

Crimond Parish Church Profile

The double linked charges of Crimond and Lonmay are located in the Buchan area of Aberdeenshire in the northeast of Scotland and the combined areas lie between the major fishing ports of Peterhead and Fraserburgh. It is a commuter area for Peterhead, Fraserburgh and Aberdeen, which is located to the South.

About Us

It is 14 years ago when, tragically our last Minister died 'in post', and since that time we have been subject to a number of changes with linked charges. This has been a challenging period, but, due to the tremendous dedication and hard work of our Kirk Session, Board and members, we have continued to maintain a Christian witness in this parish. During that time we have been helped by Readers providing pulpit supply, together with support from individuals who have advised and encouraged us.

In September 2011 a Locum was appointed initially for six months. The current contract has been extended until such time as it is no longer required - there is no time limit on the appointment. This has brought a period of stability and consistency, and we have been able to produce an Action Plan which has seen a number of developments within the life of the Church. This period has meant that we have developed ways of working together as a team, sharing each other's opinions and views. We see this as the way forward when we will seek to work with a Minister sharing together in the Lord's service.

Board & Session

Currently we have 10 Board members and 10 Elders. The Session and Board have regular meetings to discuss matters of the Church. We also on occasions hold joint meetings with the Lonmay Board & Session. Our Locum carries out pastoral duties, funerals and 3 out of the 4 Sunday Services.



Manse

The Manse, serving both the Churches is located opposite Crimond Parish Church and consists of a bungalow, detached garage and garden. In recent years major refurbishments have been carried out to the Manse. The heating in the Manse has recently been upgraded to mains gas central heating.



Crimond Parish

Crimond is a rural parish with the village at its heart. The village boasts many amenities including an excellent nursery/primary school which includes a variety of after school clubs. Within the school grounds there is a sports field with all weather pitch. There is also a health centre and pharmacy, care home, sheltered housing, post office, 2 general stores, bowling green, community centre and public hall. A new multi-purpose Medical Centre is in the process of being built.

There is a thriving toddlers group and playgroup, Rainbow, Brownie and Girl Guides units, junior football team and yoga class. Although there is not a Boys Brigade company in Crimond, there is one in St. Combs which is affiliated to Lonmay Parish Church. Boys from Crimond do attend this organisation. There is also a Community Council, Crimond Tenants & Residence Association and Friendship Club.

Of interest in the area is the RSPB Loch of Strathbeg Nature Reserve and Bird Sanctuary. Nearby golf courses include Fraserburgh, Peterhead and Cruden Bay.

The main industry is agriculture with the St Fergus Gas Terminal having a major influence in the local community. Aberdeen, which is the oil capital of Europe, is only 45 minutes by car where there is a train and bus station. In neighbouring Dyce there is Aberdeen International Airport.



Current Church Activities

The Sunday service is at 10.15am prior to the Lonmay service at 12 noon. Most Sundays the use of a Projector and Screen is made to encourage a variety of different types of services. Singing is accompanied by our fine pipe organ.

On the first Sunday of each month a family service is held and this service centres round working with the children during the service. These are very informal and enjoyable services.

Communion is held twice yearly on the 3rd Sunday of May and November.

Special services take place on Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Harvest Thanksgiving, Armistice, Christmas, Thinking Day and Dedication Service. Musical evenings are also held.

We also hold an informal service at the sheltered housing complex in Crimond once a month.



The Church Hall is used on a weekly basis for 'Cosy Corner', this is held on a Tuesday morning where freshly made pancakes and tea/coffee are served for a small donation. This is a good opportunity for people to meet together and provide local people with a facility they enjoy. This is helping to bridge a gap and some now have started coming to Church.

