

ST. CYPRIAN'S

LINK

The Weekly Newsletter for
St. Cyprian's Church, Lenzie

- 9th September

15th After Trinity

Services today

9.15am – Eucharist

10.30am – Eucharist

The first MU meeting this year will be at Bishopbriggs on

Monday 10th September at 7.30pm.

We have been invited there this year so feel that we should support them as they always come to our services.

If anyone who wants a lift we can meet in St Cyp's car park at 7pm so we can car share.

Available Now! The St. Cyprian's Mother's Union Recipe Book – price £2, supporting Mother's Union projects throughout the world.

Many thanks to everyone who spent time tidying our grounds for the Doors Open Day. Looked great!!!!

VERY advanced noticed – Our Christmas Fair this year will be on Saturday 24th November.

A mum texts, "Hi! Son, what does IDK, LY, & TTYL mean?" He texts back, "I Don't Know, Love You, & Talk To You Later." The mum texts him, "It's okay, don't worry about it. I'll ask your sister, love you too."

We have Holy Communion on Thursday Morning at 10.00am, followed by Tea or Coffee: everyone welcome.

if you would like to get something into the Link please let our Rector Les Ireland know on 0141-776 3866 or e-mail rector@stcyprianslenzie.com by teatime on Wednesday evenings. Thanks.

PRAYERS

ANGLICAN: The province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan. (See below).

DIOCESAN: The North Ayreshire Team: St. Andrew's, Ardrossan; St. Peter's Dalry; St. Andrew's, Irvine (Sandy Montgomerie, Linda Whitby, Margaret Williams.)

Daily Prayers

10th : St. Cyprian's Mother's Union as they begin their new season.

11th: The work of the SEC Mission and partners overseas.

12th: Congregational administrators and treasurers.

13th: St. Cyprian's congregation and vestry, on St. Cyprian's day.

14th: Wisdom and integrity within the civil service.

15th: Those who clean and maintain our church grounds.

Please remember in your prayers: Ian Stother, Peter Mundy; Jean Dick, Ashley Craddock, Pam Bently; Jean Kinnon, Margaret Conway; Susan Frost; Alan Paterson; Doreen Rendell; Karen Rose; Grace Joss and those in the "Prayer Book" at the back of church.

Bishop Gregor Duncan, our Bishop, is retiring on Sunday 7th October. As part of his retirement, we are invited to contribute to a "Farewell" gift from the diocese.

I know many people at St. Cyprian's will remember Bp Gregor with respect and affection. We have, therefore, put a box on the table at the back of church where people can make donations to his farewell gift. The box will be there for a couple of weeks, after which the donations will be added to the diocesan gift.

Today we are praying for the Province of South Sudan. The province came into existence in 2017, following the Church of Sudan becoming an independent Province within the Anglican Communion. Currently 50% of the population of the country – 3.5 million people – are members. It's current Archbishop is Most Rev. Justin Badi Arama

South Sudan came into existence in 2011 following a long and bitter civil war, which left South Sudan hidden from the world. It was a remarkable period – it was thought the church had disappeared. However in 1993 there were 11 diocese for the whole of Sudan. Today there are 36 diocese in South Sudan alone. Numbers have rocketed, and the church has created schools, theological colleges, and provided aid for huge numbers of people.

Following independence, the country rapidly descended into civil war based on tribal divisions. The Anglican church has been seen as the one stable organisation within the country, and has played a huge part in the peace process, such that there is a fragile ceasefire in the country.

The "Anglican story" in South Sudan has been remarkable, and we pray for a remarkable church which God has blessed.