



St. Cyprian's Church Link

Sunday 1st February 2026
Epiphany 4

Collect of the Day

O God, through our human frailty, we cannot stand firm: give us strength and protection, that, with your help, we may overcome all difficulties; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Hymns for today * =*The Source Hymnal*

Opening	72	Lift High the Cross
Gradual	53	Songs of thankfulness and praise
Offertory	331	The God of Abraham praise
Communion	306*	Just as I am
Closing	510*	Thine be the Glory

Anglican Cycle of Prayer The Church of England

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Bishop Nick Bundock; Those in training for ordained and lay ministries. Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop Idris Jones, Bishop Gordon Mursell, all retired clergy and those in Post-Retiral Ministry; The Church of Scotland; The Roman Catholic Church in Scotland.

Those on our prayer list: For the families of John Arnott, Agnes Rose, and George Carswell; Revs. Les and Lucy Ireland, The search process at St. James the Less in Bishopbriggs; Bill Fergus; Rosa Revell and her sister; Barbara Fairlee, Sheila and Shaunda; Ruth Mitchell; Kennedy Fraser; Duncan Naysmith; Jean Dick; Margaret Conway; Susan Frost; 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.

Notices

- ❖ Today we welcome the Rev. Malcolm Crook as our celebrant and preacher!
- ❖ Lenzie Fairtrade is hosting an evening of music with the **Bearnsden Fiddlers** at **Lenzie Union** on 5 February at 7:30pm. Tickets are £10 and you can learn about fair trade while you are there.
- ❖ The **Rotary Club of Kirkintilloch** are collecting cosmetics to give for the women's refuge. Please pass them on to Glennis who will pass them on to the club.

First Reading

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.
Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.
"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Psalm 15

I Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?
who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, who speaks the truth from his heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend;
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbour.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, but he honours those who fear the Lord.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong
and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things
shall never be overthrown.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1: 18 – 31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.

The Gospel

Matthew 5: 1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”