

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 21th JuLy 2013**

The Eighth 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 – Afternoon Service



**10.30am – Sung Eucharist**

Our celebrant and preacher today is Rev Les Ireland

**Hymns today are all taken from the Source**

**INTROIT: 396 O Lord my God, when I in awesome......**

**THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

**COLLECT:**

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**FIRST READING: Amos 8:1-12**

This is what the Lord God showed me—a basket of summer fruit. He said, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A basket of summer fruit.’ Then the Lord said to me, ‘The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day,’ says the Lord God; ‘the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!’ Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, ‘When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.’ The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?

On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day. The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 52**

**Response:- I trust in the steadfast love of God for ever and ever.9**

A Maskil of David, when Doeg the Edomite came to Saul and said to him, ‘David has come to the house of Ahimelech.’ 1Why do you boast, O mighty one, of mischief done against the godly?[\*](javascript:void(0);) All day long 2you are plotting destruction. Your tongue is like a sharp razor, you worker of treachery. 3 You love evil more than good, and lying more than speaking the truth. **- R**

4You love all words that devour, O deceitful tongue. 5But God will break you down for ever; he will snatch and tear you from your tent; he will uproot you from the land of the living. **- R**

6The righteous will see, and fear, and will laugh at the evildoer,[\*](javascript:void(0);) saying, 7 ‘See the one who would not take refuge in God, but trusted in abundant riches, and sought refuge in wealth !’[\*](javascript:void(0);) **- R**

But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God for ever and ever.9 I will thank you for ever, because of what you have done. In the presence of the faithful I will proclaim[\*](javascript:void(0);) your name, for it is good. **- R**

**1EPISTLE: Colossians 1:15-28**

15He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 16for in[\*](javascript:void(0);) him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. 17He himself is before all things, and in[\*](javascript:void(0);) him all things hold together. 18He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. 19For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

21And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22he has now reconciled[\*](javascript:void(0);) in his fleshly body[\*](javascript:void(0);) through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— 23provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

24I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. 25I became its servant according to God’s commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, 26the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. 27To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. 28It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

8**GRADUAL: 492 There is a Redeemer,......**

**GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42**

**38**Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. 39She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to what he was saying. 40But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, ‘Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.’ 41But the Lord answered her, ‘Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; 42there is need of only one thing.[\*](javascript:void(0);) Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.’

**OFFERTORY: 79 Dear Lord, and father of mankind......**

**COMMUNION: 486 The Lord's my shepherd......**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER:**

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

**RECESSIONAL: 471 Tell out my soul......**

**BLESSING**



**DISMISSAL**

**THIS WEEK IN PRAYER**

**For your Prayers this week:**

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we are asked to pray for Pennsylvania (Province III, USA): The Rt Revd Charles Bennison. In our own Diocese, please pray for St Ninian’s, Troon (Tom Montgomery); St Ninian’s, Prestwick (Jane Ross).

**Daily Prayers**

**22nd** Devotion to our Lord, Jesus Christ

**23rd** All those affected by Alzheimer disease and dementia

**24th** All those on our weekly prayer list in the Link

**25th** The Diocesan Council

**26th** Boldness in speaking of God’s love for all people

**27th** All those acting as care attendants to the old and infirm

**Please also remember in your prayers:**

Margaret Conway; Jennie Downes; Bob Emmet; Daphne Fraser; Susan Frost; Marilyn Hazlette; 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 phone Kathryn on 578 0734 or e-mail** [**kathryn.potts2@ntlworld.com**](mailto:kathryn.potts2@ntlworld.com)

**SERVICES and EVENTS**

**Sun 21st Trinity 8**

9.15am Holy Communion (said)

10.30am Sung Eucharist

3.00pm Holy Communion

**Mon 22nd Mary Magdalene**

**Thur 25th James, Apostle**

10am Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry

**Sun 28th Trinity 9**

9.15am Holy Communion (said)

