

**Cruden Parish Church of Scotland  
10.00 am, Sunday 17th October 2021  
'Jonah 4: Success'**



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**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 friends and family of Rhiannah & Andrew, who are here for Jayden's Christening.

**Call to Worship**

We gather as a community of faith  
***in God's subversive world.***  
We gather to celebrate  
***that no darkness can extinguish light,***  
to remember  
***that love will always be more powerful than death,***  
and to trust that  
***peace will always be stronger than violence.***

We gather, as people of faith in the light of God's world.  
Let us worship God

**Hymn 143 Who put the colours in the rainbow**

- 1 Who put the colours in the rainbow?  
Who put the salt into the sea?  
Who put the cold in the snowflake?  
Who made you and me?  
Who put the hump upon the camel?  
Who put the neck on the giraffe?  
Who put the tail upon the monkey?  
Who made hyenas laugh?  
Who made whales and snails and quails?  
Who made hogs and dogs and frogs?  
Who made bats and rats and cats?  
Who made everything?
- 2 Who put the gold into the sunshine?  
Who put the sparkle in the stars?  
Who put the silver in the moonlight?  
Who made Earth and Mars?  
Who put the scent into the roses?  
Who taught the honey bee to dance?  
Who put the tree inside the acorn?  
It surely can't be chance!  
Who made seas and leaves and trees?  
Who made snow and winds that blow?  
Who made streams and rivers flow?  
God made all of these!

### **Prayers of Approach to God**

#### **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 Reading** Jonah 3: 1-10

## Jonah Goes to Nineveh

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: “Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

When Jonah’s warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. <sup>7</sup>This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh:

“By the decree of the king and his nobles:

Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.”

When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.



**Sermon: Jonah 4: Success!**

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

Hymn 564 Jesus love me! This I know

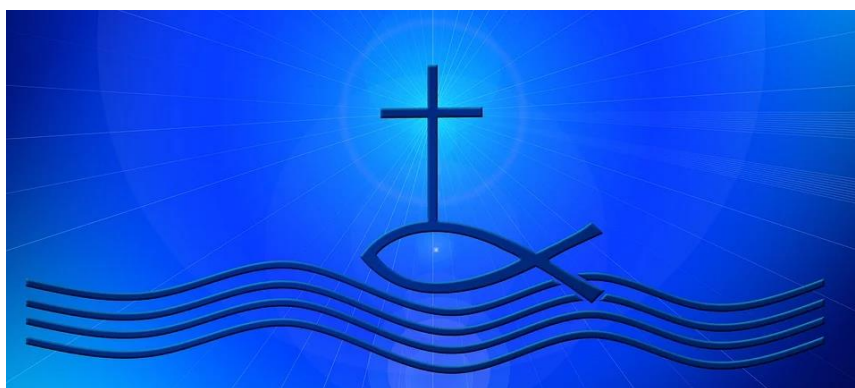
- 1 Jesus loves me! This I know,  
For the Bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong;  
They are weak, but He is strong.

*Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.*

- 2 Jesus loves me! This I know,  
He loved children, long ago  
he can always make me glad  
Even when I'm feeling sad

- 3 Jesus loves me! He will stay  
Close beside me all the way;  
he will always be my friend  
And his love will never end.

**The Sacrament of Baptism - Jayden Peter Jack, son of Rhiannah & Andrew**



**COMMUNITY COMMITMENT** (The Congregation)

Leader: Christ calls us to bring the good news to all nations, offering them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament promise your love and support for this child?

People: We promise our love, support and care, and will welcome Jayden Peter and his family to our table whenever we are together.

Leader: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in God. Do you believe in God, the Creator, father and mother to us all, ground of our being, who loves, sustains and calls us?

People: We do.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus, the Christ, the Redeemer of Creation, who calls us to a ministry of love and justice?

People: We do.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Sustainer, the empowering presence and breath of God, who confronts and inspires us to do God's work in the world?

People: We do.

Note: No sung blessing

### **Hymn The Lord's my shepherd**

- 1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
*His goodness restores my soul.*

*And I will trust in You alone.  
And I will trust in You alone,  
For Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.*

- 2 He guides my ways in righteousness,  
And He anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights.
- 3 And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know.

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### **Dismissal and Blessing**

May the Father's hand  
keep you from stumbling,  
the footprints of Jesus  
give you confidence to follow,  
and the fire of the Spirit  
keep you warm and safe  
in your walk with God this day.



Go in peace.

May the blessing of God, the Father, the Son  
and the Holy Spirit  
Be with you all forever more.

**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.

### **Walking for health and well-being**

We meet this Tuesday at 10.00 am outside the St Olaf Hotel for our usual social walk! Everyone welcome.

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November, the walking group will be conducting a litter pick in and around Cruden. Litter pickers and bags will be provided, and extra volunteers would be appreciated.

### **Presbytery Mission Plan**

The Presbytery Planning Group have produced a letter and questionnaire about mission and outreach within the Parish of Cruden, reflected in the so called '5 Marks of Mission.' Everybody is invited to take part and copies are available in church this morning.

There will be an informal discussion group starting on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 pm via Zoom (Link available on request from Sean or Robert.)

The Kirk Session will meet on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 PM to discuss and respond the questionnaire.

### **Looking ahead to the Autumn/Winter**

Harvest Festival/Eco Sunday – 10.00 am Sunday 31<sup>th</sup> October – Family Service led by Mrs Janet Dick, Mission & Development Support Worker, Buchan Presbytery.

The service will include a collection of foodstuffs for Aberdeenshire North Foodbank. Donations of money will also be accepted and passed on direct to the Food Bank.

Note from Sean – I am awaiting more info about what kind of food is required. I will forward this as soon as possible.

Remembrance Sunday - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November

10.30 am Cruden Parish Church

12.00 noon Hatton War Memorial