



St. Cyprian's Church Link

Sunday 17th August 2025
Pentecost 10

Hymns for today

Opening	532	Ye Watchers & ye holy ones
Gradual	233	O Thou who camest from above
Offertory	249	Take my life and let it be
Communion	137	There is a green hill far away
Closing	214	Guide me o thou great redeemer

Our Prayers

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

The Scottish Episcopal Church

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Bishop Nick Bundock

The Diocese of Edinburgh (Bishop John Armes)

All Saints, Bearsden (David Guest)

St. Michael's & All Angels, Helensburgh (Dom Ind)

St Cyprian's Congregation we pray for the staff and students who attend Applebays before and after school care programme as they begin a new school year. We give thanks for the Kirkintilloch Big Weekend, which concludes this afternoon.

Those on our prayer list: Agnes Rose; Bill Fergus; Rosa Revell and her sister; Barbara Fairlee; Sheila and Shaunda; Ruth Mitchell; Kennedy Fraser; Duncan Naysmith; Jean Dick; Margaret Conway; Susan Frost; Karen Rose; Tom and Lynda; Jean Hindle; Peter Bladon; Helen Kerr; Glennis Tavener; Jean McLean, The Watt Family and those who are named in the Prayer Book at the back of the church.

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 My usual days off are Friday & Saturday

Worship with us!

Thursdays, said Eucharist 10am
Sundays*, sung Eucharist 1030am

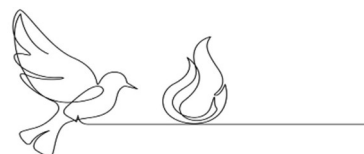
*also on zoom,
see [website](#) for details

Collect of the day

O God, you make known your almighty power in your merciful compassion: increase your mercy towards us; that we, being eager for your promises, may inherit the treasures of heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Notices

- ❖ Rev. Audrey is keen to get to know everyone and will be calling around to schedule visits. If you would like to have a chat sooner – please reach out to set something up.
- ❖ **Season Tickets** for the **Music @ St Cyprians** concert series are available now. Please visit the website (<https://musicstcyprians.co.uk/>) to download the brochure and fill out the application form or see Mary Boyd after the service to find out more.
- ❖ Scottish Bible Society **autumn charity concert** featuring the Stepps Songsisters will be held at Lenzie Old Parish on **15 September at 7pm**. Tickets and more information are available by calling: 0141 776 0491.
- ❖ The **Kirkintilloch Male Voice Choir** are recruiting singers for their new season! There are no auditions and no previous musical experience is necessary. Training will be provided. For more information visit their website: www.kmvc.org.uk.
- ❖ The vestry have been working hard sprucing up the rectory garden in anticipation of being able to sell or let the property. If you would like to help, please speak to a member of the vestry.



First Reading

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back-- those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces.

Psalm 82

1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; *
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

**2 "How long will you judge unjustly, *
and show favor to the wicked?**

3 Save the weak and the orphan; *
defend the humble and needy;

**4 Rescue the weak and the poor; *
deliver them from the power of the
wicked.**

5 They do not know, neither do they understand;
they go about in darkness; *
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, *
and all of you children of the Most High;**

7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *
and fall like any prince."

**8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, *
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

The Epistle

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson,

Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God

The Gospel

Luke 12:49-56

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time