St. Cyprian's Church Link

Sunday 31st August 2025 Pentecost 12

Hymns for today

Opening	440	Christ is the World's true light
Gradual		There's a wideness
Offertory	3-6 179	in God's Mercy God of Mercy, God
Officitory	1//	of Grace
Communion	126	The King of Love,
Closing	435	my shepherd is Praise the Lord! Ye heavens adore him

Our Prayers

Anglican Cycle of Prayer The Church of South India (United)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Bishop Nick Bundock The Anglican Communion.

The Primates' Meeting.

The Anglican Consultative Council (Beth Routledge, Kelvin Holdsworth)

St Cyprian's Congregation for the people of Palestine and those locally who are organising the Pal Café, for the former staff and students of the old Campsie View School, for our first responders, for our hall users who are starting back up after summer holidays.

Those on our prayer list: Rev. Les and Rev. Lucy Ireland, 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.

Worship with us!

Thursdays, said Eucharist I 0am Sundays*, sung Eucharist I 0.30am

*also on zoom, see <u>website</u> for details

Collect of the day

Almighty and merciful God, by whose grace alone your faithful people offer you service and praise: grant that we may hasten without stumbling towards the things that you promise; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen**.

Notices

- The Mother's Union joint service with Bishopbriggs and Cumbernauld chapters will be happening this Wednesday, 3 September, at 7:30pm. All are welcome to attend as we launch into another great year!
- The newest edition of Cyprian Life is available today!
- Common Ground celtic service is happening tonight at St. Serf's in Shettleston at 6:30pm. All are welcome!
- 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 Songsters will be held at Lenzie Old Parish on 15 September at 7pm. Tickets and more information are available by calling: 0141 776 0491.

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First Reading

Proverbs 25: 6-7

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great;

for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble

Psalm 112

I Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments!

- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

- 6 For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumours; their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honour.
- 10 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.

The Epistle

Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The Gospel

Luke 13: 10-17

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, `Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."