

CRAIL PARISH CHURCH

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Welcome

Thank you for reading Crail Parish Church's magazine for Autumn/Winter 2022.

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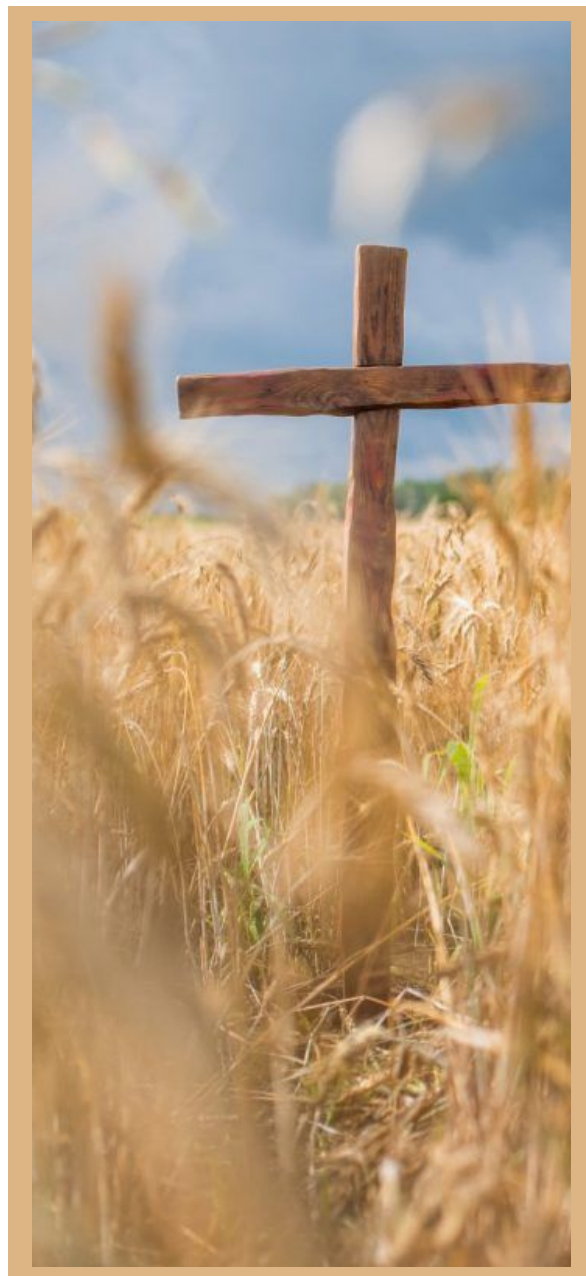
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Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

"The Church of Scotland has valued Her late Majesty's generous support, and seen in her private devotion someone for whom faith remained central throughout her long life."

"We send our heartfelt condolences to the King, and all members of the Royal Family, assuring them of our prayers and best wishes"

A prayer on the occasion of the death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth

Almighty and everlasting God,
in you there is neither beginning nor end;
you are from everlasting to everlasting, ever good and
ever true.
You are our hope in life and in death,
and in your word of promise we place our trust.
Today we give thanks for the life of your servant, our
Queen Elizabeth,
whom now you have taken to be with you.
Long has she reigned over us,
offering support and courage,
a steady hand in difficult days,
and a kindly presence in times of peace and prosperity.

We praise you for her life,
so rich in years and in service,
for her unwavering commitment to country,
commonwealth, and every generation.
And for her trust in Jesus Christ,
her devotion to the church, and her respect for other
faiths,
receive our thanks today.
May she rest in peace and let light shine upon her.

In their loss, comfort her family,
especially our King as he assumes his new responsibilities;
assure them of your unending love,
grant them the consolation of cherished memories,
and the hope of your promised kingdom.
These prayers we offer in the name of Jesus Christ, AMEN



Rt Rev Dr Iain Greenshields, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

Letter from Locum Minister



Dear Friends,

After 22 years of parish ministry in West Fife, Perth and Argyll it is a pleasure to be the new locum minister with you all in the East Neuk. It actually feels a bit like coming home in many ways, with my training for my Divinity Degree having taken place in St. Andrews University and many a time spent in this area with family and friends through the years whilst I lived along the road from you in Kennoway in the 1990s.

What a changed ecclesiastical landscape it has become in that time, however. The stresses have grown ten-fold for parish ministers with multi-linked and united charges, aging and declining congregations, shrinking finances and never-ending building issues and pastoral expectations.

Unfortunately, as a locum Minister rather than your fulltime parish Minister, I am only with you for one day per week plus Sunday worship. Once a single funeral and worship preparation is entered into my diary, there really isn't room for very much else! Still, I aim to serve you all as best I can, travelling back and forward from my home in central Fife (at least a 40 minute drive, dependent on traffic and road closures).

Alas, you are unlikely to see me at all the usual community events, much as I would ordinarily be delighted to attend if I was in a full-time position with you. With the summer ending, and autumn and winter on the horizon, my focus will inevitably be on planning all Harvest, Remembrance, Advent and Christmas services as well as offering bereavement care in Crail, Anstruther and Cellardyke.

Why not come along to worship some Sunday, then, and you'll get to know your new locum reverend no problem at all. It'll certainly be good to meet you.

