

The Bulletin



Cruden Parish Church Winter 2017-2018

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Diary Dates Winter 2017-2018

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

DECEMBER

Sunday 3rd	Time for Prayer – Vestry 11.15 am
Sunday 10th	Joint Churches Carol Service 2 pm
Monday 11th	Guild Christmas Party, St Olaf 7 pm
Wednesday 13th	Congregational Church Carol Service 7pm
Sunday 17th	Mince Pies & Shortbread in the Hall Christingle Service 4.00 pm
Thursday 21st	Messy Church in Hatton Public Hall 3.30 pm
Sunday 24th	Christmas Family Service Christmas Eve Service 11.30 pm

JANUARY

Sunday 7th	Time for Prayer – Vestry 11.15 am
Tuesday 9th	Craft Group in Hall 1.30 pm
Thursday 18th	Messy Church Hatton in Public Hall 3.30 pm
Tuesday 23rd	Craft Group in Hall 1.30 pm
Sunday 28th	MORNING SERVICE Sacrament of Holy Communion
Monday 29th	Guild in Hall 7.30 pm New Zealand Experience with Maureen & Robert Esson

FEBRUARY

Sunday 4th	Time for Prayer – Vestry 11.15 am
Tuesday 6th	Craft Group in Hall 1.30 pm
Wednesday 7th	Choir Practice in Hall 7.30 pm
Thursday 15th	Messy Church in Hatton Public Hall 3.30 pm

Tuesday 20th

Craft Group in Hall 1.30 pm

Monday 26th

Guild in Hall 7.30 pm – Guild Theme
“Go in Love” Rev Fred Coutts

MARCH

Friday 2nd

World Day of Prayer in St James’ 7 pm

Sunday 4th

Time for Prayer – Vestry 11.15 am

Tuesday 6th

Craft Group in Hall 1.30 pm

Wednesday 7th

Choir Practice in Hall 7.30 pm

CAROL SERVICE

**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
CRUDEN PARISH CHURCH
SAINT JAMES’ CHURCH**

*are coming together for a
Joint Christmas Carol Service*

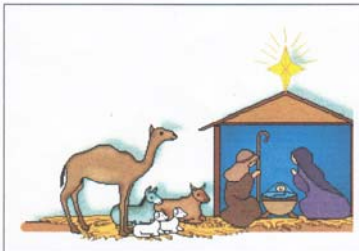
at

CRUDEN PARISH CHURCH

on **SUNDAY, 10th DECEMBER, 2017**

at **2.00pm**

All are welcome



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From the retiring
collection at the end of
the **Remembrance
Sunday Service** £130
has been sent to
POPPYSCOTLAND.



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CRUDEN CRAFT GROUP

The craft group members were delighted to welcome some new ladies to the group recently and they were made very welcome. Donations of knitted goods were handed over to the Blythswood charity and also a cash donation to go along with the Christmas boxes from Cruden Church. The group will resume on 9 January 2018 when we will look forward to another year of fellowship and creative crafts.

Carol Paul

SHOE BOX APPEAL

Thank you to all who helped in any way with this appeal. We were able to send 56 boxes and a large envelope of donations to help with transport costs. Thanks to you all for giving 56 people a happier Christmas.

Rosemary Reid

WEEKEND OF INVITATION

Next summer the Church of Scotland is promoting a Weekend of Invitation where we will be encouraged to go out and invite someone to church. Churches in general are welcoming but we struggle to be inviting. We welcome people when they come to church but we struggle to go out into the community and invite them. Our Scottish Presbyterian nature tends to make us reluctant to speak about our faith in public.

The Weekend of Invitation helps us to overcome this reluctance. We are acting as God's disciples, all we have to do is invite someone to church, the rest is up to God, we leave him to influence those who are invited.





CHRISTMAS AT CRUDEN

COME AND JOIN THE CELEBRATION

Every birth is a miracle, every child is a gift from God. Twenty centuries ago the miracle of miracles occurred, a baby was born, he was the Son of God. This was such a miracle that we still celebrate it today.

During December we will be holding services in the church when we can all come together and give thanks to God for the miracle birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus who came into our world in the lowly surroundings of a stable because there was no room at the inn.

We will be holding our usual Sunday morning services at 10.00 am throughout the month.

Our special services start on Sunday 10 December at 2.00 pm when we will be hosting a **JOINT CAROL SERVICE** with our friends from St James' and the Congregational Church. After this service you are encouraged to stay and enjoy fellowship over tea/coffee.

A **CAROL SERVICE** will be held in the **Congregational Church** on Wednesday 13 December at 7pm.

