

Cruden Parish Church of Scotland
10.00am, Sunday 22nd August 2021

‘So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.’ (2 Cor 4:18)



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)

We gather to worship the Lord.
Not with empty rituals.
Not with doctrines and traditions.
But with all our hearts.

We gather to worship the Lord.
With ears ready to listen.
With hearts ready to receive.
With faith ready for action.

We gather to worship the Lord.
God is good.
His ways are beyond our understanding
His mercies are new every morning.

Let us worship God

Hymn Colours of day

- 1 Colours of day dawn into the mind,
The sun has come up, the night is behind.
Go down in the city, into the street,
And let's give the message to the people we meet.

*So light up the fire and let the flame burn,
Open the door, let Jesus return.
Take seeds of His Spirit, let the fruit grow,
Tell the people of Jesus, let His love show.*

- 2 Go through the park, on into the town;
The sun still shines on, it never goes down.
The light of the world is risen again;
The people of darkness are needing a friend.

- 3 Open your eyes, look into the sky,
The darkness has come, the Son came to die.
The evening draws on, the sun disappears,
But Jesus is living, His Spirit is near.

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

Psalm 139 - For the director of music. Of David. A psalm.

You have searched me, LORD,
and you know me.
You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.
You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.
Before a word is on my tongue
you, LORD, know it completely.
You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.

For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.
My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.
How precious to me are your thoughts, God!
How vast is the sum of them!
Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand—
when I awake, I am still with you.

Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

2 Corinthians 4: 16-18

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.



Sermon "Living the God shaped life!"

Hymn I cannot tell

1. I cannot tell why He, whom angels worship,
Should set His love upon the sons of men,
Or why, as Shepherd, He should seek the wanderers,
To bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that He was born of Mary,
When Bethlehem's manger was His only home,
And that He lived at Nazareth and laboured,
And so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.
- 2 I cannot tell how silently He suffered,
As with His peace He graced this place of tears,
Or how His heart upon the Cross was broken,
The crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, He heals the broken-hearted,
And stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
And lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
For yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.
- 3 I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
When, at His bidding, every storm is stilled,
Or who can say how great the jubilation
When all the hearts of men with love are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
And myriad, myriad human voices sing,
And earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer:
At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King.

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

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn Give thanks with a grateful heart

- 1 Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
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Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son
Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son

2 And now let the weak say, I am strong
Let the poor say, I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us
And now let the weak say, I am strong
Let the poor say, I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us

3 Give thanks with a grateful heart
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Jesus Christ, His Son
Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son

Give thanks.

Dismissal and Blessing

As we go from this space,
give us eyes to see afresh the beauty of creation,
give us ears that are quick to listen,
give us mouths that are slow to speak,
give us hands whose actions are compassionate,
give us feet to walk only with You,
and give us a heart to know and share the blessing of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
that the whole world may be transformed.

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 using the hand sanitiser on entering and leaving the building, the wearing of facemasks etc. 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.

Pastoral Cover

Sean will be away on holiday for the next two weeks. Pastoral cover is being provided by Ms. Ali MacLeod, tel. 01771 622992, email mcleoda2@gmail.com

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



Many thanks for your generous support for last Sunday's sponsored walk up Bennachie. The doggie duo, Melville and Magnus were joined by Robert and Maureen. The total raised to date is slightly more than £400.00 for Christian Aid.

Over the next few weeks, Sean will be joining the Christian Aid Team on the Great North Run and London Marathon.

You can still 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 12th 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 by noon on Friday 10th September 2021.

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

For further information, please contact: 01224 553316 gram.chaplaincy@nhs.scot