

Crail Parish Church Magazine

# KARAIL

*The Future of  
Crail Parish  
Church*

Autumn Winter 2024





# *Chatbite*

**Every Wednesday**

**Crail Kirk Hall**

**Coffee, Tea &  
Home Baking**

**10am - 12 noon**

**Crail Parish Church**



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Church Services are every Sunday at 11.30am (unless otherwise indicated in Dates for Diary).



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- History of Crail Parish Church
- Crail Kirkyard & Monuments
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# THE FUTURE OF CRAIL PARISH CHURCH

Many Summer holidays involve journeys. Some to exotic faraway places for guaranteed sunshine, some to tourist destinations, or historic sights and also trips to more local places of interest and recreation. Crail is a destination of many; either for a short trip, or an extended vacation in this beautiful part of Scotland. Nearly everyone in the summer goes on journeys, even if it is only to St Andrews, Dundee or Edinburgh. Journeys all require preparation, planning and often positive anticipation.

The theme of journey is a constant and recurrent one in the Bible from the expulsion of Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden, to the description of the New Jerusalem in the Book of Revelation.

If we look at the accounts of Abraham and his ventures in to the unknown from Ur of the Chaldees, not knowing exactly where he and his family were called to go, through the stories of the Patriarchs and their journeys, and in particular the entry into Egypt when famine struck and then the Exodus narrative, with the wilderness wanderings, we see a people who had to adapt to survive. Then the Prophets going on their journeys, often as a result of persecution, followed by the Exile in Babylon, and the return to restore Jerusalem, gives us more evidence of change.

In the New Testament, most of the story of Jesus is recounted through his journeys, in his homeland, teaching, preaching and healing. Jesus is on the move with his disciples, even into foreign territory where he was not welcomed by the Samaritans, and rejected by the religious authorities of Judaism. Then the journeys of St Paul and the others apostles traveling throughout the Roman Empire are told, encouraging, guiding and teaching the Christian communities all over the Mediterranean area.

Often these journeys were fraught with difficulties, challenges and those involved did not find them easy, or simple to negotiate. Some achieved new understandings and fresh commitments, others revealed faults and failings and limits in the understandings of those involved. Some harsh lessons were learned, and some perspectives ignored with grave results.

The Church throughout history has been on a journey, often a tough and demanding one in the years of persecution in the Roman Empire, the Dark Ages and the Reformation, and, in Scotland, the Disruption of 1843. Journeys in the Church can be very demanding of our energy, our patience and our commitment as we encounter delays and have to make difficult decisions on the way to our destination.

In this time of dramatic and challenging change in the Church of Scotland, we are on a journey here in Crail with uncertainty and change guaranteed. The Presbytery Mission Plan is now being implemented and two coastal parishes in the East Neuk are to be formed. The long delays in getting to this stage have been very frustrating. The changes required of all parties will take time to achieve.



The Kirk Session of Crail at its meeting on the 4th of September focused attention on the proposed union with St Ayle and Pittenweem in the Presbytery Mission Plan.

As a result the Kirk Session resolved to invite the Presbytery Clerk to meet them to discuss the implications of the proposed union.

It also wished clarification of the time scale of the proposed closure or the Crail Church building, if this was confirmed by the Presbytery.

In the light of the Kirk Session's desire for more information and clarity, it agreed that it was not appropriate, at this time, to participate in the discussions with St Ayle and Pittenweem regarding the proposed union.

The Kirk Session of Crail noted the discussions between St Ayle and Pittenweem would commence on the 17th of September.

The Kirk Session was informed that the Annual Review of the Presbytery /mission Plan would take place in the coming months.

In the process of exploration and questioning, there is little that can be certain and definite. What we do know is that when the Church has encountered what appeared to be unsurmountable difficulties in the past, it engaged with them and developed in ways often unimaginable to those who went before.

This is a time for faith in the guidance of God and for the courage to step into the future knowing that God's gracious goodness is eternal. Of course, it is frightening, annoying and upsetting as change always involves loss of some kind. Yet it is an opportunity for God to achieve something new and exciting for the people of Crail and the mission and witness of the congregation.

With good wishes for your health and hope for resolution of the situation in which Crail finds itself.

*Faithfully yours,  
Nigel J Robb ( Revd)  
Interim Moderator of Crail*



# PARISH REGISTER

## Deaths

Committed to God's merciful keeping in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life.



25/3/24	Alfred Smith (Alfi)	Lamont Terrace
21/4/24	Alexander Gillies	Westgate
19/5/24	Brian Clark	Carr Crescent
26/5/24	Patrick Garrard	Felkington Avenue
21/7/24	Stephen Grieve	Nethergate
04/8/24	Morgan Chalmers	Nethergate
05/8/24	Robert Donaldson	Sauchope Crescent
21/8/24	Jean Shanks	Temple Crescent
31/8/24	James Wilson	Tods Green

## Baptisms

Baptizing them in the name of the Father, the and of the Holy Spirit.



08/9/24	Ella May Anne Budd
08/9/24	Lillie Joe Wilson Budd

## Weddings

Those whom God has joined together



15/6/24	Caitlyn Ross & Matthew Morrice
06/7/24	Kimberley Truesdale & Darren McGill
07/9/24	Rebecca Philp & Jonathan Ashley

## CHURCH DONATIONS



The end of December will see the start of another church year and I will find myself putting together a set of Accounts before the end of January. I thought that now might be a good time for us all to consider what and how we give to the Church. I know that so many prices are going up, especially heating but the Church has to face these price rises as well.

