

The Bulletin



Cruden Parish Church Summer 2017

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Diary Dates Summer 2017

Worship services will continue every Sunday in the Church at 10 am

JUNE

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| Thursday 1st | Guild Senior Citizens' Outing |
| Sunday 11th | Cake and Candy Stall after the service |
| Tuesday 13th | Craft Group in Hall 1.30 pm |
| Sunday 18th | Congregational Walk leaving church hall at
11.30 am: Kingswells – Den of Maidencraig |
| Tuesday 27th | Craft Group in Hall 1.30 pm |

JULY

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| Sunday 9th | Cake and Candy Stall after the service |
| Tuesday 11th | Craft Group in Hall 1.30 pm |
| Sunday 23rd | Congregational Walk leaving church hall at
11.30 am: Banff – Bridge of Alvah Circular |
| Tuesday 25th | Craft Group in Hall 1.30 pm |

AUGUST

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| Tuesday 8th | Craft Group in Hall 1.30 pm |
| Sunday 13th | Cake and Candy Stall after the service |
| Sunday 20th | Congregational Walk leaving church hall at
11.30 am: Tyrebagger Sculpture Trail – Elrick Hill |
| Tuesday 22nd | Craft Group in Hall 1.30 pm |

SEPTEMBER

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| Tuesday 5th | Craft Group in Hall 1.30 pm |
| Wednesday 6th | Choir Practice 7.30 pm in Hall |

OUR NEW INTERIM MODERATOR

Recently appointed Interim Moderator, Ali MacLeod has expressed delight at her return to direct involvement in Cruden Parish Church. Having completed training in 2011 with former parish minister, Rev Rodger Neilson, as her mentor, Ali feels privileged and challenged at the same time in this new role. With many years of service in Human Resources and to the Third Sector, Ali originally hails from Wester Ross, a place she hopes to return to one day.

“One is deeply aware of genuine Christian welcome from a strong and faithful congregation in this beautiful rural setting”, Ali comments as she undertakes this latest commitment. “I have been pleased to lead worship with the people of Cruden on occasion over the recent past, following Roger’s retirement. There is always a sense of active fellowship and a joined up approach to participation in church events by all, Elders, Choir, Junior Church and the wider congregation and its adherents. I pray that I may be of useful and meaningful, albeit temporary, service in this latest capacity, as Cruden Parish seeks to fill their vacant charge. It is without doubt, a lively and God serving parish, which looks forward to welcoming a new minister to the charge”.

For now, as the congregation of Cruden continues in faithful worship and willing service to God’s greater plan, they and Ali know that their prayers will be answered in His good time.



CAKE & CANDY STALLS

To raise funds for **CHRISTIAN AID**, there will be Cake & Candy Stalls held in the Hall after the services on 11 June, 9 July and 13 August when all donations for the stalls will be most welcome.

Further details from:
Beatrice Fawkes (841814)



This year we have not been able to carry out the house to house collection. Envelopes were distributed with the Spring Issue of the bulletin and can still be returned or collected by contacting any of the following:

Rosemary Reid, 11 Manse Road, Hatton – Tel: 841531

Beatrice Fawkes, 3 Northfield Gardens, Hatton – Tel: 841814

Hatton Market, Station Road, Hatton

Mary Bratton, 169 Braehead Drive, Cruden Bay – Tel: 812573

Rosemary Pittendrigh, 21 Links View, Cruden Bay- Tel: 812220

Post Office, Main Street, Cruden Bay

Cruden Parish Church

or Donate online at caweek.org or call **0808 000 6006**

We are therefore, unable to publish an amount collected at this stage, but will do so in the Autumn Bulletin. Cruden continues to support Christian Aid, with emphasis this year on the millions of refugees around the world.

Rosemary Pittendrigh

CRUDEN CRAFT GROUP

The ladies in the Craft Group continue to produce many lovely items and have been busy visiting local nursing homes, hospitals and Peterhead Mission to distribute them. Two boxes were also handed in to the Baptist Church in Peterhead, one to help with filling their Blythswood boxes and the other to be taken to Senegal by the son of one of the ladies. He works in the oil industry and manages to take clothes for the orphan children there, every time he returns from leave.