Every best wish,

Scott

Rev. Scott E. Burton BD Dip Min.



Letter from Interim Moderator

I am well aware that there are many causes of concern surrounding us all just now. The reports of inflation figures and the increased cost of living with the fears of heating and lighting and food bills rising and being out of control. The war in Ukraine with all its misery and strife and the mass exodus of so many people with so little material possessions and so many worries.

Then there are the issues we face as people involved in the Church with the loss of the minister forced to retire on the grounds of ill health after so short a time here. This is compounded by the huge uncertainties caused by the national Church's efforts to address the necessary changes in the whole of the Church of Scotland which have to be faced. The current proposed Presbytery Mission Plan raises many questions for this linked charge and provides little indication of

of what exactly the future of our worship community might be in five or ten years' time.

In the midst of such a period of massive transition and challenges, it is often tempting to become depressed, or despairing, seeing little light, or hope, in the gloom. In this way we are liable to be more like the disciples of Jesus than we are willing to acknowledge. They were bound up in negative thoughts after the crucifixion and all its horrors, before the women discovered the empty tomb.

We are people of the way that leads from Golgotha to Emmaus and to Galilee and beyond, turning the world upside down with a mission and message of new life and hope. While we cannot be certain of many of the details of the events of the future, we do know that God is active, caring and concerned about us.

God, as the Bible testifies in many different generations, and as Jesus has shown us, will not ignore our plight, or pleas for help. The answer to our prayers and our expressed desires may not be what we envisage, just as the disciples did not imagine the Resurrection of Jesus. All we can be convinced of is that God is not going to abandon us. God's will and wish is to sustain us in any and all circumstances.

Nearly 500 years ago the Reformation swept through this country. It had a huge impact on education and social structures, and changed much of the way people lived and brought about new ways of worship and church life. In a similar way we may be about to encounter massive and radical changes in the way we worship and witness, and what we have accepted as 'normal' over the years.



We live in a society that has changed enormously in the past 50 years with the advent of the computer age, the internet, new means of communication like Zoom and the mobile telephone. We have benefitted from huge advances in medicine (like the Covid vaccination programme). Our medical experts have developed new understandings of the causes of disease and even have managed to eradicate some of them. We live in a global village now, as never before. We are all much more aware of the impact of world events on our everyday lives.

While some of the changes in the church are those I do not like, nor would ever have chosen, there are some which have been enormously beneficial. We

can be confident that God will use the changes in our world to provide for us and our needs and reshape us and our understanding as God has done throughout history. The Reformation which so radically changed the circumstances and worship of the Church allowed the life of the Christian community in our land to develop in different and exciting ways, unimagined by John Knox and his contemporaries. It is not beyond the bounds of possibility, and by the grace of God, that the new world in which we are about to enter as a Christian community will bring many benefits and enrichment of our lives as individuals and as a congregation.

As we go forward, please remember in your prayers the locum and the Kirk Session members who have responsibility for the worship, mission and ministry of the congregation. They are engaged in the process of change knowing and relying on the guidance of God and the support of the membership as they guide

us into the time ahead and the future God has intended for us.

Nigel J Robb (Revd)

Interim Moderator - Crail linked with St Ayle

Chatbite

Kirk Hall 10am -12 noon
every Wednesday

Chatbite has made a very welcome return to our weekly events after the Covid lockdown. A little different in format, but the warm welcome and good coffee and cakes remain. And still only £2.50!

A small, but willing band of volunteer helpers keep the coffee flowing. If you feel you can help by offering 2 hours of your time once a month, please contact Patricia on 451571 or let any Elder know.

Better still, come to Chatbite and introduce yourself! You will be sure of a warm welcome. Men usually help setting up and loading dishwasher, ladies, baking and serving. But these roles are not gender specific!



Parish Register

Deaths

March 2022

7th	Raeburn Archibald	Roome Bay Crescent
8th	Pauline McKenzie Dodds	Pinkerton Road
15th	Jeanette Watson	Kirkmay Road
24th	John Murray	Windmill L/O Kirkmary Road
30th	Dr Glynn Jenkins	Denburn Houses

April 2022

1st	George Philips	Nethergate
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May 2022

8th	Janice Meldrum	Pinkerton Road
29th	Gordon Anderson	Westgreen

June 2022

5th	Keith Smith	Nethergate
12th	Margaret Stevens	Bow Butts
24th	Margaret Peebles	Middlefield Road

July 2022

9th	Charles Little	Sauchope Crescent
12th	Gerald Stewart	Orchard Park
24th	Ann Morrison	Balcomie Road

August 2022

9th	Rae New	Newton of Wormiston
18th	Jeni Auchinleck	Castle Street

Weddings

Those who God has joined together

30th March - Fiona Loudon and John Thomson
30th April - Siobhan McGaw and Henry Philip
4th June - Karen Mathie and Richie Davidson
27th August - Georgia Bryden and Blair Hawthorne

Remembering Thomas Douglas Raeburn Archibald

Raeburn Archibald was born in Leven, son of the local banker, one of three brothers. He was educated at Kirkcaldy High School and graduated from Edinburgh University with First Class Honours in Mathematics. His specialism was in insurance, and worked for Scottish Widows. He also enjoyed a military career in the Intelligence Corps of the Territorial Army, earning the rank of Major, and awarded an MBE (Military Division) for his work in Europe.