Say we were all able to give an extra £1 a week. What a difference that would make. If not maybe you could Gift Aid your donation. That would not cost you anything but would allow the Church to claim an extra 25% of your donations back. Paying through the Bank could mean that days you don't have change or will miss Church your collection is still given.

If you feel able to make any changes please get in touch and I can let you have the Church Bank details or a Gift Aid Form.

Many thanks, Diana (451790)

## CRAIL GUILD

Crail Guild meets the first Thursday of each month in the Kirk Hall at 2pm. All are welcome.

Oct 3rd  
Nov 7th  
Dec 6th  
Jan 9th  
Feb 6th  
March 6th  
April 3rd  
May 1st Outing.



Programme being finalised. Talks will be advertised before each meeting.

**Guild Coffee Morning Sat Oct 30th at 10am in the Kirk Hall**

Convenor: Anne Small. Tel: 450784



# KIRK BUILDING

Work will commence on the roof repairs at the end of September/early October to address the long-standing issue of water ingress. This work is expected to take four to six weeks to complete. At this time scaffolding will be erected outside the building but will not impact on the Sunday service. It is also planned to carry out further investigative work in the tower. It is hoped that this will enable the structural engineer to come forward with a solution to address the problems within the tower.

The Kirk Session will continue to look at the possible options for the long-term future of the church building. One of the options being considered is to form a Trust to take over the building.

Fife Presbytery is currently carrying out a further review of all buildings in the East Neuk which may give better clarification on the situation regarding Crail Church.



## CHURCH SITTING SUMMER 2024

"They also serve....."



Oh yes. Sometimes they stood and waited and nobody approached, despite the welcoming sign and the open door. But mostly they greeted curious visitors on the summer afternoons of July and August and went on to reveal the secrets of our lovely church. Many thanks once again to Geoff and Margaret, Patricia, Diana and Elizabeth for church sitting this year. The visitor book is testament to how much the visitors enjoyed the experience and it was interesting to see where they had all come from.

# CHURCH RECORDING SOCIETY

The CRS has now completed the Crail Parish Church record and is in the process of sending the material to the printer. Over 200 pages of information and pictures will be printed and bound to present to the church, to the National Library of Scotland, Fife Council, Church of Scotland HQ and the V&A. Over the last three years this record has



been put together by a group of trained volunteers led by Kate Nightingale and supported by The Arts Society of Fife. Incidentally, The Arts Society recently supported Crail Museum & Heritage Centre in the mounting of their exhibition of paintings in their keeping.

Look out for an announcement of the presentation date, probably towards the end of the year. Meanwhile many thanks to Chatbite for coffee and cake on a Wednesday morning over the last three years, to Karen who sweetly maintained we never got in her way, to the Kirk Session and to everyone who made us welcome and helped with information. We hope that the completed record will be useful to future generations interested in this important place of worship.

# STREAMING OF SERVICES

Sunday services are now routinely streamed from Crail Church; the new streaming system is performing very well, with public access to streamed services made available in early June. Initial difficulties with the synchronisation of sound and vision have been resolved and excellent quality recordings are now produced.

These can be seen 'live' or can be viewed later - in either case from our church YouTube channel but also accessible via the Crail Church website. ([www.crailchurch.com](http://www.crailchurch.com)) We can see that up to 8 homes stream, in real time, to join our services each week, with close to 1,000 viewings of recordings to date.

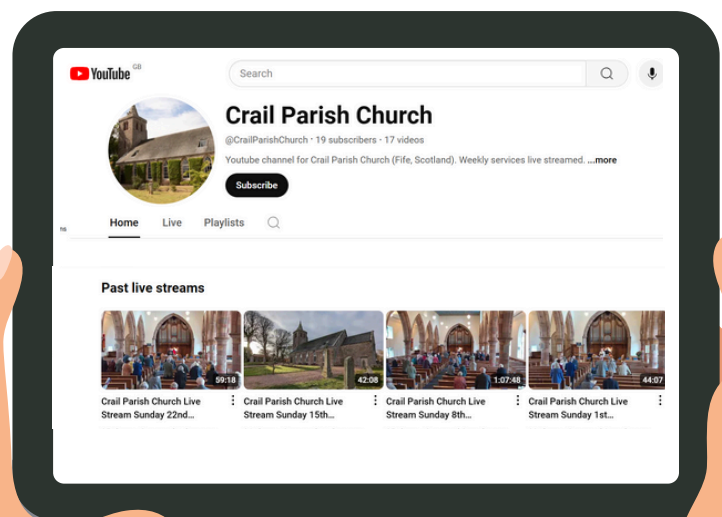
This now makes possible the shared streaming of services with our linked church of St Ayle and indeed more widely.



Other possibilities may also be developed as continuing changes within the Church of Scotland prompt new thinking for the future.

Across the road, a linked system in the Kirk Hall now offers a small sound system, free WiFi and a permanently installed digital projector and screen. This is proving popular within the community for talks and was in use during the Crail festival.