10.30am Sung Eucharist

**AUGUST 2013**

**Thur 1st** 10am Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry

10.30am **FRG Meeting in the Choir Vestry**

**Sun 4th Trinity 10**

9.15am Holy Communion (said)

10.30am Sung Eucharist

3pm Lillyburn

**Tue 6th The Transfiguration of the Lord**

**Thur 8th** 10am Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry

**Sat 10th** 10-1pm **Car Boot Sale**

**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.

**Summer studies!**

Since I’ve been in Lenzie I have enjoyed people responding to sermons and wanting to talk about their faith and the bible. One thing I’ve particularly noticed is people’s attitudes to the Old Testament. At best people are confused – they find it difficult to reconcile a lot of what they read in the Old Testament with what we know of God. For others, much of it simply sounds bizarre. For others, they choose to have nothing to do with the Old Testament because it is so difficult to handle. So, I thought I would do a few “fun” evenings about the Old Testament to which anyone and everyone is welcome, both from our own church and other churches, or no church at all!

So Wednesday evenings in Augst in the choir vestry there’ll be tea and coffee from 7.3 0- 8.00pm (come when you want), then we’ll have an hour each week looking at different parts of the Old Testament. Come every week, or just those weeks when you’re free.

I’ve given some rather tongue-in-cheek titles to the weeks, but hope you’ll come along and find out more...

**7th August:** There ain’t no history in the Old Testament

**14th August:** Prophets never forecast the future

**21st August:** There’s stuff in the psalms which aren’t in the bible

**28th August:** There is law – but not as we know it

**Kit for Kids and Kitchen....** (or some similar title.........)

Since I’ve been here I have tried several things to build our relationship with the local community, particularly those with no contact with churches, some of which have been more successful than others! If we don’t continue to build that relationship, there will be no hope of gaining the opportunity to share our gospel and grow as a church. “Kit for Kids and Kitchen” is another project to continue to reach out which I hope will happen over the next couple of months. It is not something where I’m asking for a lot of help – maybe later on ask for the odd volunteer to help make cups of tea. However if there are people who want to help, please let me know, and all help will be welcomed. The project has two steps.

Firstly, we need to accumulate second-hand kids and kitchen stuff. Clothes, toys, pans, place, cutlery etc etc. Obviously anything that members can give would be gratefully received. However, we also have leaflets for our members to pass on to friends and family, to encourage them to donate – and if someone phones with stuff I am more than happy to collect from anyone. If members don’t help with this stage, then there won’t be the second stage!!!! Please pass on leaflets (available in church) to others and nag them to donate to us!

The second stage is to set up stalls in different venues around the area, initially for a one off event. We will do it in the church grounds for an afternoon. In other community centres. At the same time as other groups are meeting if invited. When we are about to have an event, then we will advertise and leaflet around the area where we are holding the sale. Exactly how we organise this will depend on what we may have received.

While we will charge a nominal sum for what people buy, it will also be a time where we can offer people an invitation to activities within our church, whether that is to consider having a family event in our hall, or a baptism in our church, or for children to come to messy church, or whatever is suitable.

It is not intended to be a huge fundraising activity. We will take some money, and we may have to pay rental for the use of a hall. Any profit, will come to St. Cyprian’s Church. This is seen as an opportunity to meet other people through the collection of stuff, and to draw people to something where they will meet “the church” and for us to have the opportunity to invite people to touch the life of the church, and offer people the opportunity to experience the love we offer. It is an opportunity for us to offer something to the community in which we live.

**Glasgow Conflux Festival**

This week is the Conflux Festival of street arts, physical theatre and circus in Glasgow, called “Surge”. Aimed particularly at families, but everyone else as well. There is a lot of free stuff going on around Glasgow, much of it on the streets, and may be ideal to take the kids to when they are bored at home ! More details on [www.conflux.co.uk](http://www.conflux.co.uk)