

**PRESS RELEASE BY THE THREE CHURCHES IN THE PARISH OF CRUDEN**  
*Cruden Church of Scotland, St James Episcopal Church, Cruden Bay Congregational Church*

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## **CRUDEN CHURCHES CELEBRATING 1,000 YEARS**

Almost 150 people attended the first event organised by the Cruden Churches to celebrate 1,000 years of worship in the parish, the first chapel being built in 1012 and dedicated to St Olaf.

An open air service took place on St Olaf's Day – 29 July - beside St Olaf's Well adjacent to the 17th fairway of Cruden Bay Golf Course and was led by the Episcopal Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney, the Rt Rev Bob Gillies assisted by the parish ministers. A BBC camera was present and the service was featured in the following day's Reporting Scotland on BBC television.

Many of those attending stayed on to enjoy refreshments in the Golf clubhouse after the service.

The Churches were grateful for the cooperation extended to them by Cruden Bay Golf Club Council.



Approximately 150 people joined in the worship by St Olaf's Well on Cruden Bay Golf Course



Leading the worship were the Rev Canon Peter Mander, the Rt Rev Bob Gillies and the Rev Rodger Neilson

The second of the three events planned by the Churches to celebrate the 1,000 years is a FLOWER FESTIVAL and takes place on the weekend of 18 and 19th August. On both the Saturday and Sunday the Churches will be open from 10 am to 5 pm. Visitors on the Saturday will be offered refreshments at the different churches. On the Sunday, the Churches will hold their usual services when visitors will be most welcome.

Speaking on behalf of the three churches involved, the Rev Rodger Neilson said "It is expected that visitors will spend the day going round all three churches, learning as they go something of their history. For example, featured at Cruden Parish Church will be a large marble slab thought to have covered the grave of a Danish prince in 1012."



### **St James Episcopal Church**

**Refreshment will be available on the Saturday in the AFTERNOON**

**Sunday Service  
9.30 am**



### **Cruden Bay Congregational Church**

**Refreshment will be available on the Saturday in the MORNING**

**Sunday Service  
11 am**



### **Cruden Parish Church**

**Soup & sweet will be available on the Saturday at LUNCHTIME**

**Sunday Service  
10 am**