Rental agreements for both hall and church have been revised to include guidelines for use of the new facilities. Whilst the church system may only be operated by trained people, the hall system is more straightforward and use is permitted for named individuals, who have the basic familiarisation needed (which we can provide) Please discuss in the first place with Session Clerk, Mr Andrew Purves, if you would like details of this.





# CRAIL MUSEUM

It's been a very busy summer at the Museum from a series of talks over the last six months, a stall at the Crail Festival summer fayre to an art exhibition of many of the paintings held in storage which have never been on show before. We've had hundreds of visitors over the summer months, many from around the UK but also from around the world including America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Germany, Spain and other European countries. Amazing that a wee place such as Crail attracts visitors from such far flung places.

The art exhibition entitled "Hidden Heritage - Crail Art and Artists" was held in the Town Hall, and featured a collection of over 63 paintings depicting the life and times of Crail and its people over the last two centuries.



These paintings represented some of the artwork held in storage which had never been on display before. We would like to say a huge thank you to the many volunteers who helped curate and hang the paintings and to the hundreds of visitors who supported and gave generously by way of donations. The purpose of the exhibition besides showing the previously unseen artwork was to raise funds for the restoration of the David Martin painting entitled "Crail Harbour" which hangs in the Town Hall.

In 1981, Crail Museum was bequeathed a beautiful 19th century oil painting of Crail Harbour and Village by renowned Scottish landscape artist David Owen Martin. The painting has been on public display in Crail Town Hall for many years but it now is desperately in need of restoration and conservation work to restore it to its former glory and to preserve it for future generations. This painting was originally won by a lady from Glasgow in a raffle for £1! She gifted it to the Museum on condition that it always remain in Crail. We have been overwhelmed by the positive feedback and generous donations received so far and hope to hold more fundraising events soon.

We are crowdfunding to fund this essential work. Please use the QR code below to donate to our crowdfunder.

The aforementioned talks were held in the Kirk Hall and topics varied greatly from Birds and Wildlife in Crail, the History of Women's Golf 1738 - 1929, the Witches of Crail and the East Neuk, the History of the Crail Seaboxes, Where Are the Gravestones For Those Accused of Witchcraft and finally in September, a talk about James Oswald, a dance master and musician who was born in Crail and rose to become Chamber Composer to King George III.

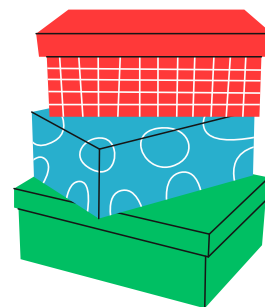


# SHOEBOX APPEAL 2024

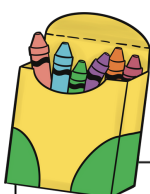
The Messy Church Shoebox Appeal 2024 is now under way. Thank you to those who have already handed in shoeboxes or items to fill them, the closing date is Sunday October 27th.

We are once again organising filled shoeboxes to send to Eastern Europe in time for Christmas. Last year our Church sent 47 boxes to individuals facing poverty, illness, disabilities or other disadvantages, bringing a little joy to so many in need.

If you would like to help, please bring any items from the list below to the Church any Sunday or hand into the Kirk Hall at Chatbite on a Wednesday morning. We also need shoeboxes (wrapped in Christmas paper or not) and these can be handed in too.



Thank you so much in advance for your support.  
Mandy Guthrie (450393)



Girl / Boy 3-7		Girl / Boy 8-12	
Plasticine	Pyjamas	Sewing kit	Lego
Simple sewing	Toy car/truck	Craft kit	Draughts
Dressing-up	Toy animals	Paint by numbers	Modelling clay
Chalk	Paints	Jewellery/beads	Tennis ball
Sticker books	Picture snap cards	Socks	Vests
My Little Pony	Wooden toy	T-shirt	Watch
Colouring book	Small ball	Pyjamas	Playing cards
Crayons	Socks	Colouring book	Sticker book
T-shirt	Shorts	Stationery	Socks
Underwear	Vests	Skipping ropes	Marbles



Teenage Girl / Boy		Woman	Man	Elderly woman
Make-up	Shorts	Make-up	Dominoes	Magnifying glass
Craft kit	Tennis ball	First aid kit	Pack of cards	Umbrella
Jewellery	Rubix cube	Sanitary products	Draughts	Hand cream
Hair brush	Draughts board game	Perfume	Tape measure	Folding walking stick
Nail varnish	Aeroplane model	Shampoo	Tin cup	Slippers
Dominoes	Windup torch	Tape measure	Belt	Apron
Perfume/After shave	Dominoes	Apron	Braces	Candle
Hair band	Deodorant	Measuring spoons	Wind-up torch	Tin cup
Small watch	Small watch	Kitchen utensils	Pen knife	Small clock
Diary	Thermal vest	Small scissors	Shaving brush	Nail brush
Manicure set	Cap	Underwear	Pen	Tights



# SHOE BOX APPEAL



By filling a  
shoebox with  
simple things  
you can bring  
hope this  
Christmas



Crail Messy Church

Hand items into Crail Parish Church any Sunday or hand into the  
Kirk Hall at Chatbite on a Wednesday morning by October 27th



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Transforming lives through Christian care



Come and join us for Messy Church, a relaxed way of Church for families and everyone!