Raeburn offered his skills in various areas of community life in Crail - as Treasurer of the Museum, Church Treasurer for a time and Church choir member, and Treasurer to the Anstruther Philharmonic Society, where he was a regular singer. He was a willing volunteer for other community events, leading Walking Tours of the village, and at Kellie Castle.



Remembering Dr. Glynn Jenkins (1961 - 2022)

"Open your mouths! I want to see your fillings!"

"First verse in unison: you need to lead the congo!"

"No, we won't do all seven verses: there's enough suffering in the world."

This from the choirmaster, frequently wearing one-legged spectacles, who bravely took on Crail Church Choir a few years ago and licked us into shape, writing anthems and introits especially for us and making us aim high in every sense of the word. "Jesus, the very thought of Thee" and "A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester" were two that were designated "For the choir of Crail Parish Church."

Another favourite was his arrangement of "O for a Closer Walk with God" which Betty played a few Sundays ago: a poignant memory. We would rehearse on a Thursday evening -



God help you if you were late - and again on Sunday morning before the service.

You know, we were so fortunate. Dr Glynn Jenkins had a first in music from Exeter University and had taught at Harrow, King's School, Bruton, St. Leonards and Gordonstoun. He did treat us like schoolchildren sometimes but we just loved his faith in us and most of all his irreverent sense of humour. Besides the jokes, he would give us little gems of information about various composers and hymn writers and of course he had his favourites and a few he could not stand.... Dare I mention John Bell?

I think that what we are most grateful for is Glynn's skill as an organist. He was always very conscientious about his choice of voluntaries and choir pieces to suit the lectionary and the minister's theme. We are very proud of our Harrison & Harrison three manual organ and enjoy hearing it played. Glynn gave us Bach and Buxtehude, Wesley and Widor. He loved playing for weddings and special occasions and was disappointed when a CD was used instead. Having made a study of the pre-reformation collegiate church in Crail for his thesis, I'm sure he felt an added dimension to his position as a 21st century organist here.

We miss Dr Jenkins: so young to leave us and with so much more to give. However we are glad to have been directed by him even for a short time. Rest in peace, Glynn.

Scottish Country Dancing

Every Wednesday at
7.30pm in the Town Hall
starting Wednesday
October 5th until the end
of March.



Remembering Margaret Peebles

Margaret Peebles was born on 2nd April 1927 in Springfield Road, Glasgow. Youngest of a family of 3 to William and Janet Peebles, brother Dalziel (now deceased), sister Mary and Margaret.

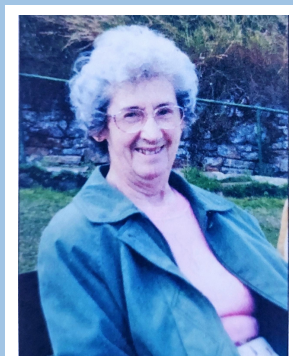
She attended Eastbank school and was evacuated to Prestwick at the outbreak of the war. However she was unhappy there and returned home at Christmas. Margaret had two short term jobs before joining Scottish Widows in the Glasgow office where she became private secretary to the manager.

Margaret was ordained as an elder in Busby Parish Church by the Rev. Lawrence Whitley.

Margaret and Mary moved to Crail in August 1990 where both joined Crail Parish Church and became choir members. Margaret went on to become roll keeper and then session clerk.

Unfortunately her health deteriorated and she spent the last few months of her life in St Andrews Care Home, where she died peacefully on 24th June 2022 at the age of 95. Her funeral service was held in Crail Parish Church followed by committal at Kirkcaldy Crematorium, both services conducted by Rev Scott Burton.

"From the tree of
life each leaf must
fall,
the green, the gold,
the great, the small.
Each one in God's
own time he'll call
with perfect love he
gathers all."



Crail Community Choir

NEW 12 week SEASON
from Monday 29 August 7.30pm

Enjoy popular songs from the past 100 Years

Crail Community Choir's new season has just started. In this Autumn session the choir will be singing a popular song from each decade from 1920 to 2020, including Coldplay, The Beatles and Queen, from Chattanooga Choo Choo to The Wellerman.

We aim to promote community spirit, fun and of course, the pleasure singing together brings. There's no need to be able to read music but if you can that's fine too.

Come along to try it and discover the rest of our repertoire. Every Monday evening in Crail Community Hall at 7.30pm, only £2 per session. New members always welcome.



Happy 100th Gwladys

Thank you for your kind wishes on the occasion of Gwladys's 100th birthday.

On her actual birthday, some friends had organised a piper to pipe in her special card, and he stayed for a little concert of Scottish songs, which was by far the highlight of her week.

Gwladys has been a member of Crail Parish Church for many years.

People came and went through the day, and she had a lovely time with family and friends. Carolyn came up from Chester with her daughter, Silke, and her two girls, Grace and Isla, and Lynsey, Ashley and Tegan were on hand locally.

Everyone dropped in to see her 'special' card, and we all thought the photo of the Queen was lovely.



Throughout the 'concert' people would stop to listen as they were walking up the road, so it was really nice to be able to share the occasion with the neighbours.

We were also very lucky with the weather, as it was warm and sunny, so we all sat out and enjoyed the occasion.

