The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

 **WELCOME TO ST CYPRIAN’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**THE LINK for Sunday 7th JuLy 2013**

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

We welcome all visitors and invite you to join us for coffee after the service.

9.15am - Holy Communion (said with Rev Les)

3pm - Lillyburn (with Rev Les)

**10.30am – Sung Eucharist**

Our celebrant and preacher today is Rev Les Ireland

**Hymns today are all taken from the Ancient and Modern (AMNS)**

**INTROIT: 235 O Jesus I have promised......**

**THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**Service of The Eucharist using the 1982 ‘BLUE BOOK’**

**COLLECT:**

Merciful God,you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**FIRST READING:  2 Kings 5.1-14 (Sally)**

5Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy.\* 2Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman’s wife. 3She said to her mistress, ‘If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.’\* 4So Naaman\* went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. 5And the king of Aram said, ‘Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.’

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. 6He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, ‘When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.’\* 7When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, ‘Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy?\* Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.’

8But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, ‘Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.’ 9So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha’s house. 10Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, ‘Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.’ 11But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, ‘I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy!\* 12Are not Abana\* and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?’ He turned and went away in a rage. 13But his servants approached and said to him, ‘Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, “Wash, and be clean”?’ 14So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 30**

1I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me. 2O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

**R: 3O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.****\***

4Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. 5For his anger is but for a moment; his favour is for a lifetime.
**R: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

6As for me, I said in my prosperity, ‘I shall never be moved.’

**R: 7By your favour, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.**

8To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication: 9 ‘What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

**R: 10Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!’**

1You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,12 so that my soul\* may praise you and not be silent.

**R: O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you for ever.**

**1EPISTLE: Galatians 6.(1-6)7-16 (Kevin Wilbraham)**

6My friends,\* if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. 2Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfil\* the law of Christ. 3For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. 4All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbour’s work, will become a cause for pride. 5For all must carry their own loads. 6Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

7Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. 8If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. 9So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. 10So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

11See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! 12It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. 13Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. 14May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which\* the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15For\* neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! 16As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

8**GRADUAL: 214 Guide me, O thou great redeemer......**

**GOSPEL: Luke 10.1-11,16-20**

10After this the Lord appointed seventy\* others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. 2He said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. 3Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. 4Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. 5Whatever house you enter, first say, “Peace to this house!” 6And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. 7Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. 8Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; 9cure the sick who are there, and say to them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.”\* 10But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 11“Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.”\*

16‘Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.’

17The seventy\* returned with joy, saying, ‘Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!’ 18He said to them, ‘I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. 19See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. 20Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.**’**

**OFFERTORY: 238 Blest are the pure in heart......**

**COMMUNION: 233 Oh ! Thou who camest from above......**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**RECESSIONAL: 239 Forth in thy name, O Lord I go......**

**BLESSING**  **DISMISSAL**

**THIS WEEK IN PRAYER**

**For your Prayers this week:**

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we are asked to pray for On the Niger - (Niger, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Owen Chidozie Nwokolo

In our own Diocese, please pray for South Ayrshire Team: Holy Trinity, Ayr; St John's, Girvan; St Oswald's, Maybole (Ian Meredith, Jeanette Jenkins, Peter Neill).

**Daily Prayers**

**8th** For those struggling with the isolation of mental illness

**9th** For the work of the Glasgow City Mission

**10th** For an end to homelessness in Scotland

**11th**  For those affected by extreme poverty

**12th**  For hospital chaplaincy teams

**13th**  Success in our Car Boot venture

**Please also remember in your prayers:**

Margaret Conway; Jennie Downes; Bob Emmet; Daphne Fraser; Susan Frost; Kirsty Kilday; Eric and Sheila Oakes; Alan Paterson; Doreen Rendell; Karen Rose; Sheila Shaw; Jack Smith; and for all those in the “Prayer Book” at the back of the church. **May God keep them all in His care.**

To put a notice in the Link please phone Kathryn on 0141-578 0734 or e-mail kathryn.potts2@ntlworld.com before 6pm on Wednesday.

**SERVICES and EVENTS**

**Sun 7th July Trinity 6**

 9.15am Holy Communion (said)

 10.30am Sung Eucharist

 3pm Lillyburn

Thur 11th 10am Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry

Sat 13th **10-1pm Car Boot Sale in the church grounds**

**Sun 14th July Trinity 7**

 9.15am Holy Communion (said)

 10.30am Sung Eucharist

Thur 18th 10am Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry

**Sun 21st July Trinity 8**

 9.15am Holy Communion (said)

 10.30am Sung Eucharist

 3pm Afternoon Service

Mon 22nd **Mary Magdalene**

Thur 25th **James, Apostle**

 10am Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry

**Sun 28th JULY Trinity 9**

 9.15am Holy Communion (said)

 10.30am Sung Eucharist

**AUGUST**

Thur 1st 10am Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry

 **10.30am FRG Mtng in the choir vestry**

I’ve noticed that in the past there has been no communion service on a Thursday during July. This year, we will continue to hold our Thursday services during July as normal.

**Our Next Car Boot Sale is on Saturday 13th July,** from 10.00am – 1.00pm. Please come along and help – we need lots of help on our stall and with the refreshments, and generally about the place on the day!

**FROM LES:** One of my favourite authors is a guy called Max Lucado. He has recently written a book called “Come Thirsty.” He was talking about the book – but what he had to say might equally apply to us today at St. Cyprian’s. This is what he said:

I'm a pastor of a church, and I was noticing as our church was growing, people were busy doing a lot of things, but they looked as tired as people who didn't go to church. They just looked tired; they seemed so busy--you know, we have so many [activities](http://www.beliefnet.com/Faiths/Christianity/2005/01/Could-You-Pray-Three-Or-Four-Times-An-Hour.aspx), good activities, things they wanted to participate in. And I realized at least in our church, a key segment of teaching had been neglected: the importance of receiving.

And the imagery of Jesus is that he can do for the soul what water can do for the [body](http://www.beliefnet.com/Faiths/Christianity/2005/01/Could-You-Pray-Three-Or-Four-Times-An-Hour.aspx); he can go where it's cracked and flaky and dusty and he can bring nourishment; I was making the mistake of being a great doer, not a great receiver; very busy but not quenched. And the truth of the matter is, I've learned that you can't give what you've never received. There's no aquifer of love, there's no distillery of [faith](http://www.beliefnet.com/faiths) within me, so I have to receive it.

**Church Business** It has been suggested (strongly!) by both our insurers and the Dean of the diocese that we should have a log book, where we record things that happen in the life of the church. I don't mean services and that sort of thing, but practical things. We need to record when we check on the fire extinguishers, or the electrical appliances. We need to record if something gets broken, or someone trips. We need to record if we have a visitor, or someone to read the meters. It's all the mundane practical things that happen in a church ! The log book will be kept in the office. If you're not sure whether something should be added, please ask the Rector, who can also point you to where the log book is.  Thank you.

Kathryn and Bill Potts would like to thank most sincerely, all at St Cyprian's for the beautiful wedding ceremony, flowers and music given to Elaine and David at their marriage last Saturday 29th June. It was a wonderful day full of love and happiness, enjoyed by all. Thank you.