

The Bulletin



Look at the birds: they do not sow seeds, gather a harvest and put it in barns; yet your Father in heaven takes care of them! Aren't you worth more than birds?

Matthew 6:26

Cruden Parish Church

Summer 2015

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Diary Dates Summer 2015

Worship services will continue every Sunday morning in
Cruden Parish Church at 10 am

JUNE

Tuesday 2nd	Craft Group in Hall 2pm
Thursday 4th	Guild Senior Citizens' Outing
Saturday 13th	Congregational Walk leaving Hatton Hall at 8 am : Loch Muick Circular
Tuesday 16th	Craft Group in Hall 2pm
Sunday 28th	Cake and Candy Stall after the service
Tuesday 30th	Craft Group in Hall 2pm

JULY

Sunday 12th	Congregational Walk leaving the Church Hall at 11.30 am : Fraserburgh to Lonmay
Tuesday 14th	Craft Group in Hall 2 pm
Sunday 26th	Cake and Candy Stall after the service
Tuesday 28th	Craft Group in Hall 2 pm

AUGUST

Tuesday 11th	Craft Group in Hall 2 pm
Sunday 16th	Congregational Walk leaving the Church Hall at 11am: Crovie to Troup Head
Tuesday 25th	Craft Group in Hall 2 pm
Sunday 30th	Hatton Gala 1 - 4 pm

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 2nd	Choir Practice: 7.30 pm in the Hall
Tuesday 8th	Craft Group in Hall 2 pm

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Extract from the notes provided by the Ministries Council of the Church of Scotland for Nominating Committees.

“The Nominating Committee is elected to look for and recommend one person deemed to be suitable to be a minister of the congregation and parish. It should be fully understood that the work of the Committee is confidential at all times. It should not be discussed with other members of the congregation or with others outside the congregation, including family members.”

The Committee has met twice since its formation.

The options open for seeking a new minister have been instigated.

To date there have been no applications for the post.

Bob Forman



CAKE AND CANDY SUNDAY STALL

To raise funds for the Windows Project there will be a Cake and Candy Stall in the Hall after the service on Sunday 28 June, Sunday 26 July and at the Hatton Gala on Sunday 30 August. Donations will be most welcome. Further details from Beatrice Fawkes (841814).



This year's Buttery Morning raised £346 which was down from last year. Once we add this to all the money received from the house to house collection so far, as well as other donations, our grand

total is £3,125.

Once again we are delighted to say thank you to all who have worked hard and to those who have supported this fundraising,

- to those who organised and supported the buttery morning, being there, helping with the serving, giving and buying of raffle prizes
- to those who organised and those who did the collecting for the house-to-house collection in the parish.
- those who over the year collect coins in jars/boxes/bags etc.
- those who came along on Friday evening to help with the count;
- and, in particular, Rosemary Reid who organised the collection in Hatton and Mary Bratton in Cruden Bay.

The figure raised shows that the parish of Cruden continues to support and help the poor and needy of today's world. This amount of money will give many people a chance to enjoy a better life.

A BIRD'S TALE

We have lots of birds visiting our garden just now, nothing very exotic - sparrows and rooks for the most part. We have watched a family of sparrows growing up. They are now fluttering round the garden chirping at the top of their little voices, and enjoying the seeds we put out for them. There is an occasional visit from something more exotic, like the flash of colour that tells us that the goldfinches have come for a quick feed of the niger seeds which they seem to love.

Writing to the young church in Corinth, Paul reminds them that “few of you were wise or powerful or of high social standing.” (1 Corinthians 1:26) These first Christians were fairly ordinary people. Perhaps a bit like ordinary sparrows rather than peacocks or eagles. But these were the people that God chose to be the first Christians.

We are all praying that God will call the right person to be our next minister. Keep praying! But I am proud to be a member of Cruden Parish Church where the ordinary members do so much to keep the church alive and active, not least during our time without a minister, We all have a part to play, even those who may feel they are the most ordinary.

Our church is important to all of us, just as the Psalmist writes how he longs to be in the Lord's Temple: “Even the sparrows have built a nest and the swallows have their own home; they keep their young near your altars, Lord Almighty, my King and my God.” (Psalm 84:3) I haven't seen the sparrows nest at Cruden Church, but last year I did see an oystercatcher building its nest in the church car park!

We feed the birds that come to our garden. Let us all remember how Jesus assures us that God will give us spiritual food, more than enough to sustain us, especially at this time of uncertainty and waiting. We are more important than the birds to him! (Matthew 6.26)

Fred Coutts



CRUDEN GUILD REPORT

May 2015

At the end of another Guild year, we look back over our last three meetings. In February we were entertained by Marc Macintosh who gave us an insight into the life of an Auctioneer. He told us how he had always wanted to be an Auctioneer and at a young age skipped school to go to the marts to watch the sales. With help from his daughter he ended with members taking part in a fun Antiques Roads Show quiz.