At the end of April we had a lovely surprise visit from Janice and Violet who had travelled out from Aberdeen to join us for the afternoon. Everyone was delighted to see them and catch up on all their news.

On a sad note, we were all shocked to learn of the sudden death of Susan Thompson from Hatton. Susan had been a member of the group for several years and her quiet disposition and lovely, sunny smile will be remembered by all of us. She will be sorely missed.

Carol Paul

WATCH AND TALK

The Bible's Buried Secrets is the title of the DVD we watched on January 9th. The presenter Fransesca Stavrakopoulou, a Bible scholar, questioned the well held belief that Israel was the home of monotheism. She brought evidence from ancient writings and archaeological remains to prove that the Jews had worshipped many Gods.

Fix My Family, the DVD we watched in February described the work of a Christian charity which provides accommodation for homeless young people and aims to keep families together as so many children taken into care end up in prison.

The last DVD we watched "**The Bible a History, Daughters of Eve**", was presented by Bethany Hughs who contends that the Bible is not as anti-women as is often believed.

An enjoyable, colourful programme which encouraged us to read the Bible more thoughtfully. We were grateful to Allan for celebrating an informal communion service to close the last meeting.

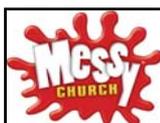
Our W&T lunch on Sunday April 30th gave us the opportunity to thank those who have hosted our meetings this year, in particular Marilyn Samways, and also to thank Allan and Beatrice who have provided us with so many enjoyable DVDs.

Sadly, after 20 years, we have to bring Watch and Talk to an end due to the drop in numbers and the difficulty in getting suitable programmes.

Annette Garden

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church has now finished for the session. Fewer children attended the last few meetings due to illness but those who were there made up for it in enthusiasm, enjoying a wide variety of crafts and activities. We are lucky to have Jim and Lorraine leading the singing. Their lively action songs are proving popular with the children. We are grateful to all our helpers who give of their time and talents. The children enjoyed a finger buffet to finish off the session. The new session starts on 21st September.



The Messy Church Team

LOCAL CHURCH REVIEW

Under Church law Presbytery has to visit all congregations within it's bounds on a five yearly basis and carry out a Local church review: this replaces the old Quinquennial Visitation. The Session recently met with a Presbytery team led by Rev Robert Thorburn and his report is published for your information.

The Visiting Team, comprising Rev Robert Thorburn, Mrs Moira Gess, Mrs Louise Simpson and Mr. Robert Watt, visited Cruden Church Kirk Session on Thurs 20th April.

The Team was impressed with the range of activities provided – there is a small Sunday School and active Messy Church with about 25 children run in Hatton. This has been running for 5 years. There is a choir and a branch of the Guild, a craft group and a walking group.

During the vacancy, elders have been involved in conducting worship once a month, having had training previously from the Rev Rodger Neilson, as well as conducting a service at Sunnybank House Nursing Home. Occasional joint services are held with St James' Episcopal Church. Lent and Advent Bible Studies, using material from CLC, have also been run, and support given to Christian Aid, Mission Aviation Fellowship and, until recently, the Raven Trust.

Members are kept up to date with a quarterly magazine delivered by 30 distributors, and encouraged to support the Church through the annual Stewardship campaign.

The Church and Hall buildings are kept in good order, with all urgent and essential works identified in Property Surveys being completed. The Kirk Session (with the help of the General Trustees) is negotiating to sell the former manse and surrounding ground and secure a replacement within the development, although this is proving to be a slow and frustrating experience.

The congregation is actively seeking and doing all it can to secure a new minister, including participating in the Presbytery stand at 'Heart and Soul', and are aware and committed to continue much of the work presently being undertaken. It is encouraging that attendance at worship is holding up during this time, aided by a time of fellowship over teas provided in the Hall after services. Like most congregations, however, the age profile of the congregation

is at the upper end, with few younger members.

