

## WorshipZone

Human Rights or Human Needs?

January 17th Education

February 21st Love

March 20th Health

April 17th Faith

Café style worship held in the Church Hall at 7pm with interesting and informative guest speakers.

Come along and enjoy this relaxed and thought provoking worship.

## Midweek Communion in 2016

Wednesday 6th January

Wednesday 3rd February

Wednesday 2nd March

Wednesday 6th April

A short service at 7pm on the above dates in the Church.



Alison, our set designer, hard at work for our Christmas Show, Humbug, which the cast and crew have been busy preparing for.

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## Seniors' Club

The Craigiebuckler Seniors' Club meets in the church hall on the first Wednesday of every month, 2.00-4.00pm. Most meetings take the form of a guest speaker, tea/coffee and home-bakes, followed by musical entertainment, cost is £2. Our next meetings will be on the following Wednesdays:

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| December 2 | Christmas Party with musical entertainment from Hazlehead Academy, plus Christmas carols                      |
| January 6  | Scottish programme including the Fyfe Penni Piece   |
| February 3 | talk by Dr Derek Gray GP 'Strange but True' plus musical entertainment  |
| March 2    | talk by Ian Dow on 'An educational project in a school in Gambia' plus musical entertainment by Robert Wilson |

## The Guild—Be Bold, Be Strong

Craigiebuckler Guild meets fortnightly on Wednesdays. Women and men are most welcome to come and join us for any of our meetings in which you may be interested. The Guild is one of the largest membership organisations in Scotland and we work nationally supporting a number of projects at home and overseas. The programme for our meetings in the next few months is as follows:-

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| January 13th, 2 pm:  | Rubislaw Quarry – Hugh Black                                 |
| January 27th, 2 pm:  | Passage to Kamchatka – Celia Walker                          |
| February 10th, 2 pm: | Tillydrone Vision – Bill Mitchell                            |
| February 24th, 2 pm: | Eden Project to Cruickshank Gardens – Mark Paterson          |
| March 9th, 2 pm:     | The Story behind Craigiebuckler's Stained Glass – David Sell |
| March 9th, 7.30pm:   | Spring Rally at Midstocket Church                            |
| March 23rd, 7 pm:    | Dirt, Death and DNA – Prof Lorna Dawson                      |

THE CREATIVE EXPERIMENT PROUDLY PRESENTS  
**HUMBUG!**  
7PM SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER  
DOORS OPEN 6.30PM  
3PM SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER  
DOORS OPEN 2.30PM  
OUR MOST CHRISTMASSY PANTO SHOW YET!  
CRAIGIEBUCKLER CHURCH HALL, CRAIGIEBUCKLER AVENUE, ABERDEEN AB15 8AA SCO17158

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Craigiebuckler Parish Church

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**7.30pm Thursday 3rd December**  
*Children First Carol Concert*

**6.30pm Wednesday**  
**9th December**

*Hazlehead Primary School*  
*Christmas Music Concert*

**7pm Saturday 12th & 3pm**  
**Sunday 13th December**

*"Humbug", a pantomime performed by the young people of The Creative Experiment. Christmas Pies and Coffee will be served by the Social Committee.*

**Sunday 13th December at 11am**  
*All-Age Family Worship including Children @ Christmas Nativity*

**11am Sunday 20th December**  
*Nine Lessons and Carols with the Church Choir and Band.*

**6pm Wednesday 24th December**  
*Family Christmas Crib Service*

**11.30pm Wednesday 24th**  
**December**

*Watch Night Service*

**11am Thursday 25th December**  
*Worship for Christmas Day.*

*Full details inside*  
*this issue of Parish Post.*

*Christmas Greetings from the congregation of Craigiebuckler Parish Church*



# Parish Post



## Children First Carol Concert

Thursday 3rd December at 7.30pm

Come and enjoy a performance by The Ragamuffins and Leading Lights! Once again they will be with us at our Annual

Carol Concert in Craigiebuckler Church. After the Concert there will be the usual Mulled Wine and Mincemeat Pies to enjoy. Tickets £5 for Adults and £2 for children under 16 years of age will be available from the Church office or Rita Esson - Telephone 01224 861765.

## Aberdeen Orpheus Choir Christmas Concert

Friday 11th December at 7.30pm

Craigiebuckler Church

An evening of Christmas Music which will include audience participation in the singing of well-known carols. Conducted by Jane Murray with Erika Fairhead, Accompanist

Tickets £10.00 and £8.00 available from Top Note Music Shop, Craigiebuckler Church office or at the door.

