



St. Cyprian's Church

Link

Sunday 26th October 2025

Pentecost 20

Hymns for today

Opening	440	Christ is the World's light
Gradual	157	Breathe on me, Breath of God
Offertory	192	Praise my soul the King of Heaven
Communion	271	Bread of Heaven on thee we feed
Closing	239	Forth in thy name, I go

Anglican Cycle of Prayer The Church in Wales

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Bishop Nick Bundock; Porvoo Communion: Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Worldwide; Mothers' Union. St Cuthbert's, Cambuslang (Jane Horton). St Mark's, East Kilbride (Willie Shaw).

Those on our prayer list: Ellen Thurlow; Revs. Les and 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, and those who are named in the Prayer Book at the back of the church.

Collect of the Day

○ Lord, in your mercy: grant to your faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; 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

- ❖ **Welcome and thanks to Rev. Malcolm Crook who leads worship for us today** while Rev. Audrey assists in Bishopbriggs with vacancy proceedings.
- ❖ **Names for All Souls Day** – If you have a loved one whom you would like remembered when we read a list of the dearly departed at our All Souls remembrance on 2 November, please add their name to the book at the back of the church or email Rev. Audrey.
- ❖ **Volunteers Needed!** An important outreach for the Church is allowing the local community to use the hall for their events. We need additional volunteers to help with opening the hall and locking up afterwards. Please let Mary Haigh know if you can help – a key can be provided if you are willing to help but don't yet have a key!
- ❖ **Provincial Young Adults Group coming to worship with us on 16 November!** Rooted & Roaming is a community for young adult Christians (18+) who are exploring their faith and visiting various churches across the 7 dioceses.

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📅 My usual days off are Friday & Saturday

First Reading

Joel 2:23-32

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

Psalms 65

1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

**2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come,
*because of their transgressions.**

3 Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot them out.

**4 Happy are they whom you choose and draw
to your courts to dwell there! * they will be
satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the
holiness of your temple.**

5 Awesome things will you show us in your
righteousness, O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas
that are far away.

**6 You make fast the mountains by your power;
* they are girded about with might.**

7 You still the roaring of the seas, *the roaring of their
waves, and the clamour of the peoples.

**8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will
tremble at your marvellous signs; * you make
the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make
it very plenteous; * the river of God is full of water.

**10 You prepare the grain, * for so you provide
for the earth.**

11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
* with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its
increase.

**12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.**

13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
* and the hills be clothed with joy.

**14 May the meadows cover themselves with
flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with
grain; let them shout for joy and sing.**

Epistle

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Gospel

Luke 18: 1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