On Saturday we had another party for those who were working during the week, including the husbands, and again, very lucky with warm, bright sunshine after a rather rainy morning.



Messy Church

A warm welcome is extended to you all, young and old, on the last Wednesday of each month, 4.30-6pm in Crail Parish Kirk Hall.

Come and join us for fun, fellowship, crafts and food. Over the last few months we have enjoyed a variety of activities from pizza making, parachute games and printing to playdough and paint! We have also enjoyed listening to stories about Zacchaeus, The Good Samaritan and Friendship.

Our afternoons are relaxed and informal with the focus on fun as well as sharing food together near the end of the session.



Why don't you give us a try? We would be delighted to see you.

For more information contact Mandy Guthrie (450393)

Crail Kirk Hall
4.30pm - 6.00pm

Last Wednesday of the month, excluding December.



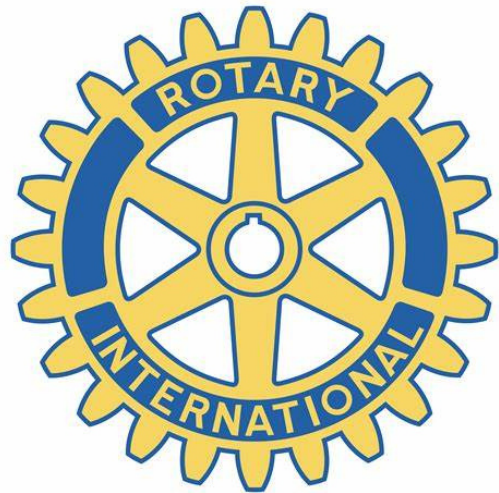
Rotary Club of Anstruther

Now that the constraints of the Covid pandemic have eased, we are getting back to some sort of normality in being out and about and meeting people once again - and with the pleasure of shared fellowship. It was especially good to be able to meet people during the Crail Festival and during community events in Pittenweem.

We continue to meet fortnightly, on a Monday evening, in 'The Rockies' at Anstruther Golf Club.

We were very pleased to be able to put on an informal social evening for family and friends: this by way of saying a grateful 'thank you' for helping us walk the many miles as 'Posties' to deliver 6,000 items of mail last Christmas. We are even starting to think about doing it all over again!

Sunday 4th September saw the Coastal Path Charity walk take place again - a popular event that was just not possible in 2020 or 2021. The weather though was not so good for early starters, with the glorious coastal scenery of the East Neuk of Fife obscured by low cloud. The afternoon was better and, most importantly, although fewer in number, walkers said how great it was to be out again. Those who have taken part will know that all money raised is donated to registered charities - and each walker decides which charities to support. More about the walk is on our website at <http://www.spanglefish.com/rotaryclubofanstruther>



Club President Ian McBain, who took up office at the start of July, is keen to get started on a number of club programmes that were casualties of Covid; things like the quiz and debating competitions with schools. Ian also has a particular interest in environmental matters and has ideas that he hopes the club can develop with local youth groups and with schools.

The environment is a subject that Rotary is increasingly involved in - supporting activities that strengthen the conservation and protection of natural resources and fostering harmony between communities and the environment. The story is on the Rotary website at

<https://www.rotarygbi.org> - click on the section 'protecting the environment'.

It is a great pleasure to be able at long last to look ahead positively and we would like to thank the many generous people who encourage us and who help us in so many ways.

Crail Primary School



Nursery

In August we were delighted to welcome new children and their families to our Nursery. The children are beginning to settle into the Nursery routines and making new friends.

Together we have been looking at how we use technology in the Nursery to extend and enhance the children's learning; using the Smartboard, the iPad and the camera to explore topics, songs, rhymes, phonics, sound waves and special effects. The children have been creative at the Art easel and the Gluing table.

There has been great fun pouring and transferring water at the Water Table. The children have been engaging with each other through role play in the Home Corner.

In the Nursery outside space, the children have been enjoying lots of outdoor play on the bikes and Cozy Coupe cars. They have been practising hula-hoping and ball control. The new sandpit is continuing to be popular and the children are loving transporting sand with the small trucks and cars. The children have been helping to water the garden to keep the Nursery plants healthy.



School

We also welcomed three new families to the school at the start of this session. We now have 89 children in our school.

The classes are buzzing with the chatter of pupils learning and working together. The playground is a place of children having fun across the stages.

We have enjoyed coming together for Assembly to celebrate birthdays, share wider achievements and applaud our Star Achievers. We have discussed the expectations for the year ahead and why having a growth mindset will help us to do our best learning.



Crail Festival

20-30 July 2022

What a fabulous festival!! Crail Festival 2022 was immensely successful and the organisers are so pleased to have come back with a bang after the previous two years' hiatus. It was a delight to be again providing a variety of activities and performances to entertain and amuse Crail residents and visitors. The public provided amazing support. The Festival was blessed by glorious weather. The Art Exhibition in the Town Hall was superb. The quality of the art was excellent, the organisation and room set up amazing and the volunteers did a great job. The Street Market was fabulous. Great work from the organisers and the volunteers. Over 30 stalls, with a wide range of craft work and other goods to interest the many people attending - and a special mention for the members of the Guild and their assistants who served teas and cakes throughout. What a great day!