On 30th March we welcomed Angie Christie, North Aberdeenshire Area Co-ordinator for CLAN Cancer Support, who told us about the worthwhile work being done in the area by the Group helping and supporting so many families through difficult times.

At our AGM in April, Rosemary welcomed Mary McNaughtan back to the Committee and thanked Beatrice Fawkes for her sterling work as Secretary over the past few years. Gordon Hay entertained us with a “A bit of this, and a bit of that” which turned out to be a miscellany of songs, music and anecdotes. Gordon provided a great finale for our Guild session. A buffet provided by the Committee was enjoyed before the meeting was brought to a close with a reminder about the Annual Outing to Aberdeen and Oldmeldrum on 4 June and good wishes to all for a nice summer.

Lorraine Neilson

GUILD SPONSORED WALK AND SENIORS' OUTING

The Guild would like to say a big thank you to all sponsors and all who took part in the Sponsored Walk on 19 April in aid of the Senior Citizens' Outing and Guild funds. Once again, in the region of £989 has been raised.

This year the outing is on Thursday 4 June and is going to the Inn at the Park, Polmuir Road, Aberdeen followed by a conducted tour of the city and then to Morris' Hotel, Oldmeldrum for High Tea. An invitation is extended to all senior citizens who are church members or adherents.

A bus will pick up in Cruden Bay at 12.30 pm and Hatton Village Hall at 1 pm. If you would like to come please can you notify any Guild Committee Member – Rosemary (812220), Shonah (841519) or Hatton Post Office, Irene (841532), Lorraine (812436), Muriel (841219).

CRUDEN CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group meets every fortnight in the Church Hall at 2 pm and will continue through the summer months with no break. Visitors are always made welcome, whether they decide to come to every group meeting or just pop in now and again and there's always a friendly face and a cup of tea to greet them.

In the last few months the group has responded to a call for help from the Congregational Church in Peterhead which resulted in two boxes of our knitted and crocheted good being sent to Kazakhstan. We are glad to have been able to support our friends in Peterhead in this way. Donations were handed in to the Blythswood lorry when it was in Peterhead recently and also to Aberdeen Maternity Hospital.

Grateful thanks to two members of the congregation who are unable to attend the group but have made monetary donations to show their support, enabling us to buy more wool for all our worthwhile causes.

Carol Paul

CRUDEN CHURCHES' WALKING GROUP

Sunday 19th April 2015. Auchmacoy

Our group of 23 people set off from "Poachers," down Lintmill Brae to approach Auchmacoy via the south drive. The front lawns and roadside verges were resplendent with golden daffodils. We had obtained permission to walk within the policies from the Laird, Charles Buchan. We continued past the imposing Victorian mansion house and past the estate offices and home farm to the Doocot, the 17th century category A listed building. The three staged beehive-style doocot with unusual corbelled roof was most impressive from close range.

We emerged from Auchmacoy estate at Old Yards onto a very narrow twisting minor road (which some 50 years or so ago was the old A90!) to circle back to our starting point.

We finished at JRD's for coffee but their haphazard service meant some of us got preferential treatment, while others waited....!!

Sunday 10th May. Inverugie and Ravenscraig

On a rather dreich day only a few of us assembled at the Fishermen's car park on the River Ugie. While we sat enjoying our picnic, we spotted the first swallows of the summer, swooping over the shimmering water.

We headed up the brae to the ruined Inverugie Castle, birthplace of Field Marshal James Keith who fought with distinction for the King, Frederick the Great of Prussia. The 5th Earl Marischal George Keith, founder of Marischal College in Aberdeen, was credited with carrying out much of the building works of the castle. We entered the grounds, mindful of the "dangerous building" signs and passed through a once-ornate gateway into a large courtyard overlooking the river.

We moved on to Ravenscraig Castle half a mile away on the other side of the river. Although it pre-dated Inverugie by 150 years it was less ruinous and quite forbidding. We were able to scramble down and up the moat to get a close look at the structure.

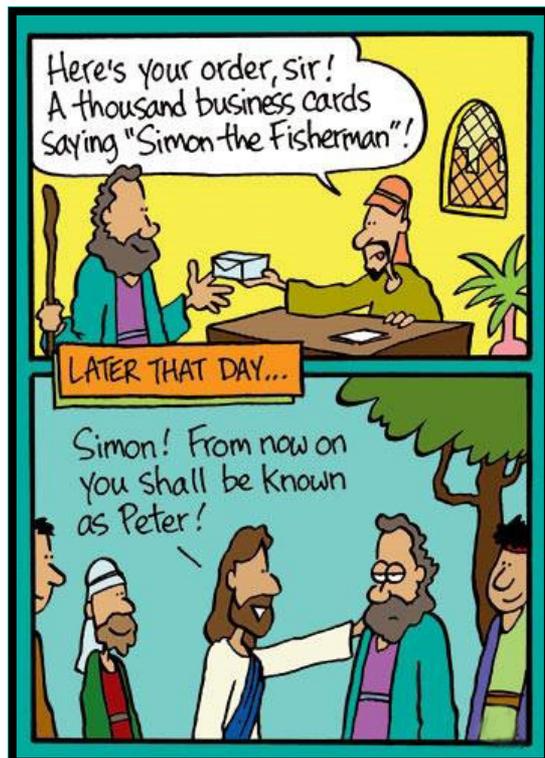
We continued our walk past Westerton and back along the railway line to our starting point, admiring on the way the stylish dwelling houses, all sitting in beautiful grounds. We chose McDonalds for coffee to ensure prompt service.