The Team was impressed with the committed efforts that Office-bearers and members, aware of the challenges they face, are making to ensure an active witness in the communities of Cruden Bay and Hatton, building on the heritage of over 1,000 years of Christian worship in the area, and seeking to forge and pass on a vibrant worshipping and witnessing community.

The convenor will be preaching in Cruden on 18th June.

Heart Soul 2017

Celebrating the life of the Church

The theme of the General Assembly Heart and Soul this year was “Word of Life” and congregations have been encouraged to submit photographs displaying the phrase which are then added to a special page on the Church of Scotland website. You can see the photo which we have submitted on the front page of this edition of The Bulletin and you can go to the Church of Scotland Website and try to spot it among the many others on display. You can also see it in colour on our own church website.

In our continuing journey to find a new minister five Cruden members attended Heart and Soul in Princes Street Gardens, Edinburgh, on 21 May. Our aim was to raise the profile of Cruden and the Buchan area, for the day we were joined by members from our fellow congregations of Crimond, Maud & Savocho and New Deer. Excellent fellowship was enjoyed by all as we did our bit to raise awareness of our situation in Buchan. The Lord High Commissioner this year is the Princess Royal and on her way through the displays she spent a few minutes at our stand chatting with one or two of those on duty at the time and encouraged us to keep up the good work and expressed her hope that we had success in our mission: a photo of her chatting to some of our colleagues can be seen on the Church of Scotland website.

We have to continue in faith and prayer in the believe that in the near future God’s plan will be revealed to us and we will find our next minister.

CRUDEN WALKING GROUP

The first walk of the year took place on 23 April when the Group was joined by the Guild for the annual Sponsored Walk. Seventeen walkers met in Ellon on a pleasant afternoon and the majority walked along the old railway line to Udney Station. We enjoyed panoramic views of the countryside along the way and passed the old stations at Esslemont and Logierieve. Those who wanted to have a shorter walk spent the afternoon strolling along the banks of the Ythan at Ellon. At the end of our walks we all met up at the Store, Foveran for our much needed refreshments.

On 14 May nine walkers set out for Kemnay to enjoy an afternoon walking on the Fetternear Estate. Four of the group walked out through Kemnay to Dalmadilly then down to the local Shakin' Briggie over the river Don and back through the woods via Fetternear House returning to our start point at the small car park on the outskirts of Kemnay. Those wishing a shorter walk went along the riverbank to view the ruins of Fetternear House, the oldest part of which was built in the late 16th century. Various renovations and alterations were made over the centuries until the house was destroyed by fire in 1919. Apart from a five minute shower it was an excellent day for our walk after which we visited Ross's bakery in Inverurie for our usual cuppa and fancy piece.

Robert Esson

Some of the happy walkers.....



Irene Stott, Fred Stott and Margaret Wisely



Fiona Stephen, Shonah Taylor, Alison Warrender and Robert Esson

CRUDEN GUILD



In February we were delighted that the Rev Sheila Kirk was able to come and speak to us on the Guild Theme – *Go in Joy*. We enjoyed an evening of true fellowship with a most interesting talk and we had fun when Sheila has us all doing a bit of hands on. Due to a very late call off by our Speaker the March meeting had to be cancelled. Following the business of our AGM on 24 April, when the existing committee was elected to continue for another session, we enjoyed an excellent musical evening provided by John and Liz Slaven alias “Fichering

About”. We were treated to a variety of music and song before ending the evening and the session with tea, savouries and cakes.

Lorraine Neilson

YTHAN SINGERS SUMMER CONCERT

The Ythan Singers Summer Concert takes place on Friday 9th June at 7.30pm in the Ellon Parish Church Kirk Centre, Station Road, Ellon.

The choir is delighted that Mrs Alison Young has taken up the post of Musical Director and that for her first concert wielding the baton she has chosen the light-hearted piece “Captain Noah and His Floating Zoo” written by Michael Flanders and Joseph Horowitz. The second half of the concert features a musical tour around Europe with many favourite pieces such as “Funiculi, Funicula”, “Wonderful Copenhagen”, “On the Blue Danube”, and the “Habanera” from Carmen.

Proceeds from the concert will go to Ellon First Responders. The Scottish Ambulance Service describe a Community First Responder as a member of the public who volunteers to help their community by responding to medical emergencies while the ambulance is on its way.