On Sunday 17 December at 4.00 pm we will be holding our annual **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

The **WATCHNIGHT SERVICE** will be held on Sunday 24 December at 11.30 pm and finish just after midnight.

This year our special Christmas offerings will be going to support the work of Macmillan Nurses.

All are warmly invited to come to church during the festive season and spend some time celebrating the events of all those centuries ago.

World Mission

We live in a society where it is very easy for us all to become consumed in our daily lives due to all the ongoing personal pressures of life which we face. It is very easy to become isolated from things that are going on around us and in the world at large.

Sadly, there are people in our local communities in need of care and support but there are many more in the wider world who are worthy of support as well. The Church of Scotland World Mission Council is tasked with raising awareness of the problems faced by people living in challenging conditions around the world.

Currently the church has twelve Mission Partners around the world all of whom go out to undertake specific tasks such as doctors, teachers and engineers, using their skills to improve the living conditions of those they are serving.

A significant number of congregations, instead of having a missionary partner now have twinning agreements with Churches in other countries where they get to learn from each other about their own individual cultures and traditions.

These are just a couple of examples of the work promoted by the World Mission Council, if you wish to find out more about the work of the Council visit www.churchofscotland.org.uk. It is good for us to find out what goes on in Christian communities around the world because we all have much to learn from each other.

MESSY CHURCH

During this session we have explored themes of *The True Vine, Light Up The Darkness and The Good Shepherd* with the usual selection of stories, songs and crafts. Attendance has been poorer for various reasons but it picked up in November. The children who attended made up in enthusiasm for their lack of numbers. We are grateful to all the volunteers who make Messy Church possible.



The next meeting is the Christmas party on 21 December.

The Messy Church Team

GUILD REPORT

Monday 25 September 2017 - Trussell Trust Food Bank

Rosemary welcomed members to the first Guild Meeting of the Session. After the reading and prayer, she handed over to our speaker for the evening, Jeannie Price, who spoke to us about the work of the Trussell Trust which is a local food bank. The talk proved to be most interesting and thought provoking. The work of this charity helps so many poor families and young people in and around the North East and it is humbling to think that in this day and age there are so many in need.

It was agreed that the donations from at our Harvest Thanksgiving Service would be passed on to this most worthwhile charity, which we trust was well received and helped in a small way the wonderful work of the Trust.



Monday 30th October 2017 - Cyrenian Project

Lesley Allan, from the Cyrenian Project, without the help of modern technology, gave an excellent unscripted presentation on the work of the Cyrenians in Aberdeen. She explained who they were, where they were and who the wonderful band of volunteer helpers have been looking after for many years. Once again, we were amazed at the people who benefit from this charity, many of them on a regular basis.

The idea that they provide soup for the homeless is far from the truth as the Cyrenians have several strings to their bow and have various centres throughout the city, helping the homeless, teaching young people to provide for their families, supplying clothes etc., accommodation and a listening ear to all who seek help. We were again reminded how fortunate we are and made to wonder what has happened to our welfare state. After a cup of tea, the meeting was brought to a close with a reminder that Rev Fred Coutts is speaking to us on 27 November on the Guild Theme "Go in Love".

Lorraine Neilson

CRUDEN CHURCH WALKING GROUP



We headed off to the Forvie Sands Nature Reserve at Collieston for our September walk. Six members set off on the four mile walk from the Forvie Centre car park ,heading for Hackley Bay and then on to what remains of Forvie Church which is all that is left of Forvie village. Not much is known about the village but what little information there is, states that the Church was built in the twelfth century and is dedicated to St Adamnan.; All that is visible today are the lower walls. It is thought that the advancing sands finally made life intolerable for the villagers and it was deserted in the early fifteenth century.

Being a sunny afternoon there were lovely views of the North Sea and the oil boats and tankers lying out in the bay at Aberdeen. Continuing on the walk we made our way through the dunes and down a track that finished at the car park just north of Newburgh, near the mouth of the Ythan.

Three walkers took the more leisurely two mile circular walk round past the Sand Loch where two pairs of swans were gliding along enjoying the sunshine. There was lots of wild plants including common sedge, marsh penny wort, cross leafed heath and marram grass. Tiny frogs and black hairy caterpillars were

also seen on our way round. All in all a lovely walk was enjoyed by all and we met up for a fly cup and fine scone or fancy piece at the Store at Foveran

Peterhead Town walk: Our last walk of the year was a return to Peterhead to continue our journey round the town with Stephen Calder. Stephen was our guide for the next two hours and he was dressed for the part in period costume. He told us the history of the statue of Field Marshall James Keith and of Bishop Robert Kilgour (1740-1790) of the Episcopal Chapel who became Bishop of Aberdeen. We visited Park Lane (between Seagate and Longate) where James Stuart, The Old Pretender, stayed on the night of 22nd December 1715 at the house of James Park, Merchant and Shipowner) There is a plaque at the end of the lane telling this story. Stephen gave us the history of many other buildings, Churches and the gasworks. It was soon time for a cup of tea which was enjoyed by all and thanks go to Stephen for organising this walk.