Activities, games, songs, worship and food

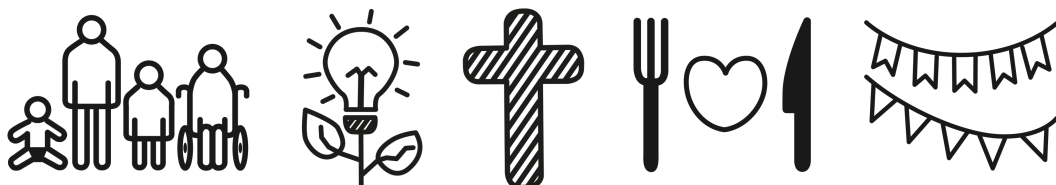
All Ages Welcome

**Crail Kirk Hall**

**4.30pm - 6.00pm**

**Last Wednesday of the month**

**Excluding July & December**





Messy Church continues to grow and flourish and welcomes you all to join us.

This year we have enjoyed a Summer Lego Session, and a picnic with games on the beach as well as our monthly meetings for crafts, games, fellowship and food.

More recently we have been getting outdoors in the Kirk Hall garden and have added a bench and colourful pots as well as a bug hotel, bird bath and bird houses. This is all thanks to the Co-op Community Fund.

We meet on the last Wednesday of the month in Crail Kirk Hall, 4.30-6pm and our sessions are relaxed and informal with activities for young and old. Messy Church is free with a welcome cup of tea on arrival and a meal at the end of the session including home baking courtesy of Chat Bite.

We continue to be supported by the Big Hoose Protect (The Cottage Family Project) enabling toiletry items to be distributed free to families at each session.

Over the next few months we will be focusing on Caring for Others, with our Shoebox Appeal as well as activities based on Remembrance and Christmas. Our Nativity Service will be held in Crail Parish Church on Sunday 15th December at 11.30am - everyone welcome.

If you would like to know more about Messy Church please email Mandy, Jane, Elizabeth, Heather or Carol at [messychurchcrail@gmail.com](mailto:messychurchcrail@gmail.com) or just come along and join the fun!



# CRAIL COMMUNITY CHOIR

Crail Community Choir (formed in 2013) has many locals singing weekly for two seasons each year during Spring and Autumn. The Choir has always performed one concert at the end of each year. However in 2024, for the first time, there will be two concerts with the second taking place in December. At the end of May the choir had a successful concert in the church joined by local vocal



student, Ben Smart, which raised the great sum of £1857 in aid of Cancer research. During the Spring season the choir rehearsed a great variety of musical styles including a first performance of The Ghost of Balcomie Castle commissioned by the choir from Scottish Composer, Finn Anderson, as well as songs from musicals and classic pops including The Rhythm of Life, Mr Blue Sky, Viva La Vida and You Raise me up. Amongst Ben's repertoire of six songs was the lively Boatman's Dance (Copland) contrasting with the tear-jerking song from Les Miserable - Bring Him Home.

This Autumn season the choir are singing a variety of Scottish Songs and from the October break will start work on several enjoyable and well-loved Christmas songs. Rehearsals continue on Monday evenings until the **next concert in Crail Community Hall on Thursday 5th December.**

The benefits of singing are well documented with research now proving it's beneficial to our physical and mental health. Choir singing is said to improve health, happiness and is the perfect icebreaker to new social networks. Singing out a good tune can help release feel-good chemicals such as endorphins and relieve stress and anxiety through emotional uplift. Singing is an activity anyone can get involved in as there are many different types of singing groups in our area to cater for your favoured style of music, from Rock Choirs to Choral Societies, Church Choirs to Folk Groups.

Gareth Malone who is well known for his TV appearances in programmes such as The Choir has done much to popularise choral singing resulting in local towns and villages now having Community Choirs which provides everyone who is interested an opportunity to sing in many styles.

Anyone wishing to join up with a local choir would be made most welcome and it is a great way to network with the community. If you live in the East Neuk and would like to give it a go, **Crail Community Choir rehearsals are on Monday evenings at 7.30 in Crail Church Hall.**





# MORE WISDOM & WINE



Peter and Dorothy Neilson are inviting you to another short series of "Wisdom and Wine". Last winter we told stories of Celtic Saints, enjoyed stimulating conversations and ended each evening with a short time of reflective worship. The evenings were interspersed with generous glasses of wine or a soft drink of your choice!

This autumn Peter and Dorothy invite you to join them for three evenings of "More Wisdom and Wine" around the broad theme "Seasons of Life and Faith". We meet in the **Crail Kirk Hall at 7pm and finish by 8.30pm.**

## Wednesday 16 October Changing Seasons - Changing Faith

What season of life are we in? As we travel through life, our faith in God moves on as well. What wisdom can we glean from those who map out some of the stages and transitions of faith. What is changing? What remains?

## Wednesday 13 November "All will be well" - Julian of Norwich

In the season of "All Saints", we reflect on the life of Julian of Norwich, famous for her saying: "All will be well, and all manner of things will be well." As a survivor of the Great Plague, her words of hope carry more weight than an optimistic slogan.

## Wednesday 4 December Advent - Mystery, Music and Messengers

In the season of Advent, we are confronted by the mystery of the birth of Jesus and the expectation of his return at the end of history. Both events are heralded by music and special messengers. How then shall we live between these two mysteries?