Most days featured more than one Children's events at a variety of venues - Crail Golfing Society, the Kirk Hall, the Legion Hall, the Gardens of Crail House, and several coastal locations - all went really well, virtually selling out and generating lots of happy smiley faces. The organisation was first class and everything went to plan. The wide-ranging adult programme was also well received. From Classical to Soul, to Jazz to Blues, to Comedy to Shakespeare...the variety of acts was great and the performers were superb. The artistes/performers, the supporting volunteers, the committee who worked so tirelessly to make it all happen and the public who supported the Festival ... all contributed hugely to the success of the programme and indeed of the whole Festival. And planning for 2023 is already under way!



Festival Putting Green

With nigh on 5,000 rounds having been played over the summer and a couple of weekends still to go before the season ends, Crail Festival Putting Green has again drawn many to our Royal Burgh. With it's shorter cut, the players have been exuding their praises on the playing surface of the green. The sun shone for our 40+ volunteers who manned the starting hut making it a joy to meet holiday makers and Crailers whilst cleaning putters and golf balls to make things safe. After an absence of two years we felt it was okay to offer scorecards again and for the small fee of 20p a personalised, souvenir pencil was thrown in too.

Yes, the summer was glorious and the green saw little rain. Sod's law, the water pump died too so no hope of treating the putting surface to a drink. But panic not, over the past few years we have been tediously working with Scottish Water and Planning to install a stand pipe to service the green. This very week we have been told that work will start before the end of September. How wonderful is that? Many visitors have asked where the fee of £2 and £1 a round goes. The stand pipe will cost a staggering £7,000. In previous years we have bought a ride on mower and a steel garage to house it. Every year we have the cost of mower fuel, CGS green keepers' labour costs and the ongoing cost of fertilisers and treatments to improve the green. The green has never looked better and will improve enormously with water available on site.

The putting green would not be the success it is without the commitment of CGS greenkeepers and the dedication of all our local volunteers from manning the starter hut to mowing the green. Thank you one and all, Putting 2022 has been a triumph. Volunteers be proud of yourselves for a job well done.

Crail Festival Putting Competition had a record turnout of almost 200 competitors. Sandy Martin won The Helen Main Memorial Trophy. Stuart Cochrane took home The Graham Cox Memorial Trophy in the 16yrs and under category with Logan Hill being runner-up and Zoe Jarrold taking third place

Zoe Jarrold



Stuart Cochrane



Sandy Martin



Logan Hill

12th Fife East Neuk Scouts

What a busy time we have had since our last entry in the magazine: we have managed to have the work on the Pittenweem Hall finished and all sections have been able to get back in the hall.

In May our plant sale was a great success, and the children all had a great time growing a lot of different plants managing to raise £731.40.



Our group camp at Wormiston was great fun. The theme was Scottish Clans which saw everyone making shields, learning about different clans, and even taking part in a Highland Games doing throwing the wellie, toss the caber and tug of war.

We had explorers at the Blair Atholl Jamboree for two weeks and a patrol join in for the Satellite camp the middle weekend. Our trip to Red Rose Jamboree in the Lake district was a great experience for the scouts and explorers where they had lots of different activities for the week. There was caving, water sports, hill walking, skateboarding, inflatable fun, and lots of discos. We were part of the Wild West Subcamp so there were lots of cowboys & cowgirls about. The weather was very kind to us reaching temperatures of 30 degrees so lots of suncream and juice for all.

All sections started back after the summer with a night at Crail Putting Green. Thanks to the partnership for allowing us to use it. Over the next few months all sections have a varied programme lined up with the Scouts/Explorers having a Halloween camp and then hoping to have a Christmas sleep over with Ballmullo. Cubs are also going to have a Halloween night and Christmas movie night and work towards lots of badges. Beavers are joining in the fun for Halloween and Christmas with the Cubs, they are also going to look at doing different badges like the International, Cyclist and Navigator.



Looking further ahead to next July we have some Scouts/Explorers and Leaders all going to Kadersteg in Switzerland. This is a joint trip with the St Andrews group and while we are out there the Scout centre celebrates its 100 Birthday.

Finally, we are looking into starting a Squirrel section which is the newest section in scouting for children aged between 4-6 years. So, if you or know someone who might be interested in helping then please get in touch. You can email alastairairdeastneukscouts@gmail.com.

Crail Community Hall

Now that the busy Festival summer is over the Hall is gearing up for its late summer and autumn events.

'Music in Crail' plays a major part in the Hall's activities at this time of the year. The first concerts, organised with the support of Scotland on Tour, bring new artists to Crail, who wouldn't be able to play in the East Neuk of Fife without this special scheme. Crail Community Hall has been very lucky to have been selected to be one of the participating venues. In all, there will be seven concerts between September 2022 and February 2023 including a wide range of music genres from Folk, Blues and Rock to Jazz, Opera and Scottish Harp – surely, there will be something for everyone.

We had the first successful concert in the "Scotland on Tour" Series on September 3rd. Liz Jones & Broken Windows certainly rocked the hall. They were supported by Sky Tusk, a local band from Anstruther.

