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WELCOME TO ST CYPRIAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE LINK FOR SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST 2013

The Thirteenth 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)

10.30AM - SUNG EUCHARIST Our celebrant and preacher today is Rev Les Ireland

Hymns today are all taken from Hymns A&M New Revised.

INTROIT: 199: Immortal, Invisible.....

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE SERVICE OF THE EUCHARIST USING THE 1982 'BLUE BOOK'

COLLECT:

Almighty God, we are taught by your word that all our doings
without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and
pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true
bond of peace and of all virtue; through Jesus Christ our
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,

and before you were born I consecrated you;

I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'

Then I said, 'Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the LORD said to me,

'Do not say, "I am only a boy";

for you shall go to all to whom I send you,

and you shall speak whatever I command you.

Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.'

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth.

See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,

to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 71:1-6,

In you, O LORD, I take refuge;

let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;

incline your ear to me and save me.

Be to me a rock of refuge,

a strong fortress, to save me,

for you are my rock and my fortress.

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,

from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth. Upon you I have leaned from my birth;

it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

EPISTLE: Heb 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.'Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven!At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.' This phrase 'Yet once more' indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

GRADUAL: 195: Praise the Lord, Ye heavens Adore Him.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:10 - 17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

OFFERTORY:	200: Fill Thou My Life
COMMUNION:	149: Ye Servants of God

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love. Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

RECESSIONAL: 180: Thou Whose Almighty Word

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Summer studies!

The last of the Summer studies introducing the old testament will be this coming Wednesday, 28th August. The Final topic is:

There is law - but not as we know it!

THIS WEEK IN PRAYER

For your Prayers this week:

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we are asked to pray for the diocese of Ruaha in Tanzania, and the Bishop: The Rt Revd Joseph Mgomi. In our own Diocese, please pray for St. John the Evangelist, Dumfries; and for Christ Church, Dalbeatie. Pray for their many clergy, particularly an old friend of St. Cyprian's - Beryl Scott.

DAILY PRAYERS

19th Please pray for local politicians, particularly the councillors of East Dunbartonshire

20th Pleas pray for members of the Scottish Parliament, particularly those who represent our area.

21^{sh} Please pray for our MP - Jo Swinson.

22nd Please pray for the Childminders group which uses our hall each day.

23rd Please pray for Lenzie Old and Lenzie Union Churches, particularly Dan Carmichael and Douglas Clark, their ministers.

24th Please pray for The up-coming celebrations of our 140th anniversary.

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**.

Maxine would like to thank everyone who made a donation for her birthday to the City Mission. She says "£425 was donated for the City Mission at my party which is a wonderful total and far more than I had expected." (I hope it wasn't one pound for every year she has been on earth......)

There is a food bank being set up in Kirkintilloch, under the auspices of Kirkintilloch Baptist Church. If anyone would like to volunteer, in any way, or find out more about opportunities to volunteer- then there is a volunteer training evening on Wednesday 28th August, 7pm at Kirkintilloch Baptist Church.

SERVICES and EVENTS SUN 25 TH TRINITY 13		
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	9.15am	Holy Communion (said)
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
Wed 28 th	7.30pm	Summer Study
Thur 29 th	10am	Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry
Sat 31 st – St. Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne and Missionary		
SUN 1 ST SEPT	TRINITY 14	
	9.15am	Holy Communion (said)
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	3pm	Afternoon Service at Lilyburn
Thur 5 th	10am	Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry
SUN 8 TH SEPT	TRINITY 15	
	9.15am	Holy Communion (said)
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
Thur 12 th	10am	Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry
SUN 15 TH SEPT TRINITY 16: 140 TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHURCH.		
	9.15am	Holy Communion (said)
	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
Thur 19 th	10am	Holy Communion in the Choir Vestry

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CELEBRATING 140YEARS

On Sunday 15th September we are celebrating our 140th Anniversary at our service at 10.30am, and we are being joined by Bishop Gregor Duncan, Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway, as our special guest.

We are very keen to invite as many people as possible to the service. If you can think of past friends, local people, special guests, whom we can invite, please let Les our Rector know, so we can get our invitations out. If possible please let him have the person's address!!!!!

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A Sunday school teacher needed some supplies from the Sunday School Cupboard that was seldom used, and secured with a combination padlock. The teacher didn't know the combination, so asked the minister to help. The minister placed his fingers on the lock's dial and raised his eyes heavenward for a moment. Having paused, he spun the dial and opened the lock.

The Sunday school teacher was impressed with this great demonstration of faith by the minister. The minister paused, then confided:

"We wrote the numbers on the ceiling years ago for moments like this....."

Re-ordering the church.

As Everyone is aware, we have made a few changes to the back of the church at St. Cyprian's, including re-moving 5 pews, and moving furniture around. We have done this to remove much of the clutter at the back, and to ensure the beautiful font is clear for everyone to see.

We have what is called "experimental re-ordering permission" for this work, which runs out in December. Before the permission runs out we have to apply for "permanent re-ordering permission" to make the changes permanent. We are currently preparing our application for the permanent permission. Do you agree that the changes we have made should be made permanent?

We want to make the existing changes permanent. We also would like to replace the carpet just at the back of the church around the font. Currently with all the joins and raggedy edges it is dangerous and unattractive. The view of some is that we should have a contrasting colour to the red that will remain in the rest of the church, others that we should try to match the existing colour with the new carpet. What do you think?

If we do have a contrasting colour, we will have a vote on the colour.

Our hope is to submit our application by the end of September. If you have any views or questions, please let Les our Rector know.

Prayer is the window that God has placed in the walls of our world. Leave it shut and the world is a cold, dark house. But throw back the curtains and see His light. Open the window and hear His voice. Open the window of prayer and invoke the presence of God in your world.

Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference.

What causes us to think of prayer as the last option rather than the first? I can think of two reasons: feelings of independence and feelings of insignificance.