

A faint background illustration of St. Cyprian's Church, a Gothic-style building with a prominent tower and arched windows.

St. Cyprian's Church Link

Sunday 16th August 2026
Pentecost 12

Collect of the Day

O God, you make known your almighty power in your merciful compassion: increase your mercy towards us; that we, being eager for your promises, may inherit the treasures of heaven; 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	143	Jesus shall reign
Gradual	133	Immortal love, forever full
Offertory	246*	I the Lord of Sea and Sky
Communion	260	And now, o father, mindful of thy love
Closing	22*	And can it be that I should gain

Anglican Cycle of Prayer The Church in Wales

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Bishop Nick Bundock; The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland; Diocesan Architect (Rebecca Cadie); Diocesan Surveyor (Elliott Glenesk); St Augustine's, Dumbarton

Those on our prayer list: We pray for those preparing for Baptism, reception, and communion recognition; For St. Mary's and St. David's; for the members of Lenzie Church of Scotland; St. James the Less in Bishopbriggs; Sally; Hazel; 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; and those who are named in the Prayer Book at the back of the church.

Notices

- ❖ **Backpack Blessing Today!** Make sure to bring your bags/calendars to the front for a blessing and let Rev. Audrey know if you would like a tag to tag home for sharing!
- ❖ **Vestry today** at noon.
- ❖ **Updating the church register** – over the next few Sundays we will be updating the church register. To do this, we will have a print out of the contact information help by the church office for you to check on ensuring it is up-to-date. We will also ask for some additional information (such as birthdays, anniversaries, etc...) to help with prayer list updates and general record keeping. Everyone will also have the chance to review and sign our GDPR policy at the same time.
- ❖ **Informed communion class** will continue Saturdays (**22 August**) from 930-11am here at **St. Cyps**. Communion Recognition Sunday, will occur on **Sunday, 6 September**.
- ❖ **Sunday School is BACK on 6 September!**
- ❖ **Youth serving rota is starting.** If you would like to join the rota please see Rev Audrey to get the link for signing up.
- ❖ Please send any **information for the next issue of the magazine** by Friday, 21 August to info@stcyprianslenzie.com.
- ❖ **Concordia Ecumenical Choir** will be rehearsing in September for an upcoming Evensong. **Even if you haven't sung with Concordia before, we would love to welcome new voices.** Please reach out to Mary or Rev. Audrey for more information.
- ❖ **SAVE THE DATES**
 - **6 September** - Communion Recognition
 - **12 September** – MU teddy bear picnic in Troon
 - **26 September** – Music@StCyprians
 - **4 October** - Harvest Evensong @5pm
 - **10 October** - Music@StCyprians
 - **1 November** – All Saints
 - **8 November** – Remembrance
 - **21 November** - Music@StCyprians
 - **28 November** – Advent Wreath Making
 - **6 December** - AGM

First Reading

Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,

for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to
the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,

all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant--

these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;

their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;

for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,

I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Psalms 67

I May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to
us.

**2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.**

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

**4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.**

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

**6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**

7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of
him.

Epistle

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no
means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of
Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God
has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.
Just as you were once disobedient to God but have
now received mercy because of their disobedience,
so they have now been disobedient in order that,
by the mercy shown to you, they too may now
receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in
disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The Gospel

Matthew 15: 21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district
of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman
from that region came out and started shouting,
“Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my
daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not
answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged
him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting
after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost
sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and
knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He
answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food
and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet
even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their
masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her,
“Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you
as you wish.” And her daughter was healed
instantly.