Tickets are £8 and £5 concession and are available from Hazel Wilkins on 01358 721838, or Adrian Smith on 01779 812095, choir members, or on the door on the night. More information about the Ythan Singers can be found at www.ythansingers.co.uk

PARISH REGISTER DEATH

Mrs Dorothy Cruickshank, Hatton Farm, Hatton.

GUILD SPONSORED WALK & 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 23 April in aid of the Senior Citizens' Outing and Guild funds. To date £950 has been raised.

This year the outing on **Thursday 1 June** is going to Raemoir Garden Centre, Banchory followed by high tea at the Buchan Hotel, Ellon. An invitation is extended to all senior citizens who are church members or adherents.

A bus will pick up at the **Kilmarnock Arms and Library, 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 Pittendrigh (812220), Shonah Taylor (841519) or Hatton Post Office, Irene Will (841532), Lorraine Neilson (812436), Muriel Cantlay (841219).



**Try to be a rainbow
in someone's cloud.**

Maya Angelou

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

Sunday 27 August 2017 to:

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Sunday Morning Duties 10 am

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Children
4 June	Helen Harper Barry Harper	Joyce Willox	Marilyn Samways Wilma Moir	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid
11 June	Mary Bratton Liz Carnie	Jean Beedie	Margaret Adams Rosemary Reid	Karla Buswell Helen Smith
18 June	Mary Bratton Liz Carnie	Margaret Cruickshank	Doreen Buchan Beatrice Fawkes	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid
25 June	Peter Slamaker Debbie Macintosh	Wendy Willox	Liz Carnie Margaret Bruce	Karla Buswell Helen Smith
2 July	Peter Slamaker Debbie Macintosh	Irene Stott	Elma Cumming Kathleen Craig	School Holidays No Junior Church
9 July	Mary McNaughtan Adrian Smith	Rosemary Pittendrigh	Jennifer Emslie Iris Durno	School Holidays No Junior Church
16 July	Mary McNaughtan Adrian Smith	Joyce Willox	Beatrice Fawkes Norma Forman	School Holidays No Junior Church
23 July	Irene Stott Fred Stott	Maureen Esson	June Manning Wilma Moir	School Holidays No Junior Church
30 July	Irene Stott Fred Stott	Norma Forman	Margaret Bruce Liz Carnie	School Holiday No Junior Church
6 Aug	Jim MacDonald Margaret Adams	Muriel Cantlay	Fiona Stephen Irene Stott	School Holidays No Junior Church
13 Aug	Jim MacDonald Margaret Adams	Iris Durno	Mary Bratton Doreen Buchan	School Holidays No Junior Church
20 Aug	Margaret Bruce Ken Bruce	Betty Forrester	Rosemary Reid Margaret Adams	School Holidays No Junior Church
27 Aug	Margaret Bruce Ken Bruce	Jean Beedie	Elma Cumming Kathleen Craig	Katherine Hyman Maureen Reid
3 Sept	Marilyn Samways Sarah Paterson	Trish Smith	Iris Durno Jennifer Emslie	
10 Sept	Marilyn Samways Sarah Paterson	Rosemary Reid	Norma Forman Beatrice Fawkes	

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 Ali MacLeod

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	Beatrice Fawkes	Hatton
	Joyce Willox	Hatton
	Muriel Cantlay	Rural
	Robert Petticrew	Rural
	Robert Esson	Peterhead
	Maureen Esson	Cruden Bay
	Kate Clark	Cruden Bay
	Kathleen Craig	Cruden Bay
	Betty May	Cruden Bay
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Life and Work	Rosemary Pittendrigh	
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Presbytery Elder	Robert Esson	
Press Officer	Mary Bratton	
Roll Keeper	Mary McNaughtan	
Safeguarding	Kathleen Craig	
Teas	Beatrice Fawkes	
Transport	Robert Esson	Hatton
	Rosemary Pittendrigh	Cruden Bay
Walks	Maureen Esson	
WFO Treasurer	Carol Paul	

Committee Conveners

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