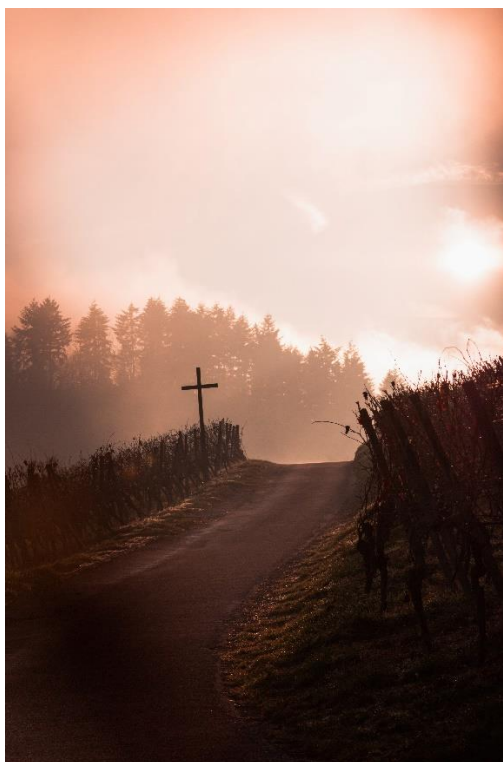


**Cruden Parish Church of Scotland
10.00am, Sunday 1st August 2021
'Listening to the heart of God – lament!'**



Welcome & Introduction.

Welcome to Cruden Parish Church! We are a congregation of the Church of Scotland serving the communities in and around the villages of Longhaven, Hatton, Cruden Bay and Whinnyfold. We also extend a special welcome to those unable to be physically present with us this morning and following the service online. Wherever you are and whatever your circumstances, we pray that you may know God's blessing and presence during this time of worship.

Call to Worship

Our God is the everlasting God, Creator of the ends of the earth.

God does not faint or grow weary.

God's understanding is unsearchable.

God gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.

Those who wait for God will renew their strength

They will soar on wings like eagles.

They will run and not grow tired,

They will walk and not become weary

Let us worship God

Hymn 137 All things bright and beautiful

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.*

- 1 Each little flower that opens,
 Each little bird that sings,
 He made their glowing colours,
 He made their tiny wings.
- 2 The purple-headed mountains,
 The river running by,
 The sunset and the morning
 That brightens up the sky.
- 3 The cold wind in the winter,
 The pleasant summer sun,
 The ripe fruits in the garden,
 He made them every one.
- 4 He gave us eyes to see them,
 And lips that we might tell
 How great is God Almighty,
 Who has made all things well.

Prayers of Approach & Lord's Prayer

***Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours
now and forever.
Amen***

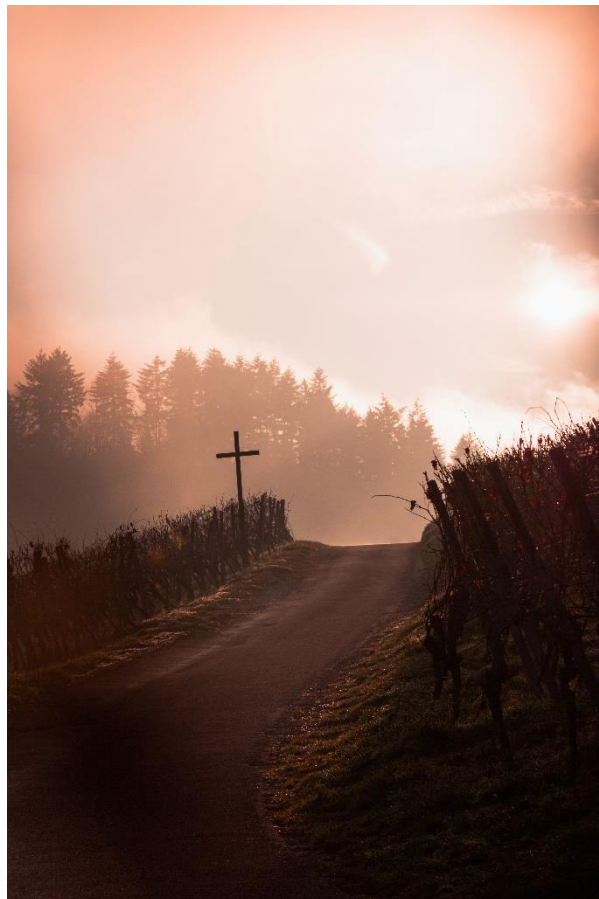
Bible Reading- Psalm 137

By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept
when we remembered Zion.
There on the poplars
we hung our harps,
for there our captors asked us for songs,

our tormentors demanded songs of joy;
they said, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"

How can we sing the songs of the LORD
while in a foreign land?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
may my right hand forget its skill.
May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth
if I do not remember you,
if I do not consider Jerusalem
my highest joy.

Remember, LORD, what the Edomites did
on the day Jerusalem fell.
"Tear it down," they cried,
"tear it down to its foundations!"
Daughter Babylon, doomed to destruction,
happy is the one who repays you
according to what you have done to us.
Happy is the one who seizes your infants
and dashes them against the rocks.



Sermon 'Listening to the heart of God – lament!'

Hymn The Lord's my shepherd

- 1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone.
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

- 2 He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.
- 3 And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

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Prayers of Intercession

Hymn 251 I the Lord of sea and sky

- 1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark or sin
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?
*Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

- 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain.
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Dismissal and Blessing

*Now to him who is able
to keep you from stumbling
and to present you blameless
before the presence of his glory with great joy,
to the only God, our Saviour,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
be glory, majesty,
dominion, and authority,
before all time and
now and forever. Amen. (Jude 24–25)*

Go in peace

May the blessing of God,
the Father, the Son
and the Holy Spirit
Be with you all forever more.
Amen



Cruden Parish Church News

Although the church is now open, Covid restrictions are still in place. We appreciate your support in maintaining social distancing, the wearing of facemasks, and sitting in the marked spaces. Also, a special thanks to our volunteers on door duty and providing an enhanced cleaning regime. The service will also be broadcast live via the Facebook Page and be available for later viewing. If you would like a copy of the Order of Service, which includes the words of the readings, hymns, intimations etc., please contact Sean.

Walking for health and well-being

We meet this Tuesday (3rd August) at 10.00 am outside the St Olaf Hotel for our usual summer social walk! Everyone welcome.

'On your marks!' Summer Holiday Club

Our holiday club runs from Wednesday 11th to Friday 13th August 2021 at Mill Park, Station Road, Cruden Bay. For more info, please speak to Sean (07791 755976) or Janet (07790 934031) for more info.

Picnic in the Park – Sunday 15th August (run by the Cruden Bay Community Association)



Sponsored Walk for Christian Aid – 2.00 PM, Sunday 22nd August at Bennachie Visitor Centre



On the afternoon of Sunday 22nd August Magnus and Melville (Sean & Alison's mischievous Westie and adorable Golden Retriever) will be doing a sponsored walk for Christian Aid up Bennachie. Dogs and well-behaved humans are also welcome! Why not bring a picnic? We meet up at 2.00 pm at Bennachie Visitor Centre (AB51 5HY)

You can support Magnus & Melville in church via the sponsorship form or on-line at [Sean Swindells is fundraising for Christian Aid \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/SeanSwindells)

FREE SUMMER FITNESS SESSIONS!



At Mill Park, Station Road, Cruden Bay

6.15 pm, Wednesday 11th, 18th 25th August, 2021

Complete beginners especially welcome (16+)

All equipment & clear instruction provided!

Why not come along with a friend...



More details contact

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