No need to register for these evenings. Just turn up and get a glass of wine in your hand.

# CHAIR YOGA

Enjoy a friendly, inclusive seated practice to promote health and vitality. Build strength and ease with accessible approaches that welcome all bodies.



12 - 1pm  
Thursdays  
Crail Kirk Hall

£10



All proceeds after hall hire will be gifted to St Andrews Dialysis Unit for use towards ongoing care and comfort of patients and staff.

This class offers a cheerful chance to come together in the chair and enjoy gentle guided movement in a relaxed setting. Suitable for a wide range of health conditions.

Please contact Laurie to discuss any questions.







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# BIN COLLECTIONS

Bin routes are **changing from the 14th October** and Crail bins will now be collected on a **Tuesday**.



	Tuesday, October 15, 2024	Food and Garden Waste / Brown Bin
	Tuesday, October 15, 2024	Landfill / Blue Bin
	Tuesday, October 22, 2024	Cans and Plastics / Green Bin
	Tuesday, October 29, 2024	Food and Garden Waste / Brown Bin
	Tuesday, October 29, 2024	Landfill / Blue Bin
	Tuesday, November 5, 2024	Paper and Cardboard / Grey Bin

# 12TH FIFE EAST NEUK SCOUTS

Since our last article we have held a plant sale which all sections planted and cared for the plants which we then sold outside the scout hall in May, and we made over £600 which we donated £300 to The Sick Kids hospital in Edinburgh. All sections also helped at our annual BBQ during the Pittenweem Arts festival.

In June, the Scouts & Explorers who were going to the Jamboree in the Lake District had a weekend in Aviemore where they enjoyed visiting Landmark, went for a walk to the Green Loch and tried their hand a raft building at Loch Insh. Then at the start of August we travelled to the Lakes for a weeks Jamboree where they took part in lots of different activities and got to meet lots more scouts & explorers. Some of the Scouts & Explorers also got to go and camp and help on the May Island. We also had some Scouts go to the Scottish International Jamboree at Blair Atholl.

Cubs attended group camp in June along with the Scouts & Explorers this was held at Wormiston and the theme this year was Harry Potter. They made broomsticks, wands and played Quidditch. They have also had a variety of different experiences over the course of the term like learning how to pitch tents, fire lighting, backwoods cooking and lots of games. Just as they started back this term some of them went to Wild Shore in Dundee which is a water obstacle course. They are attending a camp at Fordell Firs just for cubs in September called the Howling where there will be around 500 cubs.

Squirrels & Beavers have had a busy term working towards different badges. They had a BBQ on the beach at Elie to finish for the summer where they built sandcastles, had a campfire, and sang camp songs.

Next summer some of our scouts are joining 3 other groups from East District on a trip to Iceland. 26 of us took part in The Edinburgh Kilt walk to start raising money to get equipment for our trip and for the Sick Kids Hospital. For travel abroad & Jamborees the uniform consists of kilts and we are always on the look out for kilts which would fit kids aged 10 upwards: if anyone would like to donate any unwanted kilts for our kilt bank please email [lisaairdeastneukscouts@gmail.com](mailto:lisaairdeastneukscouts@gmail.com).





# CRAIL FOLK CLUB

As a very successful year draws to a close we have three more guest nights which offer the very best in Scottish and Transatlantic folk music. First up is a return visit by the great Hannah Rarity accompanied by Innes White on guitar on October 10th. Likely to be a sell out. We then have Bruce Molsky, well known from his appearances on BBC's Transatlantic Sessions and the stage show of the same name:

He's a self-described "street kid" from the Bronx who bailed on college and big city life for a cold-water cabin in Virginia in the 1970s. Today, Bruce Molsky is one of the most revered "multi-hyphenated career" ambassadors for America's old-time mountain music. For decades, he's been a globetrotting performer, ethnomusicologist and educator, a recording artist with an expansive discography including seven solo albums, well over a dozen collaborations and two Grammy-nominations.

He's also the classic "musician's musician" - who's received high praise from diverse fans and collaborators like

Linda Ronstadt, Mark Knopfler, Celtic giants Donal Lunny and Andy Irvine, jazzier Bill Frisell and dobro master Jerry Douglas, a true country gentleman by way of the Big Apple aptly dubbed "the Rembrandt of Appalachian fiddlers" by virtuoso violinist and sometimes bandmate Darol Anger.

Bruce is with us on 21st November. Our guest programme finishes with Kris Drever the following week. Current ticket sales are such that it is likely to be sold out by early October. Our exciting programme for 2025 is likely to be announced on that evening.



## ANSTRUTHER ROTARY



2nd September saw the Club re-start regular fortnightly meetings after its Summer Recess. During the break members were still out and about - to Pittenweem Arts Festival; a visit to the new Anstruther lifeboat and then to the Anstruther Muster. This latter together with two other events, raised £540 which will go towards the club's support for charities and good causes.

Speaker at our first meeting was a Waid Academy 6th year student who came to speak of experiences at the RYLA (Rotary Young Leadership Award) which took place at the Abernethy Outdoor Centre at Nethy Bridge. The RYLA event is about leadership skill development and does this through a range of outdoor team events, including hill walking, rock climbing, raft building, gorge jumping and mountain biking.

