

Cruden Parish Church - Order of Service

10.00 am, Sunday 22 November 2020



For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep
Ezekiel 34: 11- 12

Welcome

Welcome to Cruden Parish Church. We are a congregation of the Church of Scotland serving the communities of Cruden Bay, Winnyfold, Hatton, Longhaven, and the many scattered farms, cottages and dwellings in this beautiful part of the world. Whether you are joining us in the church or online via Facebook you are welcome! We pray you will be blessed and enriched by our words and worship. More details about the church can be found on our Website (crudenchurch.org.uk) and Facebook Page.

Please feel free to join in the words printed in bold.

Approach to God – based on Psalm 97

Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

Come let us listen to his voice!

Hymn All people that on Earth do dwell

All people that on Earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice,
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell,
come ye before Him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid He did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for His sheep he doth us take.

Oh, enter then His gates with praise,
approach with joy His courts unto;
praise, laud and bless His name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good,
his mercy is forever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

Psalm 100 The Scottish Psalter, 1929

Prayer of Approach to God

Lord's Prayer

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
you 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 Reading

Matthew 25: 31 – 46

The Sheep and the Goats

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

“They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

“He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

“Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

Sermon Are you on the Lord’s side?

Church News (Intimations are the end of the Order of Service)

Prayers of the people

We bring before God our concerns for the people in our hearts at this present time, our church, community and world. Are you on the Lord’s side?

Hymn The King of Love my Shepherd is

1. The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never:
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.
2. Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.
3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid,
And home rejoicing brought me.
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.
5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what wonder and delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!
6. And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever.

Henry Williams Baker (1821 – 1877)

Blessing

Let us go now trusting in Christ the King
let us show his love in action
let us care for one another
just as he has commanded

And may God the eternal ruler
Christ the loving King
And the eternity of the Holy Spirit
Be with us all , now and evermore
Amen

What's on at Cruden Parish Church

Pastoral Care

Please advise the minister or member of the pastoral care team if you know of anybody would appreciate a visit or phone call. Sean can be contacted on 07791 755976 or sswindells@churchofscotland.org.uk

Walking for Health

The next **Walking for Health** outing will be Tuesday 24th November at 10.30 am outside the St Olaf Hotel, Cruden Bay. Everybody welcome. (This is a permitted activity under the current Covid-19 rules and an officially recognised 'Health Walk.')

Group members are requested to make use of the track and trace smartphone app. Sorry no canine companions

Worship

We meet every Sunday at 10.00 am. To provide a safe environment, we are strictly following the appropriate rules and guidance, including social distancing.

Facebook – our morning service will be broadcast live via the Church Facebook Page. To follow the service, you may have to reload the page just before the broadcast begins at 10.00 am.

Angels, angels everywhere! - Advent & Christmas @ Cruden Parish Church



This year many of our Christmas activities will be held online. These include a virtual Advent candle ring, a daily Advent calendar and a Christingle service on Christmas Eve. All these activities will be family friendly.

Advent Candle Ring - You can help support these activities by passing on details of how to make a Advent candle ring and how to be part of a short act of reflection for each of the four Sunday's of Advent & Christmas Day when we light the final candle – the Christ Candle. Copies of the template and instructions are available in church, via the website and will shortly be available in local shops.

Daily Advent Calendar- During of Advent will be offering a daily Bible Reading, Reflection and Prayer. Sean would welcome input from members and friends of the congregation. If you have any thoughts, stories, or memoires, that may be suitable, please contact Sean. Or why not write one of the daily reflections. (A max length of 500 words please!)

Bible readings

If anyone is willing to do the bible readings on a Sunday morning can you please speak to Robert Esson



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