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Celebrating 1,000 years

Celebratory events to mark 1,000 years of Christian Worship in Cruden Parish in North East Scotland.

The Churches of Cruden invite you to join them for a celebration of 1,000 years of Christianity in the Parish of Cruden

It was in 1012 that there took place around the sand dunes of Cruden Bay the Battle of Crochdane between the Scots and the Danes. After the battle, out of sorrow for the many left dead on the battlefield, there was established a chapel dedicated to St Olaf.

So in 1012, Christian worship started in Cruden and has continued to the present day. The Churches of Cruden want to celebrate this millennial anniversary by holding three events described on the next 3 pages.

29 July 2012 9:30 am

Outdoor Service



ST OLAF'S WELL

This will take place on St Olaf's day near the site (precise location no longer known) of the first Christian chapel in Cruden parish, built on the dunes where the Battle took place.

By the 17th hole on Cruden Bay golf course, there still exists today St Olaf's Well and, by permission of the Golf Club, we will worship beside it.

The Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney will celebrate the Eucharist and all are invited to come along. Cars can be parked in the golf course car park or driven down to the green keeping huts next to St Olaf's Well.

After the service tea and coffee will be freely provided by the Churches in the Clubhouse (and bacon rolls may be bought).

We gratefully acknowledge the courtesy and cooperation of Cruden Bay Golf Club Council without whose help the service on 29 July could not take place. The Council has agreed that in the event of wet weather the service can take place in the clubhouse overlooking the site of the battle.

18 / 19 August 2012 *Flower Festival Weekend*



CRUDEN BAY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



ST JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

From 10 am to 5 pm you can visit the three parish churches enhanced by the many flower arrangements and accompanied by information on the 1,000 years history. There will be an opportunity in each church to make a donation to help defray costs.

Saturday

Refreshment will be available on the Saturday as follows :

Morning - Congregational Church

Lunchtime - Cruden Parish Church

Afternoon - St James Church

Sunday

Please note that the usual services will take place in the Churches on the Sunday as follows

9:30 am St James

10 am Cruden Parish Church

11 am Congregational Church

28 October 2012 11 am *Thanksgiving Service*



CRUDEN PARISH CHURCH

After the first chapel was buried by sand, another was built not far from the Water of Cruden as it flows into Cruden Bay. The third church site is where the present Cruden Parish Church, the oldest church building in the parish, stands.

Guest Preacher at this service in the Parish Church will be the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland - the Right Reverend Albert Bogle.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated and all are welcome to attend. Tea and coffee will be available after the service.

If you would like to come along to any of these events uniting the three parish churches, please do so. We will be delighted to have you share with us on these special occasions.

Further information may be had from

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