The club choir continues in good voice with a return to Pittenweem Arts Festival, again for a concert in the church; a very pleasant afternoon and the choir was delighted to receive a donation of £200. It was a joy on the 12th September to sing for the 100th birthday party of the Kilrenny SWRI and rehearsals continue for November outings to Arncroach and St Monans.

The club athletes once again took part in the annual golf competition; a fiercely contested match over Anstruther Golf Club's course. Looking ahead the club is planning once again to run its now long-established 'Christmas Post' and dates will be publicised later - so please look out for the posters.

# CRAIL ARTS FESTIVAL

As a newly named incorporated charity, Crail Arts Festival SCIO, the inclusion of Arts in our name emphasises the prime focus of the organisation, and indeed its origin as an Art Exhibition. An excellent Arts and Crafts Exhibition was again the central feature of the Festival, open daily in the Town Hall. Sales of the works of local artists benefited them to the tune of almost £4,000.



The 11-day programme of events was blessed by largely good weather. And notable this year was the substantial number of people who were attending the Festival for the first time. Surveyed responses by patrons were almost universally highly positive. A new departure was to move the Saturday market from Nethergate into the Community Hall. Sales of craft wares etc went well, most stallholders welcoming the new venue, which enabled payments by the reliable use of card machines that had been limited in the previous location. And the food and beverage stalls, in the Hall and Beech Walk Park, were well patronised.

Several new events and activities proved very popular - well-attended meditation sessions began the programme on six days; willow and letterpress workshops were well received; poetry readings with prosecco were another first; and there were more jazz performances than for some years, including local talent David Behrens. Tom Cannavan hosted a very entertaining wine-based quiz evening; Waid alumnus Matthew McAllister returned after some years with an entertaining and informative programme of classical guitar music; vocal duo Andrew and Stephanie Black - Ginny and the Tonic - entertained with music and stories, described by some as one of the best events ever hosted by the Festival. As always, the Tribute Group evening - ABBA this year again - was sold out in a matter of hours and the Carlyle group brought the Festival to a rousing close, with more people on the dance floor than many of us have ever seen.

A distinctive feature of the Festival is the extensive children's programme. There were 21 events, plus a spot the Crail Partan hunt, and games outside the Saturday market, all popular with locals and visitors alike. Most events were sold out well in advance and thoroughly enjoyed. Although the weather sometimes threatened the viability of outdoor events, all but one were successfully held.





## Looking ahead to the 2025 festival...

Already the committee, a blend of continuing and new members, is well on the way to completing the programme for 2025. The famous Scottish band Runrig will be the first-night attraction. Meditation sessions will again begin for six days. The tribute night will feature music of the 70s and there will be jazz performed by an international all-female group the Travelling Janes. And we are especially excited to be able to welcome back, after being unable to participate in 2024, our old friends the outdoor theatre group Illyria. They will perform Shakespeare's hilarious comedy *The Merry Wives of Windsor* in the grounds of Crail House. A great children's programme is again promised, almost complete already, comprising both familiar and new activities. And, as always, we are in need of volunteers to help the Festival run smoothly, enjoyably and safely. Please watch out for advance publicity about social gatherings for volunteers, experienced ones and those who would like to join us anew.



**And out of festival...** We look forward to welcoming back the German Chamber Orchestra who contributed to the 2023 Festival with a wonderful concert in Crail Parish Church. They will perform here again on Sunday 23 March 2025. Again, watch out for advance publicity.

# PUTTING GREEN

## "The Old Course of Putting Greens"

One of the many compliments the team of volunteers at Crail putting green has received over the 2024 season.



But, did you know.....

It was Crail Festival who resurrected Crail Putting Green 12 years ago and still maintain it. You could call us trailblazers, as after advice from Crail Festival, Levenmouth volunteers resurrected their putting green this summer.

