

**Cruden Parish Church of Scotland
10.30 am, Sunday 14th November 2021
'Remembrance Sunday'**



Call to Worship

We come together today to remember:

To remember with thanks

those who have given their lives in service of others.

To remember with sadness

the suffering, destruction and pain caused by human conflict.

***We come also to commit ourselves to be peacemakers and
peacekeepers wherever we can.***

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary they shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40.31

Let us worship God

Hymn 161 O God our help in ages past

- 1 Our God, our Help in ages past,
 our Hope for years to come,
 our Shelter from the stormy blast,
 and our eternal Home.
- 2 Under the shadow of Thy throne
 Thy saints have dwelt secure;
 sufficient is Thine arm alone,
 and our defence is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood
 or earth received its frame,
 from everlasting Thou art God,
 to endless years the same.

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- 4 A thousand ages in Thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our Help in ages past,
our Hope for years to come,
be Thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal Home!

Opening Prayer

Bible Reading Ephesians 6:10-18 (The armour of God)

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled round your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Sermon 'Things worth fighting for!'

Poem A Sough o' War by Charles Murray (Mrs Shonah Taylor)

Hymn 528 Make me a channel of your peace

- 1 Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring Your love;
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
And where there's doubt true faith in You.
- O master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved, as to love with all my soul*
- 2 Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light;

and where there's sadness, ever joy.

- 3 Make me a channel of Your peace.
 It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
 in giving of ourselves that we receive;
 and in dying that we're born to Eternal life.



Act of Remembrance

My command is this: love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. (John 15:13)

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.

We will remember them.

Two Minute Silence

Ever-living God
we remember those whom you have
gathered
from the storm of war into the peace of
your presence.
may that same peace
calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

On this Remembrance Day we want to commemorate all who have died that we may live.

For all who suffered pain *that we might know joy.*

For all who had to cope with being in prison *that we might know freedom.*

For all those who willingly served in the armed services or on the home front, sacrificing what they wanted *so that we can live in peace.*

And now let's pray for those who are currently serving in wars and conflicts

For those facing the unknown, *give them courage.*

For those struggling with physical exhaustion, *give them strength.*

For those serving in desperate situations, *give them hope.*

For those leading others and making difficult decisions, *give them wisdom*
and for the families left at home, *give them comfort.*

Let us remember those places where people are denied their freedom, where children, especially girls, are forbidden to attend school.

Let us remember those places where people are brutalised by violence and denied justice.

Let us remember those places where there is corrupt or incompetent governance.

Let us remember those places where there is grinding poverty and no hope or expectation of improvement.

Let us remember the refugees, all who are fleeing violence and persecution.

Let us pray for our nation, for Aberdeenshire Council, Parliaments at Holyrood and Westminster, Elizabeth our Queen and all who volunteer and serve our communities.

We pray for ourselves

*Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love:
May we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people,
And live lives of justice, courage, and mercy. Amen*

*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*

Hymn Guide me o thou great Jehovah

- 1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till my want is o'er.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain,
where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be thou still my strength and shield.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside!
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side!
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.

Dismissal & Blessing

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called children of God."

As we leave this place of commemoration and worship,
go out in the world as sons and daughters of God.

May God grant you the vision, strength, and courage
to proclaim Jesus' message of peace and love, justice and reconciliation.

May the blessing of the God of peace and justice be with you;

May the blessing of the Son
who weeps the tears of the world's suffering be with you;

And may the blessing of the Spirit
who inspires us to reconciliation and hope be with you
from now into eternity.

Amen.

National Anthem

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God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save the Queen.



Welcome

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.

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.

Online Broadcast of Services

This week coming, we will be installing a new AV system to improve the quality and reliability of the church sound system and our online broadcast. Our services (from next Sunday) will be relayed via YouTube. A link will be available via the Church Facebook Page and Website.



Help wanted!

We are needing to add one or two more volunteers who would be willing to help operate the AV system on a rota system. If you enjoy working with computers etc., this may be for you! Full training provided. For me info, please contact Sean 07791 755976

Walking for health and well-being

We meet this Tuesday at 10.00 am outside the St Olaf Hotel for our usual walk around Cruden Bay. Everybody welcome.

Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you for shoeboxes. Last Friday 10 more shoeboxes were sent to add to the 113 already delivered making a marvellous total of 123 people who will have a happier Christmas thanks to your generosity. Thank you to everyone who contributed with goods, paper, boxes and donations. (A special thanks to Romary Reid for organising this year's shoebox appeal.)



Remembrance Sunday

11.15 am Laying of wreaths at Cruden War Memorial, Cruden Cemetery & Remembrance Crosses at the War Graves adjacent to the church. Everyone welcome.

12.00 noon Hatton War Memorial

A short public Act of Remembrance followed by the laying of wreaths, will take place at the Hatton War Memorial, outside the public hall. Everyone welcome.

Any enquires, please contact Rev Sean Swindells, 07791 755976

Events & Services for Advent and Christmas

First Sunday of Advent- 28th November 2021

10.00 am A Service of Light

Second Sunday of Advent – 5th December

10.00 am The Coming of hope.

Third Sunday of Advent – 12th December

10.00 am The arrival of love & Sacrament of Baptism

Fourth Sunday of Advent – 19th December 2021

10.00 am The appearance of truth

5.00 pm, Community Carol Singing around Cruden Bay. Meet outside the Kilmarnock Arms at 5.00 pm, returning at 6.30 pm for refreshments. All ages & singing abilities welcome! Carol sheets provided.

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Christmas Eve – 24th December

11.00 am, The Cruden Christmas Caper (5K Charity Fun Run) on Cruden Beach in aid of Aberdeenshire North Foodbank.

6.00 pm Family Carol Service

Boxing Day – 26th December

10.00 am Christmas Worship