



St. Cyprian's Church

Link

Sunday 14th December 2025

Advent 3

Hymns for today

Opening	24	Hark, a thrilling voice is Sounding
Gradual	33	Of the Father's love begotten
Offertory	26	Oh come, oh come Emmanuel
Communion	249	Take my life and let it be (1-3, 6)
Closing	422	Tell out my soul

Anglican Cycle of Prayer The Church of Bangladesh

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Bishop Nick Bundock; The Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness (Bishop Mark Strange). Diocesan Centre Staff (Iolanthe Stack, Janet Chalmers, Kim Schmulian, Alexis Costigane, Ian Boa). Good Shepherd & Ascension, Hillington; Holy Trinity & St Barnabas, Paisley (Vacant).

Those on our prayer list: For the families of Agnes Rose and George Carswell ; 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

Stir up your power, Lord, and come: and strengthen us by the might of your love; that, although we are hindered by our sins, your abundant grace and mercy may quickly come and save us; for you live and reign with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.
Amen.

Notices

- ❖ **BIG Christmas Card!** Once again this year we have a big Christmas Card for everyone to sign to save from sending multiple cards out and to raise money for our general fund. The card will be available between now and Christmas.
- ❖ **25 December, Christmas Day Worship! 1030am**
- ❖ **1 January,** There will be no midweek service on New Year's Day.
- ❖ **The funeral of Agnes Rose** will take place on 5 January, at 11am at Bishopbriggs Crematorium.
- ❖ **Sunday School will resume on 4 January**

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📅 My usual days off are Friday & Saturday

First Reading

Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up your strength and come to help us.**
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?**
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbours, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved**

Epistle

Romans: 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel

Matthew 11: 2-11

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.