Crimond Parish Church Profile

The double link charges of Crimond and Lonmay are located in the Buchan area of Aberdeenshire in the northeast of Scotland

About Us

Our last Minister tragically died 'in post'. Since that time we have been subject to a number of changes with linked charges. 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 assisted and supported by many individuals who have advised and encouraged us.

In September 2011 a Locum was appointed. This has brought stability and consistency. We have been able to produce an Action Plan which has seen a number of developments within the life of the Church and we continue to work together as a team. We look forward to working with a Minister sharing together in the Lord's service.

Board & Session

We hold regular Board and Session meetings to discuss ongoing matters of the Church.

Manse

The Manse, serving both Churches is located opposite Crimond Parish Church and consists of a bungalow, detached garage and garden. The Manse is kept to a high standard. The heating in the Manse has been upgraded to mains gas central heating.

Crimond Parish

Crimond is a rural parish with the village at its heart. The village enjoys 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 and a new play area. A new multi-purpose Medical Centre and Pharmacy was completed in 2018. It features a gym, cafe, beauty salon, CLAN Cancer Support, Shirley's Space Mental Health Support Centre and Outreach Post Office. There is a care home, sheltered housing, general store, bowling green, community centre and public hall. A defibrillator was recently installed at the local primary school.

There is a thriving toddlers and playgroup, Rainbow, Brownie and Girl Guides units, junior football team and a step class. There is a Boys Brigade Company which meets at St. Combs and is affiliated to Lonmay Parish Church. Likewise Lonmay also have an active Guild which members of Crimond Church also attend. 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. Fraserburgh is 8 miles away and boasts a Leisure Centre which is multi-functional, there is also a new community and sports facility which includes a Swimming Pool. Golf courses include Fraserburgh, Peterhead and Cruden Bay. Peterhead is the fishing capital of Europe. Both Fraserburgh and Peterhead have a wide range of shopping facilities.

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 35 minutes by car due to the newly completed AWPR, this opens the gateway to the central belt. In neighbouring Dyce there is an International Airport. In Aberdeen, the train and bus stations are walking distance from large shopping malls, social amenities and food outlets. The Events Centre Aberdeen (TECA) opened in 2019.

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 in 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 Crimond House Care Home once a month.

Hour of Hope is held monthly in the Church Hall and is well attended by folk from the area.

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.

Since 2014 we have held yearly Holiday Clubs in the summer aimed at Primary School children and younger.

Once a month Messy Church is held when a range of creative activities are covered based on a Bible story/theme.

Involvement in Local Community

Our Locum is very much involved in the life of the school including taking monthly assemblies. The school comes to the Church for services several times during the year.

The Girlguiding units within the village attend Church twice a year at Armistice and Thinking Day.

Many of our Board and Session are also part of Community Organisations.

Hospital Singing

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

Fundraising Events

We have regular fundraising events and these are well supported by the community. These events are intimated through the Church Newsletter, website and social media.

Action Plan

An Action Plan is discussed, agreed and updated on a regular basis.

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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