

***Parish*POST**

Craigiebuckler Parish Church of Scotland

Easter 2019

Holy Week and Easter:

Palm Sunday

11am Sunday 14th April

Holy Week:

The Seven Words from the Cross:

7pm Monday 15th April

7pm Tuesday 16th April

7pm Wednesday 17th April

Maundy Thursday

7pm Thursday 18th April

Communion; The Seven Words from the Cross

Good Friday

12 noon—3pm Friday 19th April

The church will be open with a short meditation each half hour.

7pm Friday 19th April

A joint service at Craigiebuckler Church

Easter Sunday

7am Sunday 21st April

Sunrise service at the cross in the Church garden, followed by bacon rolls in the Manse.

11am Sunday 21st April

All-age Worship for Easter

Our Christmas offering this last year went to the work of Aberdeen Cyrenians. Thanks to everyone who supported this and helped us raise £634.

Vanessa Wilhelm, Community and Events Fundraiser, wrote in the thank you letter which we received:

“Over Christmas and New Year, our Street Alternatives service increased its opening from providing hot meals 4 times a week to every day between 20 December and 6 January. Along with food, those who attend Street Alternatives also have access to showers, laundry facilities and support from a Resettlement Worker. During the period 476 meals were served, 70 showers taken, and 10 laundry cycles completed.

“Our Drop-In service also had 326 appointments in the two weeks leading up to Christmas and during the days between Christmas and New Year. The service offers advice and support on a range of issues for people affected by homelessness and, after individual assessments are made, provides food parcels, toiletry packs, clothing and some household goods to those in need.

“We simply couldn't do what we do without the support of people like you and can't thank you enough for choosing to support Aberdeen Cyrenians.”

Christian Aid Week

12th -19th May

This year Christian Aid week will be held from 12th – 19th May. On Sunday, 12th May we will hold our Christian Aid Service, finding out about some of Christian Aid's work around the world. There will be a Retiring Offering as well as a Soup and Bread Lunch. All monies raised go to support Christian Aid. Already this year we have sent £200 to Christian Aid which has come from the profits of our Sunday Fair Trade Stall.

During 2018 the total raised at Craigiebukler for Christian Aid was £2,655. An excellent result!

View from local Councillor, Martin Greig

The Craigiebukler area is a pleasant place for us to live in, where there is a friendly and hospitable atmosphere.

There are a few issues that affect our quality of life, such as transport-related problems. There has been a marked increase in traffic volumes in Springfield Road, Queens Road and Countesswells Road. The Western Peripheral Route was intended to reduce congestion. However, it is not clear what difference it will make to our streets.

I have been trying to find solutions to address the parking and safety issues at the Seafeld shops. Because of the layout, it is challenging to find answers.

People have complained to me about the poor state of roads and pavements. It has been possible to have some upgrading carried out but much more needs to be done.

This could be harsh winter, so I have been trying to ensure that public grit bins are kept full. Also, there is a "community salt bag" located in Countesswells Road near the junction of Countesswells Avenue. Any resident can use this salt to clear their pavement space. The advice is to collect the salt mix in a sealable container

Every resident should feel safe. Please remember to lock doors and windows, car, sheds, etc. Once in the house, the advice is to leave your keys somewhere safe and out of sight. There have been cases where thieves have stolen keys from vestibules because they were visible through the window or letterbox. We are fortunate to have a local police team who are vigilant and closely involved in what is happening locally. If you need to make contact, their non-emergency number is 101.

Please get in touch with any questions and comments. I will always try to help and welcome your feedback.

Best wishes, Martin
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Susie, the Steam Roller, by Alan Silver CEng, FICE, FCIHT



County Council steam rollers hark back to the early part of the 20th century, and survivors are now thin on the ground.

I have been involved in maintaining and driving steam engines for most of my life. Introduced to steam by my grandfather who was a thrashing contractor using Finella, a Fowler engine, as the source of power.

The road roller, Susie, is owned by Aberdeenshire Council and kept at Inverurie depot. The maintenance is carried out by a team of volunteers. The challenge is the annual inspection.

