

**Cruden Parish Church of Scotland  
10.00am, Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021  
'Vocation and the Mission of God!'**



**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 (Psalm 84: 1-4)**

How lovely is your dwelling place, LORD Almighty!  
***My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.***  
Even the sparrow has found a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may have her young—  
***a place near your altar,  
LORD Almighty, my King and my God.***  
Blessed are those who dwell in your house,  
***they are ever praising you.***

Let us worship God

**Hymn 522 The Church is wherever God's people are praising**

- 1 The Church is wherever God's people are praising,  
knowing they're wanted and loved by their Lord.  
The Church is wherever Christ's followers are trying  
to live and to share out the good news of God.

- 2      The Church is wherever God's people are loving,  
         where all are forgiven and start once again,  
         where all are accepted, whatever their background,  
         whatever their past and whatever their pain.
- 3      The Church is wherever God's people are seeking  
         to reach out and touch folk wherever they are --  
         conveying the Gospel, its joy and its comfort,  
         to challenge, refresh, and excite and inspire.
- 4      The Church is wherever God's people are praising,  
         knowing we're wanted and loved by our Lord.  
         The Church is where we as Christ's followers are trying  
         to live and to share out the good news of God.

### **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 'Vocation and the mission of God!'**

#### **Hymn 213 Every new morning**

1 Every new morning  
God gives us freely  
hearts that are thankful,  
strength for the task,  
people who love us,  
joy in our service,  
all we have need of  
if we but ask.

2 God will be with us  
In all our thinking,  
in all our speaking,  
in all we do;

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and as we praise him  
by all our actions,  
he will be with us,  
seeing us through.

- 3     God in the morning,  
      God in the noontide,  
      God in the evening,  
      throughout the day;  
      God is within us,  
      and all around us,  
      behind, before us  
      all of the way.

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

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Hymn 448** Lord the light of Your love is shining

- 1     Lord the light of Your love is shining  
      In the midst of the darkness shining  
      Jesus Light of the world shine upon us  
      Set us free by the truth You now bring us  
      Shine on me (clap) shine on me

*Shine Jesus shine  
Fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze Spirit blaze  
Set our hearts on fire  
Flow river flow  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy  
Send forth Your word  
Lord and let there be light*

- 2     Lord I come to Your awesome presence  
      From the shadows into Your radiance  
      By the blood I may enter Your brightness  
      Search me try me consume all my darkness  
      Shine on me shine on me
- 3     As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
      So our faces display Your likeness  
      Ever changing from glory to glory  
      Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story  
      Shine on me (clap) shine on me

**Dismissal and Blessing**

May the babe of Bethlehem bring you peace.  
May the child of Nazareth bring you joy.  
May the man of Galilee bring you strength.  
May the Christ of Calvary bring you courage.  
May the risen Jesus bring you hope  
And the ascended Christ a foretaste of His glory.

Go in peace

And the blessing of God the Father,  
God the Son and God the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all forevermore.

**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.

### **Summer Holiday Club**

A big thankyou to everybody who supported our recent summer holiday club. It was a great success and well supported by the local community. All the children had an enjoyable time, and many parents expressed their appreciation. A special thankyou to everyone who supported the holiday club in prayer.

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### **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.

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



This afternoon (Sunday 22<sup>n</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)

### **Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance**

NHS Grampian Chaplaincy Team have decided this year to have an in- person Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance. The service isn't specifically to remember people who have died from COVID-19 - though it may include them - but it is to remember all our loved ones who have died, of any cause, in any of the Grampian hospitals or units in this past year at Foresterhill, Dr Gray's, Roxburghe House, Woodend Hospital, Royal Cornhill Hospital or any of the Community Hospitals.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the 2020 Service was recorded and made available through Social Media. This year, we will return to our usual venue at Queens Cross Church, Aberdeen on the second Sunday in September - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021 - at 3.00pm.

We are restricting the numbers in the Church to 70 and if you wish to attend, we would ask you to book your place by e-mailing: [gram.chaplaincy@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.chaplaincy@nhs.scot) by noon on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

Please give us your name, number in your party (maximum of 4) and your contact telephone number. If you have booked a place and find nearer the time of the Service that you cannot attend, please email [gram.chaplaincy@nhs.scot](mailto:gram.chaplaincy@nhs.scot)

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