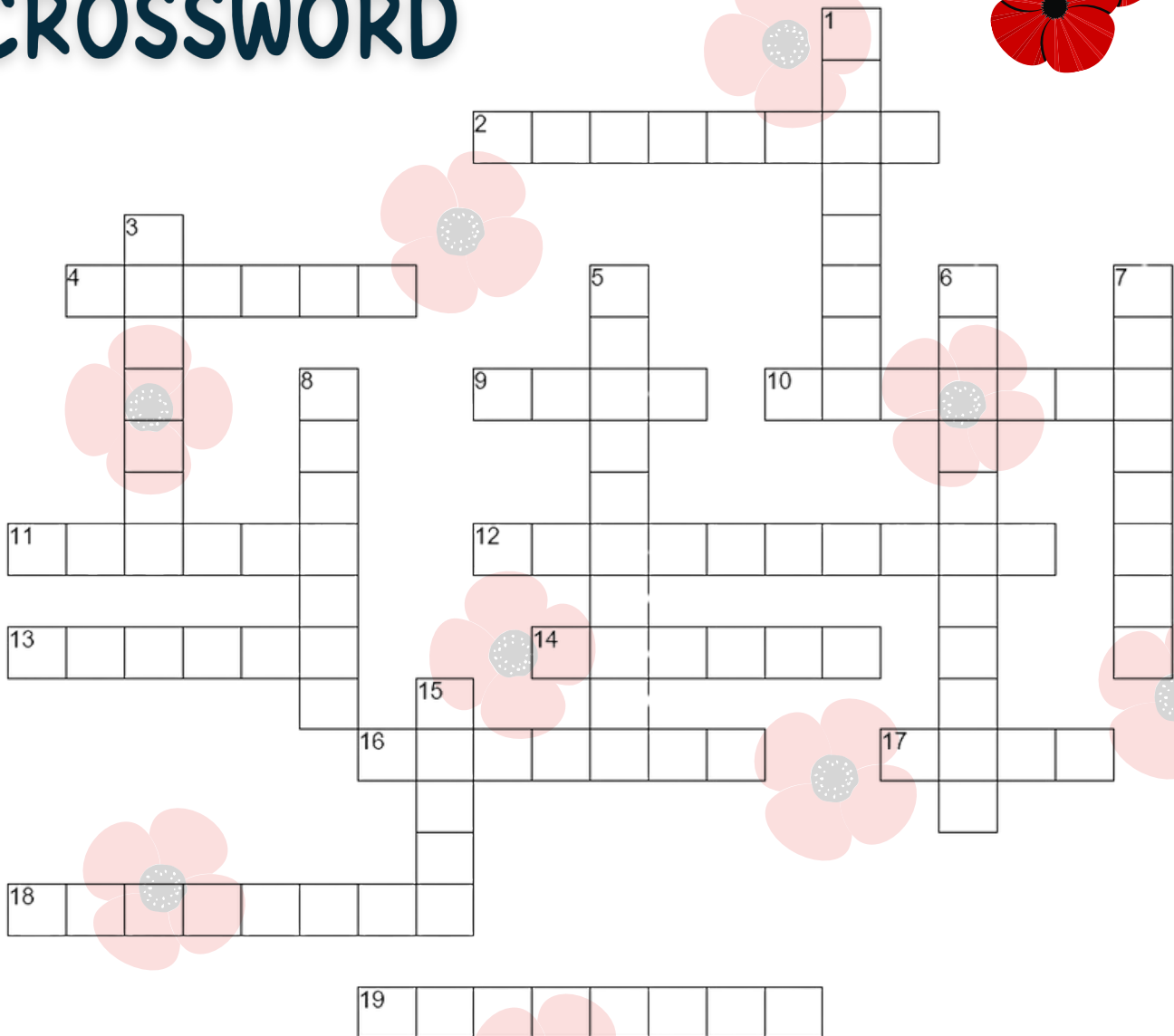
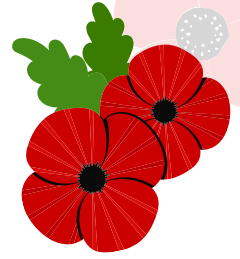
Of our 59 strong starting hut volunteers one is over 90 years old and we have 6 men and 2 women on the mowing team. The mowing team frequently use a whip to clear worm casts before mowing. Nearly £700 was spent this year on sharpening and maintaining the mower's cutting heads. CGS greenkeepers scarify, fertilise and spray soluble iron on the green in spring and autumn. 2024 has seen the best putting surface ever.

The cheery Honesty Box is working allowing conscientious players to play out of hours.

And to prove a point, putting is an activity for children, parents, grand parents and great grand parents to participate together as we see from the four generations below. A zillion thanks to all our Crail putting volunteers, one of the most successful volunteer groups in the Royal Burgh.



# REMEMBRANCE CROSSWORD



## Across

2. War Poem: In \_\_\_\_\_ Fields.
4. Lest we \_\_\_\_\_.
9. A group of people who fight on land.
10. Someone who has fought in a war.
11. A long hole dug into the ground where soldiers hid.
12. Wounded and dead.
13. Gas used in war.
14. Wire used in war.
16. Injured.
17. A group of people who fight on the sea.
18. A place where people are buried.
19. The month of Remembrance Day.

## Down

1. A group of people who fight in the air.
3. Bravery.
5. The area between the trenches.
6. What WWI was originally known as.
7. A statue or building to remember veterans.
8. Gun used in war.
15. A red flower that is a symbol of remembrance of the dead.





# ALL THINGS NATIVITY

Saturday 7th December 10.00- 4.00

Sunday 8th. December 1.30-4.00

How many Nativity sets can you get inside Crail Church? Last time we managed 57. Will we get more this time? We hope so. Come along and find out.

Come and join us for a festive celebration of all things Nativity. An exhibition guaranteed to get you in the mood for the festive season. Well loved family heirlooms from around the world, unusual materials, sizes and stories. If you have a Nativity set or anything Nativity based you would be willing to lend us for a weekend please get in touch with Diana 451790

Activity table for the children. Teas, Coffee and juice with donations in aid of Christian Aid

The background of the poster is a dark green night sky with white stars and snowflakes. At the top, there are colorful Christmas ornaments (stars, baubles) hanging from a string. On the sides, there are stylized Christmas trees decorated with lights and ornaments. At the bottom, there are wrapped gifts.

**Crail Primary  
Christmas Fair**

**Come along & join us  
on  
Saturday 7th December  
at  
Crail Community Hall  
2.30pm-5pm**

**Stalls, Raffle, Afternoon Tea  
& Refreshments**

**All proceeds go to  
Crail Parent Council Funds**



# CHRISTMAS EVENTS

**Crail Community Choir Concert**  
Crail Community Hall

Thursday 5th December



**All things Nativity Display**  
Crail Parish Church

Saturday 7th December 10.00- 4.00  
Sunday 8th. December 1.30-4.00.