As part of the annual inspection the boiler is opened up and the safety and check valves are taken off. This allows the inspector to see inside and inspect the smoke tubes and check all the other fittings for signs of wear. Part of his job is to take measurements and compare the findings to those

taken the previous year.

Once he's satisfied himself that everything is ok we have to reassemble it all, before putting the engine under steam. This is to satisfy the inspector that the safety valve will blow off at the prescribed pressure. In Susie's case, this is 200 psi. Assuming the gauges are calibrated correctly, he will then issue a certificate. The whole process usually takes the best part of a day. Obviously, there is more work involved with the mandatory 10-year test. This is primarily to check the rusting away of the steel boiler and just about everything has to be dismantled.

Susie is one of the last of her type to be constructed at the Fowler plant in Leeds, roller no:19457 completed in 1931 and rated at 10 tons. Susie remained in service right up to 1968, when one of her last duties was working on the first Oldmeldrum bypass.

Communion and Mid-week Communion

The Service of Holy Communion will be held on Sunday 28th April at 11am and 2.30pm. A short service of Holy Communion will be held on Wednesday 27th March at 7pm in the Chancel of the Church.

Craigiebuckler Craft Fair

A Craft Fair at Craigiebuckler Church Halls will be held on Saturday 26th October from 10am until 4pm. Our previous Craft Fairs have been a great success. Currently, we are planning the hall layout, and encourage crafters who are interested in having a table to contact the Church office for bookings or further details.

Dates for your diary

March

6th Seniors Club at 2.00pm
20th Seniors Club Cinema 2.00pm
22nd Family Friday 6.00 pm
27th Mid-week Communion at 7pm
31st Sunday @ 4 in Mannofield Church

April

3rd Seniors Club at 2.00 pm
6th DAWGS Coffee Morning 10am – 12 Noon
13th Guild Coffee Morning 10am – 12 Noon
15th to 21st Holy Week
28th Holy Communion 11.00 am and 2.30 pm
28th Sunday @ 4 in Mannofield Church

May

1st Seniors Club at 2.00 pm
12th Christian Aid soup & bread lunch
12th to 19th Christian Aid Week
31st Orpheus Summer Concert at 7.30 pm

June

2nd Animal Blessing Service at 3.00 pm
5th Seniors Club at 2.00 pm
9th Praise in Hazlehead Park
21st NESMS Scholarship Concert at 7.30 pm

Guild Coffee Morning

The Guild Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 13th April from 10am to 12 noon in the Church Hall. There will be a cake and candy stall, chocolate stall, bric-a-brac and raffle stalls. Tickets cost £2.50 available from Guild members or at the door.

Seniors Club Programme

20th Mar - Cinema afternoon showing 'The Hundred Foot Journey'

3rd Apr - Simple Heraldry, cheerfully illustrated by Gordon Casely, followed by musical entertainment with Moira Downie

1st May -Harper Suspension Bridges by Douglas Harper, followed by musical entertainment

5th Jun -Mike Forbes-The Denburn to the sea.

All meetings are 2 to 4pm in the Church Hall, cost £2 and all Seniors are welcome.

Praise in the Park

On the afternoon of 9th June – Pentecost Sunday – the Cluster Group of local churches (Craigiebuckler, Cults, Kingswells, Holburn West, Mannofield and Peterculter) will hold a joint community event in Hazlehead Park. This will be planned along the lines of a festival event with broad appeal to all age groups. We will also have singing and music. Details to be announced later.



Charlie House

This year, it was decided that Charlie House would be a main beneficiary of the church's retiring collections. Charlie

Life is precious

House is a local children's charity which supports babies, children & young people with complex disabilities and life limiting conditions in NE Scotland. Currently, they are fundraising to build a specialist support centre at Woodend.

Annual Animal Blessing Service

Craigiebuckler Church
Springfield Road
ABERDEEN
Sunday 2th June
At 3pm

All animals with their human companions welcome.

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