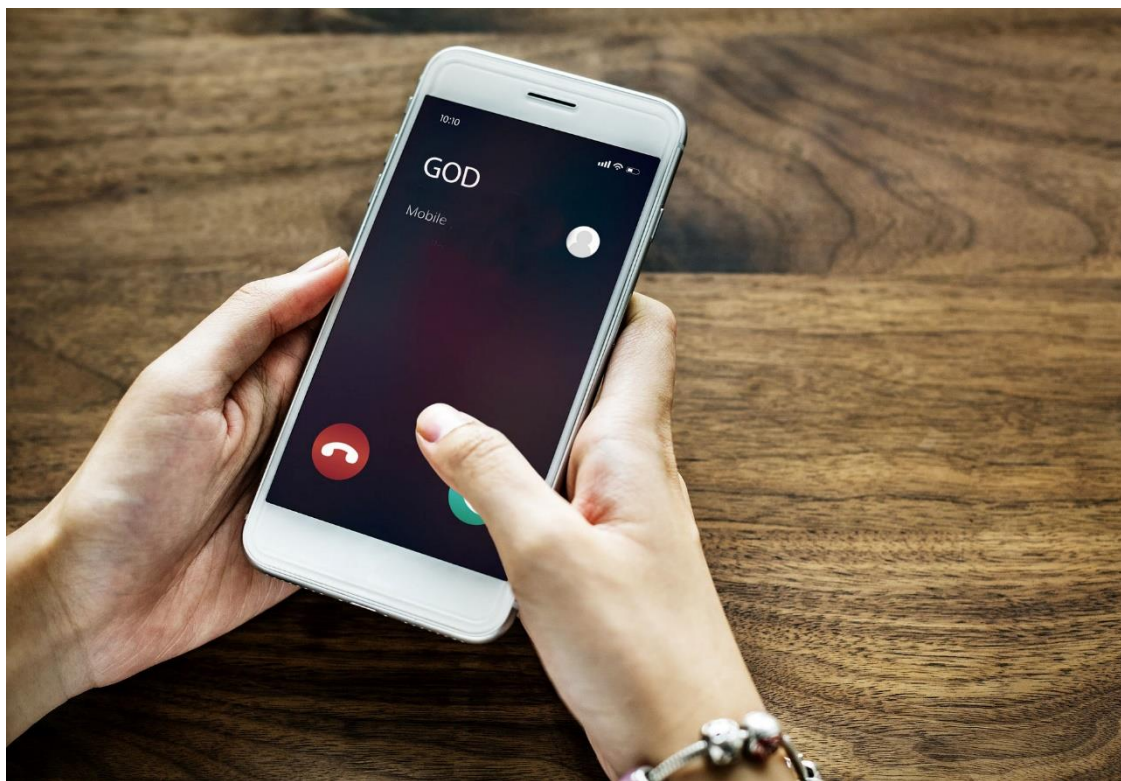


**Cruden Parish Church of Scotland  
10.00am, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021  
'Listening to the heart of God – vocation (part 2)!'**



**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**

God of the open road,  
**God of the twisting path,**  
God of the narrow and upward way,  
**your people are gathered for worship!**  
In this hour, give us provision for the journey,  
**courage and faith and compassion,**  
**and endurance to face any hardship.**  
Open our eyes to see you walking beside us,  
**protecting us, encouraging us, loving us.**

Let us worship God

## **Hymn 485 Dear Lord and Father of mankind**

- 1      Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
         forgive our foolish ways!  
         Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
         in purer lives thy service find,  
         in deeper reverence, praise;  
         in deeper reverence, praise.
- 2      In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
         beside the Syrian sea,  
         the gracious calling of the Lord,  
         let us, like them, without a word,  
         rise up and follow thee;  
         rise up and follow thee.
- 3      O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
         O calm of hills above,  
         where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
         the silence of eternity  
         interpreted by love!  
         interpreted by love!
- 4      Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
         till all our strivings cease;  
         take from our souls the strain and stress,  
         and let our ordered lives confess  
         the beauty of thy peace;  
         the beauty of thy peace.
- 5      Breathe through the heats of our desire  
         thy coolness and thy balm;  
         let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
         speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
         O still, small voice of calm;  
         O still, small voice of calm.