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## Music in Church at Christmas



### by Harry Williamson Church Organist

Christmas is a very busy time for church musicians.

I'm fortunate to have a choir and praise band at Craigiebuckler and it is always a great pleasure to choose and arrange music for Christmas services. Many new carols have been written in the past 50 years so it is never a problem to vary the programme each year.

In addition to singing at

church services the choir is asked to present concerts at several other venues in the run-up to Christmas. On these occasions we enjoy performing popular modern Christmas songs in addition to the traditional carols.

There is such a variety of Christmas music that it is unfortunate that church choirs are becoming a rarity. However, there is a growth in community choirs and choral

groups, and singing with others is becoming a very popular pastime. I work with several singing groups and am delighted to see how people of all ages never tire of singing Christmas carols and songs. Music is a highlight of the festive season for me and I can truthfully say that I am looking forward to Christmas 2015 with the same enthusiasm as I have felt over the last 40 years as a church organist.

## Families group

Craigiebuckler Church has a number of task groups which help with its smooth running and communication. One of these is the Families Group, who provide contact between those who serve young people and the Kirk Session, as well as implementing new ideas and changes. We also have a wider remit to include the whole church family and community. Our activities have included increased coffees after the service—now every Sunday—Messy Church, as well as supporting the Parish Assistant in his work with young people. At present we are a very small group but are looking to grow. If you would like to find out more, have ideas for us to consider or would like to join us, please contact us via the church office - Tel: 01224 315649 or [office@craigiebuckler.org.uk](mailto:office@craigiebuckler.org.uk).

## Christmas Craft Fair



A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of Craigiebuckler Church's recent Christmas Craft Fair. Around 500 people attended the event, which raised over £1,600 for future improvements of the church facilities. There was a real buzz all day with beautiful crafts and wonderful coffees and teas. Look out for information about our Community event 2016 which we are about to start planning.

## Welcoming Rev. Brian Smith

Rev Brian and Dr Linda Smith have joined Craigiebuckler Parish Church for the next 6 months. Linda is a lecturer in Social Work at the Robert Gordon University and Brian joins us from the Methodist Church of Southern Africa where he was the Senior Minister at the Northfield Methodist Church in Benoni (near Johannesburg).

They have been married for nearly 35 years and have four children,

Jordan (32) a lawyer, Thandi (27) a media analyst, Keilah (24) busy writing her final exams in Social Work (Wits University) and Mika (19) who is with them in Aberdeen and currently touring Europe with a friend from South Africa. Brian says, "I am so grateful for the opportunity to spend the time of familiarisation at Craigiebuckler. Thank you for the warm welcome, Linda and I already feel part of the community. I look forward to learning about the 'Scottish way'. I have already been introduced

to 'nice pieces' and they were. I will add value wherever I can during these six months and thank you in anticipation for your patience and understanding during these months. I love what I do and I trust that this will show especially during this time."



## Dancers step lively for children's appeal

Craigiebuckler's Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (RSCDS) recently took part in the STV Children's Appeal. The annual event raises money for children across Scotland who are ill or care for other siblings to help them have a better quality of life.

To aid the appeal, the RSCDS ran ceilidhs across the country, and Craigiebuckler's dancers teamed up with the Airyhall dancers for a ceilidh in the church hall. We had a great evening of dancing, including the dance for Lorraine Kelly – Kelly's

Kapers – with music by Angela and Graham Berry and Emma Allsop as the Ceilidh Caller.

Andrea Brymer from STV came along to film our event for the TV Appeal programme - we were featured for all of 10 seconds but we made it on! We were invited to the live event and five of our dancers went along. The girls even got to meet Nicola Sturgeon on the night.

We all enjoyed our evening of dancing and managed to raise £250.00 for the appeal.



## Christmas Eve

6pm Thursday  
24th December

An early evening service for the whole family. Again, this year, we will celebrate the birth of Jesus with an impromptu Nativity. So come along dressed as a character from the Christmas Story or costumes will be provided. A fun way to remember whose birthday this is.

10.30pm Thursday 24th  
December

Our traditional pre-service mulled wine and Christmas cake will be served in the Church Hall from 10.30pm. This will be followed by the Watch Night Service which will be held in the Church beginning at 11.30pm. A retiring offering will be taken for the work of Christian Aid.

## Christmas Day

11am Friday 25th  
December

Join with us to celebrate Jesus' birthday in our Christmas Day All-Age Service beginning at 11am. Bring along something you have received from Santa for all to see!

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