



St. Cyprian's Church

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Sunday 26th April 2026

Easter 4

Collect of the Day

O God, the light of whose truth stretches out to those who go astray, that they may return to the path of righteousness: give your grace to all who profess themselves Christians, that they may cast out what is harmful, and pursue all that gives life; 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	122	How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
Gradual	126	The King of Love my Shepherd Is
Offertory	141	The head that once was crowned in thorns
Communion	259	My God and is thy table spread
Closing	148	At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow

Anglican Cycle of Prayer The Church of Nigeria

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Bishop Nick Bundock; Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Worldwide; Mothers' Union; St Cuthbert's, Cambuslang; St Mark's, East Kilbride

Those on our prayer list: For Luke as he prepares for his confirmation. For those at Lenzie Old & Lenzie Union Parishes; The search process at St. James the Less in Bishopbriggs; Katherine; Revs. Les and Lucy; Bill; Rosa and her sister; Barbara; Sheila and Shaunda; Ruth; Kennedy; Duncan; Jean; Margaret; Susan; Tom and Lynda; Jean; Peter; Helen; Glennis; Jean; Mary; Jacqui; and those who are named in the Prayer Book at the back of the church.

Notices

- ❖ We welcome **Malcolm Crook** who joins us this week as our celebrant and preacher!
- ❖ **The Bishop's Lenten appeal for the Daisy Project continues** throughout the season of Easter. To learn more or to donate: <https://www.glasgow.anglican.org/bishops-lent-appeal-2026-the-daisy-project/>
- ❖ **The vestry will meet after the service today.**
- ❖ Concordia, the ecumenical choir that Mary Boyd conducts, will be singing **Evensong for Pentecost** on 24 May. **Rehearsals begin this week, Wednesday evenings** in the choir vestry. **If you would like to join the choir for this event, please feel free to come along.** Speak with Mary or Rev. Audrey for more information.
- ❖ **Additional garden tidy up this Thursday, 30 April**, to focus specifically on tidying the driveway edges and clearing brambles from the entrance. We will start after the midweek service at 11am.
- ❖ **The Bishop will be visiting St. Cyprian's on 3 May.** There will be a special reception after the service to celebrate Luke's confirmation and to welcome the bishop. Please plan to attend if you are able!
- ❖ This summer, **Rev Audrey will be running an informed communion class** for any children who would like to dive deeper into the meaning of the Eucharist. We will meet for 1 hour per week at a time to be agreed between participant families. **If you have a young person entering P1-P7 who would like to participate please speak with Rev Audrey.**
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First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Epistle

1 Peter 2: 19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Gospel

John 10: 1-10

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”