## **Prayers of Approach**

Before we speak, God knows our needs,  
yet our words open our hearts to God's grace.  
Let us prepare ourselves for God's healing  
as, in words and silence, we tell of all that separates us from God and one another.

Please join me as we pray...

## **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 Readings**

### **Matthew 16:13-20 Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah**

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”  
Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

### **Matthew 28:16-20 The Great Commission**

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”



### **Sermon 'Listening to the heart of God – vocation!'**

#### **Hymn 641 seek ye first**

- 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness;  
And all these things shall be added unto you.  
allelu, allelujah!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 2 Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
Seek, and you shall find.  
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.  
allelu, allelujah!

- 3 Man shall not live by bread alone,  
But by every word  
That proceeds out from the mouth of God.  
allelu, allelujah!

#### **Church News** (Printed at the end of the Order of Service)

#### **Prayers of Intercession**

#### **Hymn 465 Be thou my vision**

- 1 Be Thou my vision, oh Lord of my heart  
Nought be all else to me, save that Thy art  
Thou my best thought, in the day and the night  
Waking or sleeping, Thou presence my light

- 2      Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word  
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me Lord  
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one
- 3      Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight  
Be Thou my dignity, thou my delight  
Thou my soul shelter, and Thy my high tower  
Raise Thou me heavenwards, ) power of my power
- 4      Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance through all of my days  
Thou and Thou only, though first in my heart  
High king of heaven, my treasure Thou art
- 5      High king of heaven, after victory is won  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my vision, O ruler of all

### **Dedication and Blessing**

May we make wise choices, O God.  
May we choose life over selfishness.  
May we choose hope over comfort.  
May we choose justice over complacency.  
May we choose you over all other things.  
May we choose to speak  
when others are silent.  
May we choose to live peacefully  
when others are at war.  
May we choose to live in balance  
when others take for themselves.  
May we choose you over all other things.  
May we choose love over greed.  
May we choose grace over power.  
May we choose forgiveness over grudges.  
May we choose you over all other things.  
So that you choose us to be yours  
always and forever. Amen.

God in peace from this space of worship.

May the blessing of God the Father,  
the companionship of Jesus Christ,  
and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.  
Be with you all forever more.

**Amen**



### **Cruden Parish Church News**

Although many of the Covid restrictions have been eased, we continue to appreciate your support in maintaining social distancing, the wearing of facemasks, and (for the moment) 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. A copy of the Order of Service, which includes the words of the responses, readings, hymns, intimations etc., are available via the church website, facebook page or on request via email.

### **Kirk Session**

The Kirk Session meets on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August at 7.00 pm in the church.

### **Walking for health and well-being**

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



**Picnic in the Park – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August (run by the Cruden Bay Community Association)**

*Cruden Bay Community Association*

Bring your own Picnic to Mill Park

From 12.30pm Sunday 15th August

**What will be happening and when?**

12.30pm We will be ready to welcome you

13.00pm Children's Songs from Catriona Molver

13.30pm Our fun races start

- Obstacle Race
- Egg and Spoon Race - Please provide your own egg and spoon to take part
- Dress up race
- Adult Dress Up Race
- Sack Race

**\*\*All entrants will receive a medal so please message CBCA your name and age by 10th August to take part\*\***

14.30pm Children's Songs from Catriona Molver

15.00pm Magic and Balloon Modelling from Dean and Victoria

4.00pm Close

This is a donation funded event and is completely free to join in any aspect. Please let us know if you are attending and how many are in your party so we can ensure we have enough picnic spots.

**Contact CBCA Facebook Messenger to take part**

@crudenbaycommunityassociation

**Sponsored Walk for Christian Aid – 2.00 PM, Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at Bennachie Visitor Centre**



On the afternoon of Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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/Sean-Swindells-is-fundraising-for-Christian-Aid)