytery, the theme of which was Spiritual Nurture in a Rural Context.

There were two main speakers for the day, the first being the Rev Iain Sutherland, a past Convener of the Church Rural Committee and the other being the Rev Albert Bogle, Moderator of the General Assembly.

Iain Sutherland led us through his early life, much of which was spent with grandparents who were crofters. He drew many parallels between a life in a crofting community and a life of faith. Jesus called us all to follow him and make disciples of others, similar to sheep depending on their shepherd. Through making disciples we build a stronger Church.

Easy to say, difficult to achieve, but, as someone else said on the day, we require challenges and God continually challenges us. At a time when we are having a Stewardship Campaign on the Time that we devote to the church this becomes even more challenging. Over a life time, culture and society have changed greatly and it could be argued the Church has not. We need to find ways to catch up and be more creative and active in our own communities in an attempt to create a culture for growth. Firstly we need to reflect on our own walk through life and from that encourage others.

Cruden Church has never been afraid to rise to challenges and frequently looks to find ways to interact with the community, the most recent example of this being the Messy Church which, from small beginnings, I hope continues to grow.

Albert Bogle led us through a session on prayer and nurture. He emphasised that without prayer nothing can happen and our spiritual lives are empty. Whether we believe it or not, we have all encountered the Holy Spirit, because God cares for us all. However that experience is different for everyone. He encouraged us to slow down then make more time for God in our lives and through our petitions and confessions God will then sustain us and in our brokenness lead and heal us in faith. Jesus encouraged us to follow him and as Albert Bogle said “I turned to follow because the cost not to was too high”

Will you turn and follow because the cost not to is too high?

Robert M Esson

Minute of Annual Stated Meeting held on Sunday 10 March 2013 in Cruden Parish Church during the morning service. The Rev Rodger Neilson presided over the meeting which was opened with prayer.

Minute: The minute of the 2012 Annual Stated Meeting was approved on the motion of Mrs Shonah Taylor seconded by Mrs Betty Forrester.

Annual Accounts: The accounts had been approved by the Kirk Session at its meeting on 18 February and, in the required independent examination, found to be in order. A summary of the accounts had been previously distributed to members in the Bulletin and a number of full copies including the budget for 2013 were made available to those attending the meeting.

Rosemary Pittendrigh, Treasurer, reported that receipts in the General Fund had increased by just over £3,500 thanks to an increase in tax recovered. Expenditure was down leading to a surplus £8,963. The Windows Project Fund had a small deficit over the year but has since been increased to a successful VAT reclaim. She expressed her thanks to the congregation for their continuing financial support.

Mrs Pittendrigh went on to give an account of the 2013 Budget which, even after achieving just a marginal increase of income compared to 2012 as against an expected expenditure increase of £3,250, shows a surplus of almost £4,500.

Mr Neilson thanked Mrs Pittendrigh for all her work throughout the year and expressed thanks also to the Congregation's Independent Examiner, Henry McIntosh.

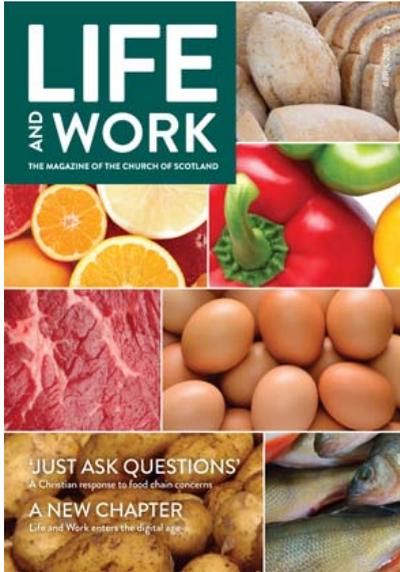
Minister's Report: The Minister spoke of how the last twelve months had been dominated by the celebration of 1,000 years of worship in the parish. The three events held in conjunction with the other parish churches will be long remembered. He expressed his thanks to those who faithfully attended worship and those who made it possible organist, elders, those willing to be on door, tea, driving and cleaning rotas. Through the Bulletin, members have the opportunity to know all that is going on in the life of the congregation and the Bulletin deliverers were thanked.

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. A number of people were proposed but did not wish to accept nomination

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
Janice Hutchinson	Wilma Moir	Beatrice Fawkes
Ken Bruce	Rosemary Pittendrigh	Shonah Taylor

There were no further nominations of anyone willing to serve so Mr Neilson declared Mrs Hutchinson and Mr Bruce elected to serve on the Kirk Session Committees leaving one vacancy.

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



IN APRIL'S ISSUE

'Just Ask Questions' Thomas Baldwin offers a Christian response to the horsemeat scandal.

A New Chapter Lynne McNeil highlights a landmark moment in the development of Life and Work.

Learning Anew Jackie Macadam learns more about a new course bringing together science and religion.

Realising a Dream Anthea Bircham describes how a wild notion to create Perthshire's answer to the Kon Tiki succeeded against the odds.

Songs of History Jackie Macadam reports on an unusual historic find with strong Scottish connections.

Surprised by Joy? The Rev Dr Doug Gay reflects on the possibilities of post-Easter worship.

The Holy Within Us The Rev Scott McKenna offers a fresh perspective on a challenging passage of Scripture.

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CRUDEN COUNTRY PHOTO BLOG

The photograph on this month's front cover was taken from a new website you might be interested in. If you would like to see and hear more about Cruden Parish and the surrounding area, then why not check out the new photo blog by one of our church members, Rev Fred Coutts.

<http://blog.couttsweb.co.uk>

Fred is always open to suggestions about people, places or topics which might feature in the Blog. Contact him by phone on 01779 841320 or by e-mail fred@couttsweb.co.uk “