Maureen Esson

Blood Donor Sessions

Britannia Waterside Hotel

Fraserburgh Road, PETERHEAD

Thursday 21 December 2017

14.00-16.30 & 18.00-20.00

Thursday 28 December 2017

14.00-16.30 & 18.00-20.00

PLEASE NOTE VENUE



2018 FLOWER CALENDAR

The Calendar for the Church will now be found on

the notice board at the Church and members are invited to add their name beside any date on which they would wish to place flowers on the communion table. The gift of such flowers is always greatly appreciated.

PARISH REGISTER

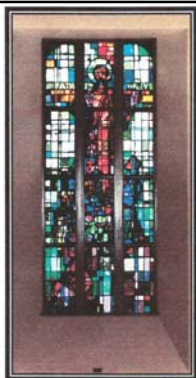
DEATHS

Mr James Kidd, 24 Links View, Cruden Bay.

Miss Fiona Laird, Rosewood, Willowbank, Glendaveny, Peterhead.

BAPTISM

Bailey Henderson, No 1 Yonderton Cottage, Hatton.



Ythan Singers Christmas Concert

Magnificat: John Rutter

Well-known Carols

7.30pm Monday 11th December 2017

Ellon Parish Church

Conductor: Alison Young

Accompanist: Rosemary Lund

Donations at the door for
toilettwinning: <https://www.toilettwinning.org>

www.ythansingers.co.uk Scottish Charity no: SC038223

HOLY COMMUNION



28 January 10 am

Duty Elders:

Kate Clark

Robert Petticrew

Robert Esson,

Kathleen Craig,

Jim MacDonald,

Betty Forrester,

Peter Slamaker

Mary Bratton,

Shonah Taylor

Adrian Smith.

The next issue of the Bulletin will be published at the beginning of March .Please send all material to be included before **Sunday 18 February 2018** to:

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Sunday Morning Duties 10 am

Date	Door	Flowers	Teas	Children
3 Dec	Doreen Buchan Liz Carnie	Mary Bratton	Rosemary Reid Margaret Adams	Helen Smith Maureen Reid
10 Dec	Iris Durno Wilma Moir	Betty Forrester	Mary Bratton Margaret Bruce	Katherine Hyman Mary Bratton
17 Dec	Iris Durno Wilma Moir	Beatrice Fawkes	Kathleen Craig Beatrice Fawkes	Katherine Hyman Helen Smith
24 Dec	Norma Forman Marilyn Samways	Beatrice Fawkes	Doreen Buchan Liz Carnie	School Holidays No Junior Church
31 Dec	Norma Forman Marilyn Samways	Robert Esson	Elma Cumming Iris Durno	School Holidays No Junior Church
7 Jan	Mary McNaughtan Shonah Taylor	Muriel Cantlay	Jennifer Emslie Beatrice Fawkes	School Holidays No Junior Church
14 Jan	Mary McNaughtan Shonah Taylor	Sheena Innes	Norma Forman June Manning	Katherine Hyman Wilma Moir
21 Jan	Helen Harper Barry Harper	Marina Bruce	Wilma Moir Marilyn Samways	Helen Smith Beatrice Fawkes
28 Jan	Helen Harper Barry Harper	Anne Smith	Irene Stott Fiona Stephen	Maureen Reid Rosemary Reid
4 Feb	Muriel Cantlay Robert Petticrew	Fiona Stephen	Margaret Adams Rosemary Reid	Katherine Hyman Betty Forrester
11 Feb	Muriel Cantlay Robert Petticrew	Fiona Stephen	Margaret Bruce Mary Bratton	School Holidays No Junior Church
18 Feb	Jim MacDonald Margaret Adams	Betty Forrester	Rosemary Reid Margaret Adams	Helen Smith Mary Bratton
25 Feb	Jim MacDonald Margaret Adams	Betty Forrester	Liz Carnie Doreen Buchan	Maureen Reid Jennifer Emslie
4 March	Betty Forrester Mary Bratton	Irene Stott	Kathleen Craig Elma Cumming	Katherine Hyman Joyce Willox
11 March	Betty Forrester Mary Bratton	Atholene Ritchie	Iris Durno Jennifer Emslie	Helen Smith Wilma Moir

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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	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	
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Teas	Beatrice Fawkes	
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	Rosemary Pittendrigh	Cruden Bay
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