There are six more Scotland on Tour concerts to come until February 2023 featuring Elaine Lennon 'Homebird Sessions' (1 October), Elsa-Jean McTaggart 'Eva Cassidy Show' (22 October)

Dean Owens & The Sinners (12 November), Tommy Smith Jazz Saxophone (13 November), 'A Night at the Opera' with Opera Alba (26 November), Karen Marshalsay Iconic Harps (18 February).

However, more than just music is planned from November onwards, ensuring that you will be entertained over the dark winter months. You can look forward to a Murder Mystery Dinner, Christmas Fayre and three Quiz Nights. In early 2023 we'll have some more surprises up our sleeves, including a Comedy Night with Jay Lafferty and Chris Forbes.

On a regular basis the Hall hosts Badminton and Table Tennis sessions, Pilates, Crail Choir rehearsals and concert as well as Folk Club Nights and the Coastline Friendship Club. For further information check the Hall's website <https://www.crailcommunityhall.co.uk/>.



*Crail
Community
Hall*

Dates for Diary

22 October 22
8 pm
Elsa-Jean McTaggart
'Eva Cassidy Show'

12 November 22
8 pm
Dean Owens & The
Sinners

13 November 22
3 pm
Tommy Smith Jazz
Saxophone

19 November 22
7.30 pm
Murder Mystery Dinner –
Gangsters & Gatsby

26 November 22
7.30 pm
'A Night at the Opera'
with Opera Alba

3-4 December 22
11 am – 4pm
Christmas Fayre

4 December 22
7.30 pm
Christmas Concert

21 January 23
7.30 pm
Quiz Night

Crail Museum

The Museum opened in June for the new season. We have had a very successful summer with fundraising events including a talk on the history of the Crail Bells, both Town Hall and Church, a stall at the Crail Festival Street Market and two coffee mornings. It was great to have these back on the agenda after a two year absence and how lovely it was to see everyone chatting over coffee and cake, followed by the great excitement of the raffle!

We are very fortunate to have our own Museum in Crail. It is run entirely by volunteers, including the trustees, curator, backroom volunteers who help care for the exhibits and front of house people who meet the visitors. However we can only open three days a week due to a shortage of volunteers. So if you have a few hours to spare and would like to become involved please get in touch either with Peigi Muir on volunteers.crailmuseum@gmail.com or by phoning the Museum on 01333 450869.

Opening times at the

moment are Thursday to Saturday 11am to 4pm.

Another way to help is by becoming a "Friend" of the Museum. This means giving a donation on joining and each Spring thereafter and by doing so you would be helping to ensure the continuation of an important part of Crail life, receive an invitation to a reception and preview of new exhibitions and receive newsletters. Contact Peigi for further information.

We are planning to update the iPad that the Museum uses to handle credit/debit card sales in the shop. The machine that we currently use was kindly donated but is now sufficiently old that it no longer accepts software updates. So, we would like to replace it - but the replacement doesn't need to be particularly new or powerful - though a fairly large screen would help. If you have an Apple iPad that you no longer use that is capable of running IOS 12 or later and you are able to donate it to the Museum then we would be extremely grateful.

We are hoping to have an



exhibition over the festive season about Hogmanay and Handsel Monday in Crail. In Scotland, the first Monday of the New Year was traditionally known as Handsel Monday, a day of gift giving and celebrations. The word originates from a mix of an old English word "handselen" meaning to deliver into the hand and an old Norse word "handsal" - to seal a promise with a handshake. This evolved into the Middle English "handsel" which refers to small tips and gifts of money given as a token of good luck particularly at the beginning of something. This custom apparently survived the longest in Fife and Perthshire rural areas where it was a day of great excitement especially for children. It was eventually taken over by Hogmanay and the tradition was lost. Christmas day was not

celebrated in Scotland as it was considered to be a pagan festival. If you have any information or photos relating to both Hogmanay and this old custom we would be very pleased to

receive them.

Two new exhibitions are planned for next year. Crail has long had a history of horticulture including a long standing Horticulture Society, now sadly disbanded. Several items have already been donated and we would be very pleased to receive any information or photos relating to gardening, whether growing vegetables, fruit or flowers and the Horticulture Society. The other is a small exhibition featuring the railway in Crail. This will include both photographs and artefacts. If anyone has any items relating to the railway that they would be willing to loan to the Museum, we would love to hear from you. Contact the Museum either by email at office@crailmuseum.com or in person at the Museum, Thursday to Saturday 11am – 4pm.

The Museum closes on Saturday 15th October for the winter but we will be open on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th November and Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th December for Christmas shopping.

Crail Folk Club

We have nothing if not a varied run up to Christmas with Irish humour, old style country blues, jazz standards and country. What's not to like.

On 13th October we have Colum Sands from Ireland. Colum Sands has performed in over thirty countries around the world, confirming the universal appeal for the songs and stories with which he observes the minute and often humorous details of life.

On 27th October an unlikely duo of Dave Peabody and Regina Mudrich. Voted "Acoustic Blues Artist of the Year" 3 times by the British Blues Connection and Blues In Britain Magazine... guitarist, vocalist, raconteur Dave Peabody began performing in the mid '60's during the heyday of the great British blues boom. Regina is a classically trained violinist originally from East Germany. Together they perform old and new blues, jazz standards and a few of their own songs. Humour is not left out.