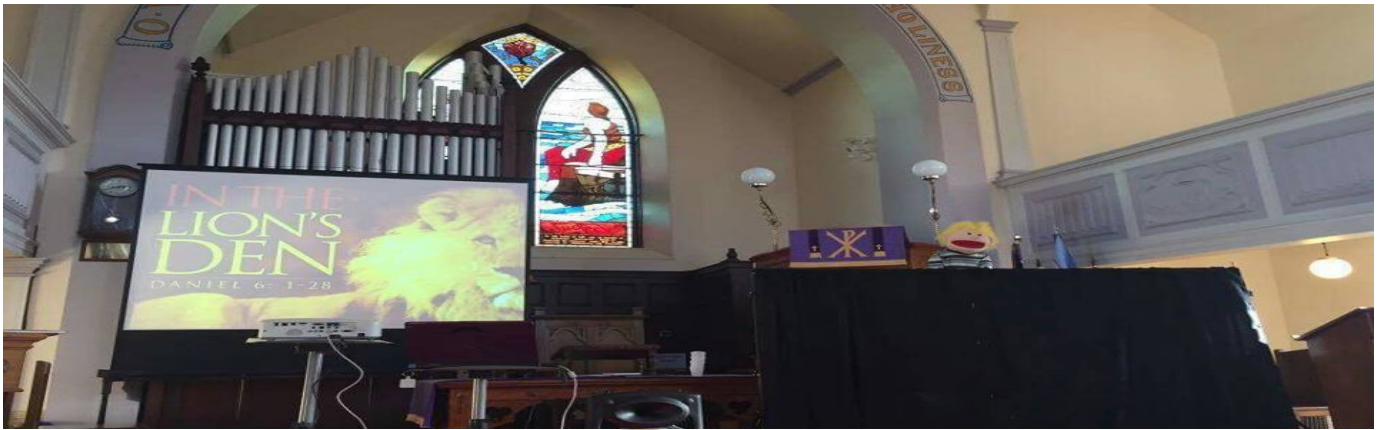
Once a month there is a Soup & Sweet again for a small donation.

All meetings and refreshments after services are held in the Church hall.

Fun Days have been held in the village which were well supported by the community.

In 2014 a Holiday Club, aimed at Primary School children and younger, was held for a week. Each morning a two-hour session included modern songs, puppets, Bible story/theme, and group work. There followed a snack and creative activities based on the Bible story/theme, and a final period of summary, songs and memory verse. On two afternoons there were fun activities, and on the Saturday a family fun event and picnic. The week ended with a family service on the Sunday. This was very successful and repeated in 2015. We have already made arrangements for 2016.

Once a month a Messy Church is held when a range of creative activities are covered based on a Bible story/theme. The story is shared in a variety of ways, followed by a snack. This was a follow up to the monthly Family services, Holiday Club and monthly assemblies in the local Primary School.



Our Locum, takes Assembly at Crimond Primary School once a month. Our Locum's sister takes assembly within the Nursery of the School. The School come to the Church for services several times a year. Our Locum is very much involved in the life of the school.

The Girlguiding units within the village attend Church twice a year at Armistice and Thinking Day. The last 2 years they have come to the Church at Christmas, along with the Toddlers and Playgroup to put on a Nativity.

The Church is part of a Community Organisation Group which helps and assists the planning of events within the Community and also to share dates and events.

Whilst Crimond does not have a Guild, our sister church at Lonmay, has an active Guild and new members are always welcome.

On various dates during the year we attend at Fraserburgh Hospital to sing for the patients, we do this jointly with Lonmay.



The Church Hall

In recent years a Church hall has been erected in the grounds of the Church and is used extensively in the work of the Church and has recently been refurbished. The hall boasts a fitted kitchen and a toy room.

Church Newsletter

Our Church Newsletter is produced twice yearly and is given out to our Members by the Church Elders. It is edited and produced by our Board Members and assisted by the various Church Members. The Church has an email address and on a regular basis the members are kept up to date by email of up and coming events within the Church. As necessary, to advertise our events, door drops are carried out to provide the local community details of our events.

Fundraising Events

Over the years, various fundraising events have taken place and have been well supported by the community. Recent fundraising events have included: Sponsored walks, cookery demonstrations and coffee mornings.

Church Flowers

Volunteers willingly provide the Church with flowers, which are then gifted to deserving parishioners.



Stewardship

In 2015 we held an extensive Stewardship event for ALL church members. A significant amount of information was obtained, and in 2016 this is being followed up in an attempt to engage with members who are not actively involved in the current church facilities.

Action Plan

A new Plan was agreed in May 2014 and is due to run until the end of August 2016.

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The Challenge -

That the people of our parishes may hear clearly the Gospel of Jesus Christ, see the life of His Spirit among his people, and come to know the love of God the Father

- National Mission Prayer Vision