

Cruden Parish Church of Scotland
10.00am, Sunday 12th September 2021

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called in one glorious hope for the future. (Ephesians 4:4)



Welcome & Call to Worship

Almighty God, Creator, and Ruler of all,
we come this day to worship You
and to ask Your guidance upon our lives.

We come to be still,
we come to listen,
we come to be noisy,
and we come to offer ourselves to You.

Prepare our hearts to receive Your word
and up lift our spirits as we spend time together worshipping You,
so that when we leave this place of worship
we may feel renewed and refreshed

.Let us worship God!

CH4 510 Jesus calls us here to meet him

Jesus calls us here to meet him
as ,through word and song and prayer,
we affirm God's promised presence
where his people live and care.
Praise the God who keeps his promise;

praise the Son who calls us friends;
praise the spirit who, among us,
to our hopes and fear attends.

Jesus calls us to confess him
Word of life and Lord of all,
sharer of our flesh and frailness,
saving all who fail or fall.
Tell his holy human story;
tell his tales that all may hear;
tell the world that Christ in glory
came to earth to meet us here.

Jesus calls us to each other,
vastly different though we are;
creed and colour, class and gender
neither limit nor debar.
Join the hand of friend and stranger;
join the hands of age and youth;
join the faithful and the doubter
in their common search for truth.

Prayers of approach and 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*

Readings: Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God;

the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.
They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.

Yet their voice ^b goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.
In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

It rises at one end of the heavens
and makes its circuit to the other;
nothing is deprived of its warmth.

The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul.
The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.

The precepts of the LORD are right,
giving joy to the heart.
The commands of the LORD are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever.
The decrees of the LORD are firm,
and all of them are righteous.

They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.

By them your servant is warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can discern their own errors?
Forgive my hidden faults.

Keep your servant also from willful sins;
may they not rule over me.
Then I will be blameless,

innocent of great transgression.

May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight,
LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Mark 8: 22 – 30

Jesus Heals a Blind Man at Bethsaida

They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?"

He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around."

Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. Jesus sent him home, saying, "Don't even go into^[a] the village."

Peter Declares That Jesus Is the Messiah

Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Peter answered, "You are the Messiah."

Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

CH4 237 Look forward in faith

Look forward in faith,
All time is in God's hand.
Walk humbly with him
And trust his future plan.
God has wisely led
his people by his power.
Look forward in hope,

he gives us each new hour.

Look forward in faith,
the world is in God's care.
His purpose of love
he calls on us to share.
In our neighbour's need
the Lord is present still.
He blesses the meek!
The earth will know his will.

Look forward in faith,
God gives us life each day.
Go onward with Christ,
his Spirit guides our way.
Now God lets us live
within the sphere of grace.
Trust ever in him,
he rules o'er earth and space!

Sermon The Hope of the world

CH4 533 Will you come and follow me

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Will you leave your self behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare,
will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Church news

Prayers of intercession

CH4 512 To God be the glory.

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory! Great things he hath done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
for every offender who truly believes,

that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Dismissal and blessing

The God who called us here
is now sending us out into the world
to put the words we have heard into action.

**As we have worshipped together
now let us leave here renewed and refreshed
to share the good news with those we meet.**

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

Amen



Church News

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.

Holiday

Sean is back from holiday tomorrow and will be back leading us in worship next Sunday.

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.

Shoe Box Appeal 2021



Thanks to many generous people I have been collecting things for shoe boxes all year. As of writing this I have 16 complete boxes and over 30 partially filled boxes. There are still some hats and scarves from the craft group, in spite of them being unable to meet. Items most needed to complete boxes are, toothpaste, tooth brushes, facecloths, sweets and small toys or games. Full boxes are always welcome. For a list of suitable items and to drop off boxes or items please contact Rosemary Reid, 11 Manse Road, Hatton; tel. no. 01779 841531. The final date for collection is 31st October