On 24th November we have some country from Kirsten Adamson. Singer/songwriter Kirsten Adamson summons the same heart-stopping purity as Sandy Denny, by way of Emmylou Harris and Kate Bush. Transcendence runs in the family. Her father was Stuart Adamson (Skids, Big Country) and her mother Alexandra, a champion Highland dancer.

We have our customary Christmas Party on 8th December. A free event with crackers and mince pies. There will be a limit on numbers so

tickets will have to be reserved. They will be available to reserve from 8th October. Full details and tickets for guest nights from www.crailfolkclub.org.uk



Notable Events



Harvest Service

Sunday 2nd October
11.30am Crail Parish Church

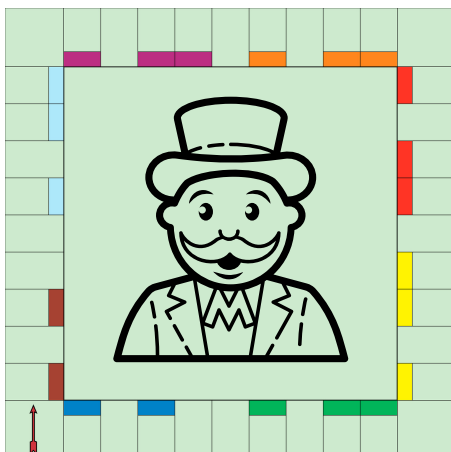
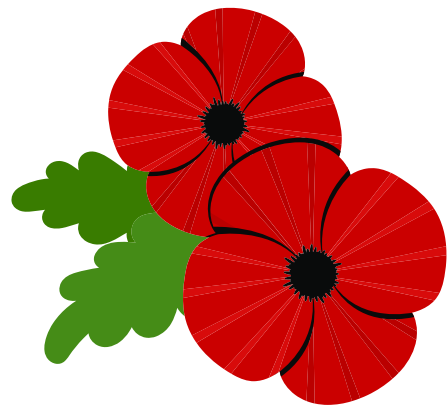
Donations for Food Bank welcome

Remembrance Day & Soup & Sandwich Lunch

Sunday 13th November Act of Remembrance
10.45am at Church Gates

Remembrance Service
11.15am in Crail Parish Church

Soup and sandwich lunch after church service in
the Kirk Hall. All welcome.



Social Evening & Monopoly

Friday 18th November

Save the date for a church social evening
with Stovies in the Kirk Hall followed by games
of Monopoly

7pm until late.

Christmas Events



Christmas Tree Lighting

2nd December – Primary School decorate tree

3rd December – Crail Tree Lighting from 4–5pm. Santa will be there from 4.45pm

7th December – Kingsbarns Tree Lighting at 6pm, thereafter in school.

Lessons and Carol Service

Sunday 11th December

Joint Service of Lessons & Carols in Crail Parish Church at 2.30pm



Nativity Service

Sunday 18th December
Fourth Sunday in Advent & Nativity Service

Crail Parish Church at 11.30am

Christmas Day Service

Sunday 25th December

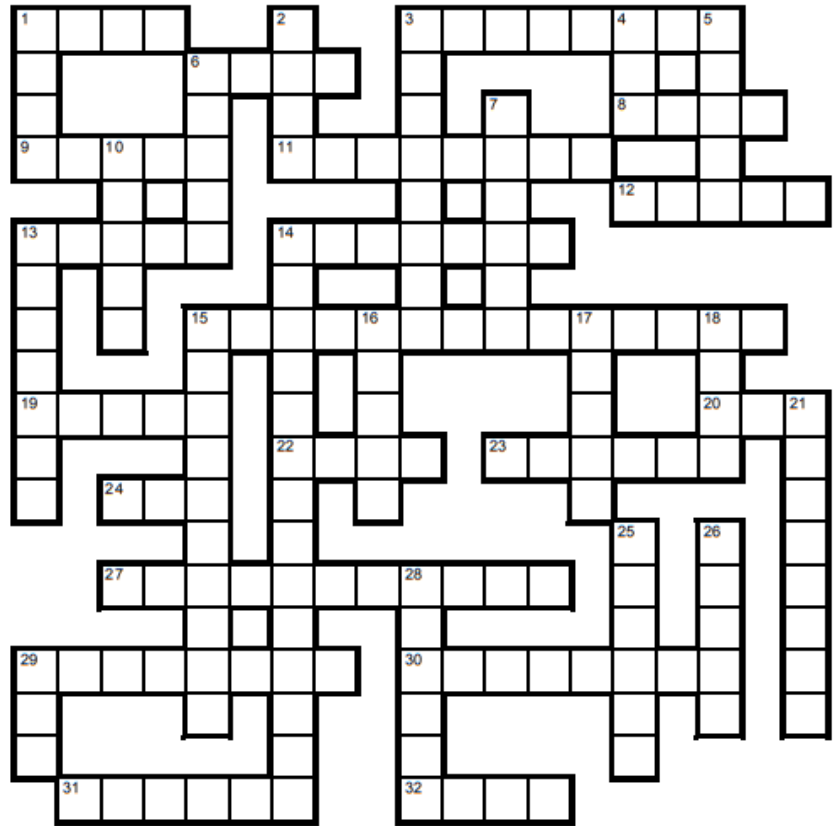
Joint Christmas Day Service
Crail Parish Church
10.30am