Margaret Wisely

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church has stopped for its summer break. The session was the usual mix of craft, fun activities and music based on Bible stories. It has been well attended by enthusiastic parents and children. It was good to have so many people at the Easter holiday session. Thank you to all of you who help make it such a success. If you enjoyed Messy Church come along after the holidays and bring your friends. We look forward to seeing you on the following dates.

- Aug 20th
- Sept 17th
- Oct 15th
- Nov 19th
- Dec 17th



PARISH REGISTER

Death

Mrs Christine Stephen, Pathhead, Cruden Bay.

MARMALADE

I would like to express my thanks to all those who supported the Marmalade project by providing empty jam jars, sugar, and, of course, buying the marmalade. To date, the wonderful amount of £700 has been raised and passed to the Church Treasurer to be added to the Windows Project.

Beatrice



The next issue of the Bulletin will be published at the beginning of September. Please send all material to be included before Sunday 23 August to:

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Sunday Morning Duties 10 am

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Children
7 June	Robert Esson Annette Garden	Kathleen Craig	Liz Carnie Mary Bratton	Karla Buswell Helen Smith
14 June	Robert Esson Annette Garden	Margaret Cruickshank	Doreen Buchan Margaret Adam	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid
21 June	Carol Paul Stewart Paul	Anne Smith	Kathleen Craig Elma Cumming	Karla Buswell Helen Smith
28 June	Carol Paul Stewart Paul	Violet Penny	Iris Durno Beatrice Fawkes	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid
5 July	Beatrice Fawkes Liz Carnie	Muriel Cantlay	Janice Hutchison Norma Forman	School Holidays No Junior Church
12 July	Beatrice Fawkes Liz Carnie	Rosemary Pittendrigh	Wilma Moir Jim MacDonald	School Holidays No Junior Church
19 July	Jim MacDonald Margaret Adams	Norma Forman	Marilyn Samways Beatrice Fawkes	School Holidays No Junior Church
26 July	Jim MacDonald Margaret Adams	Beatrice Fawkes	Rosemary Reid Betty Morris	School Holidays No Junior Church
2 Aug	Iris Durno Mary Bratton	Iris Durno	Fiona Stephen Irene Stott	School Holidays No Junior Church
9 Aug	Iris Durno Mary Bratton	Fiona Stephen	Margaret Adam Mary Bratton	School Holidays No Junior Church
16 Aug	Robert Petticrew Rosemary Pittendrigh	Betty Forrester	Doreen Buchan Liz Carnie	School Holidays No Junior Church
23 Aug	Robert Petticrew Rosemary Pittendrigh	Betty Forrester	Elma Cumming Kathleen Craig	Karla Buswell Helen Smith
30 Aug	Rosemary Reid Kate Clark	Jean Beedie	Beatrice Fawkes Janice Hutchison	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid
6 Sept	Rosemary Reid Kate Clark	Muriel Cantlay	Norma Forman Iris Durno	

Reminder to those on duty. If you are unable to do door or tea duties, please endeavour to find someone to do them for you.

Interim Moderator Rev Bob Fowlie
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Session Clerk	Robert Esson	
Treasurer	Rosemary Pittendrigh	
District Elders	Betty Forrester	Hatton
	Beatrice Fawkes	Hatton
	Muriel Cantlay	Rural
	Robert Petticrew	Rural
	Sandy Smith	Peterhead
	To be appointed	Cruden Bay
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	Betty May	Cruden Bay
Bond Treasurer	Muriel Cantlay	
Bulletin	Fred Coutts	
Christian Aid	Rosemary Pittendrigh	
Cleaning	Rosemary Pittendrigh	
Communion	Adrian Smith	
	Joyce Willox	
Flowers	Betty Forrester	
Guild	Rosemary Pittendrigh	
Junior Church	Katherine Hyman	
Life and Work	Isobel Young	
Organist	Stephen Calder	
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Roll Keeper	Mary McNaughtan	
Safeguarding	Kathleen Craig	
Teas	Beatrice Fawkes	
Transport	Beatrice Fawkes	Hatton
	Rosemary Pittendrigh	Cruden Bay
Walks	Margaret Wisely	
WFO Treasurer	Annette Garden	

Committee Conveners

District Elders	To be appointed
Education and Worship	To be appointed
Finance	Rosemary Pittendrigh
Membership and Outreach	Kathleen Craig
Property	Robert Esson
Social	Betty Forrester