**Nativity Service by Messy Church**  
Crail Parish Church

Sunday 15th December, 11.30am

**Christmas Eve Service**

Crail Parish Church  
24th December at 6.30 pm



**Crail Christmas Tree Lighting**  
Saturday 30th November  
5pm (Santa arrives 4.30pm)



**Christmas Gift Service**  
Crail Parish Church

Sunday 8th December, 11.30am

**Crail Primary School Xmas Fair**  
Crail Parish Church

Saturday 7th December  
2.30-5pm



**Service of Nine Lessons and Carols**  
Crail Parish Church

Sunday 22nd December  
2.30pm

**Christmas Day Service**

St Ayles Church  
25th December at 10.30 am





# CHRISTMAS LYRICS

Match the lyric on the left with the song on the right.

- 1 - "Bells on bobtails ring"
- 2 - "Noel, Noel, o night, o night divine"
- 3 - "Glory to the new-born king"
- 4 - "O come and behold Him"
- 5 - "I don't want a lot for Christmas"
- 6 - "Where the tree tops glisten"
- 7 - "Just slip a Sable under the tree for me"
- 8 - "In heaven, the bells are ringing"
- 9 - "Born is the King of Israel!"
- 10 - "Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child."
- 11 - "You girls and boys won't get any toys"
- 12 - "But the very next day you gave it away"
- 13 - "When the snowman brings the snow"
- 14 - "Oh, bring us some figgy pudding"
- 15 - "Mary was that mother mild"
- 16 - "Sleigh bells ring, are you listening?"
- 17 - "How still we see thee lie"
- 18 - "Now the jingle hop has begun"
- 19 - "'Tis the season to be jolly"
- 20 - "With a corn cob pipe & a button nose"
- 21 - "Underneath the mistletoe last night"
- 22 - "Later we'll have some pumpkin pie"
- 23 - "Ring out those bells tonight"
- 24 - "The stars in the bright sky"
- 25 - "Then one foggy Christmas Eve"

- A - Silent Night
- B - Jingle Bells
- C - Deck The Halls
- D - Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer
- E - O Holy Night
- F - Little Donkey
- G - Once in Royal David's City
- H - O Little Town of Bethlehem
- I - All I Want For Christmas Is You
- J - Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree
- K - White Christmas
- L - Ding Dong! Merrily on High
- M - Frosty the Snowman
- N - The First Noel
- O - Last Christmas
- P - I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus
- Q - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
- R - We Wish You A Merry Christmas
- S - Winter Wonderland
- T - Jingle Bell Rock
- U - Away in a Manger
- V - When Santa Got Stuck Up the Chimney
- W - Santa Baby
- X - I Wish It Could Be Christmas Everyday
- Y - O Come All Ye Faithful





# DATES FOR DIARY

16/10/2024	Widsdom & Wine 'Changing Seasons'	7pm	Crail Kirk Hall
30/10/2024	Messy Church	4.30pm - 6pm	Crail Kirk Hall
07/11/2024	Crail Guild	2pm	Crail Kirk Hall
10/11/2024	Remembrance Sunday Act of Remembrance	10.45am followed by Church Service	Crail Church Gates
10/11/2024	Soup & Sandwich Lunch	12 noon	Crail Kirk Hall
13/11/2024	Widsdom & Wine 'All will be well'	7pm	Crail Kirk Hall
27/11/2024	Messy Church	4.30pm - 6pm	Crail Kirk Hall
30/11/2024	Crail Christmas Tree Lighting	5pm (Santa arrives 4.30pm)	
30/11/2024	Guild Coffee Morning	10am - 12 noon	Crail Kirk Hall
03/12/2024	Kingsbarns Christmas Tree Lighting	5pm	
04/12/2024	Wisdom & Wine 'Mystery, Music & Messengers'	7pm	Crail Kirk Hall
05/12/2024	Crail Community Choir Concert		Crail Communnity Hall
06/12/2024	Crail Guild	2pm	Crail Kirk Hall
07/12/2024	All Things Nativity Display	10am - 4pm	Crail Parish Church
07/12/2024	Crail Primary School Xmas Fair	2.30pm - 5pm	Crail Communnity Hall
08/12/2024	All Things Nativity Display	1.30pm - 4pm	Crail Parish Church
08/12/2024	Bereavement Service	2.30pm	Cellardyke Church
08/12/2024	Christmas Gift Service	11.30am	Crail Parish Church
15/12/2024	Nativity Service	11.30am	Crail Parish Church
22/12/2024	Service of Nine Lessons & Carols	2.30pm	Crail Parish Church
24/12/2024	Christmas Eve Service	6.30pm	Crail Parish Church
25/12/2024	Christmas Day Service	10.30am	St Ayle Church
09/01/2025	Crail Guild	2pm	Crail Kirk Hall
29/01/2025	Messy Church	4.30pm - 6pm	Crail Kirk Hall

From Sunday 5th January 2025 services at Crail will be at 10.00 am and at St Ayle at 11.30 am unless otherwise advised.

