

A faint background illustration of a Gothic-style church with a tall spire and arched windows.

St. Cyprian's Church Link

Sunday 23rd August 2026
Pentecost 13

Collect of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, by your generous love you grant to those who pray more than is desired or deserved: pour down your mercy upon us, forgiving what our conscience fears, and granting what we dare not ask; 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	332	Christ is made the sure foundation (verses 5, 6, 9)
Gradual	47*	Be still, for the presence of the Lord
Offertory	367*	My Jesus, my Saviour
Communion	348*	Make me a channel of your peace
Closing	72	Lift high the cross (1-3, 10-12)

Anglican Cycle of Prayer The Church of the Province of West Africa

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Bishop Nick Bundock; Canon Missioner; Diocesan Protection of Vulnerable Groups Co-ordinator; St John the Evangelist, Greenock

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

- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **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 Sunday
 - **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 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,
you that seek the Lord.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

For the Lord will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me,
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,
my salvation has gone out
and my arms will rule the peoples;

the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;

for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats;

but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Psalm 138

I I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

**2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, because of your love
and faithfulness;**

3 For you have glorified your Name and your word
above all things.

**4 When I called, you answered me; you
increased my strength within me.**

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

**6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that
great is the glory of the Lord.**

7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly;
he perceives the haughty from afar.

**8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you
keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand**

**against the fury of my enemies; your right
hand shall save me.**

9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me;
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

Epistle

Romans 12: 1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Gospel

Matthew 16: 13 - 20

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.