Crossword

Across

- 1 Transportation for going over snow (4)
- 3 Mixture of seasoned ingredients (8)
- 6 Baby's bed (4)
- 8 Period from December 24th to January 6th (4)
- 9 Red-breasted bird (5)
- 11 Twelve days after Christmas (8)
- 12 Alcoholic drink normally served in a bowl (5)
- 13 Jolly (5)
- 14 News (7)
- 15 Goes with the turkey (9,5)
- 19 A type of tree used at Christmas (5)
- 20 The colour of Santa's hat (3)
- 22 ____ log; traditonally burned at Christmas (4)
- 23 Sanctified (6)
- 24 Cured leg of pork (3)
- 27 Christmas song (6,5)
- 29 Found under the Christmas tree? (8)
- 30 Grace (8)
- 31 Snow falls in this season (6)
- 32 Given at Christmas (4)



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Down

- 1 Bright celestial body (4)
- 2 Christmas tree type (4)
- 3 Take aback (8)
- 4 No room here! (3)
- 5 Elvish colour (5)
- 6 Sweets; flavoured sugar (5)
- 7 Container usually found in a stable (6)
- 10 Beginning of life (5)
- 13 Amazing event (7)
- 14 Written after Christmas? (5,3,6)
- 15 Formal events (10)
- 16 Ring out from churches (5)
- 17 Accompaniment for food (5)
- 18 Printed or written greeting (4)
- 21 Month in which Christmas falls (8)
- 25 Nature of God (6)
- 26 One was born in Bethlehem (5)
- 28 Sweetened milk drink, with eggs and alcohol (6)
- 29 Pastry dish (3)

Dates for Diary

28/09/2022	Messy Church, Crail Kirk Hall	4.30pm – 6.00pm
02/10/2022	Harvest Service, Crail Parish Church	11.30am
13/10/2022	Colum Sands, Crail Folk Club, Crail Community Hall	8.00pm
22/10/2022	Elsa-Jean McTaggart 'Eva Cassidy Show', Crail Community Hall	8.00pm
26/10/2022	Messy Church, Crail Kirk Hall	4.30pm – 6.00pm
27/10/2022	Dave Peabody & Regina Mudrich, Crail Folk Club, Crail Community Hall	8.00pm
30/10/2022	Communion, Crail Parish Church	11.30am
10/11/2022	Singers Night, Crail Folk Club, Crail Community Hall	8.00pm
12/11/2022	Dean Owens and The Sinners, Crail Community Hall	8.00pm
13/11/2022	Act of Remembrance, Crail Church Gates	10.45am
13/11/2022	Remembrance Service, Crail Parish Church	11.15am
13/11/2022	Remembrance Sunday Soup and sandwich lunch after church service in the Kirk Hall.	12.00 noon
13/11/2022	Tommy Smith Jazz Saxophone, Crail Community Hall	3.00pm
18/11/2022	Chruch Social Evening with Stovies and Monopoly, Crail Kirk Hall	7.00pm
19/11/2022	Murder Mystery Dinner – Gangsters & Gatsby, Crail Community Hall	7.30pm
24/11/2022	Kirsten Adamson, Crail Folk Club, Crail Community Hall	8.00pm
26/11/2022	'A Night at the Opera' with Opera Alba, Crail Community Hall	7.30pm
27/11/2022	First Sunday in Advent Service, Crail Parish Church	11.30am
30/11/2022	Messy Church, Crail Kirk Hall	4.30pm – 6.00pm

Dates for Diary

03/12/2022	Christmas Coffee Morning, St Ayles Cellardyke	
03/12/2022	Christmas Craft Fayre, Crail Community Hall	11.00am – 4.00pm
03/12/2022	Christmas Tree Lighting, opposite Co-op	4.00pm
04/12/2022	Second Sunday in Advent & Gift Service, Crail Parish Church	11.30am
04/12/2022	Joint Bereavement Service, St Ayle Parish Church, Cellardyke	2.30pm
04/12/2022	Christmas Craft Fayre, Crail Community Hall	11.00am – 4.00pm
04/12/2022	Christmas Concert, Crail Community Hall	7.30pm
07/12/2022	Kingsbarns Christmas Tree Lighting, the Square, Kingsbarns	6.00pm
08/12/2022	Crail Folk Club Christmas Party, Crail Community Hall	8.00pm
11/12/2022	Third Sunday in Advent Service, Crail Parish Church	11.30am
11/12/2022	Joint Service of Lessons & Carols, Crail Parish Church	2.30pm
18/12/2022	Fourth Sunday in Advent & Nativity Service, Crail Parish Church	11.30am
24/12/2022	Christmas Eve Service, St Ayle Parish Church, Cellardyke	7.00pm
25/12/2022	Joint Christmas Day Service, Crail Parish Church	10.30am
01/01/2023	Joint Service, St Ayle Parish Church, Anstruther	10.30am
08/01/2023	Sunday Service, Crail Parish Church, 10.00am is the new service time for whole of 2023.	10.00am
19/01/2023	Bully Wee Band, Crail Folk Club, Crail Community Hall	8.00pm
25/01/2023	Messy Church, Crail Kirk Hall	4.30pm – 6.00pm