

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

St. Cyprian's Church Link

Sunday 13th September 2026
Pentecost 16/Creation 2

Collect of the Day

God the Creator, in Christ you call all people to the fullness of glory for which you created us in your image: heal our hardened hearts, renew our obedience to your will, and conform our lives to your gracious design, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymns for today * =The Source Hymnal

Opening	105	All creatures of our God and King
Gradual	135	Rock of ages cleft for me
Offertory	*138	Great is thy faithfulness
Communion	27	Here o my lord I see thee face to face
Closing	*327	Lord for the years

Anglican Cycle of Prayer The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Bishop Nick Bundock; Scottish Episcopal Church: Brechin (Bishop Andrew Swift); Companions of Our Lady & St Mungo; Holy Name, Cumbernauld; St Matthew's, Possilpark

Those on our prayer list: For Irene; Graeme; 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

- ❖ **The first Music @ St Cyprian's concert is coming up on 26th September** featuring Fiddle and Accordion Duo, Roo & Neil. Tickets are available on the musicstcyprians.co.uk website.
- ❖ **Updating the church register** – The church register is printed and is currently in the hall. If everyone could review the information about themselves and tick off if it is correct or make changes if it is not that would be a tremendous help! There are boxes to check if you are okay with appearing on our updated prayer list, receiving the mailings from the church, and to acknowledge the GDPR policy as well.
- ❖ **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.

First Reading

Genesis 50: 15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Psalm 103: 8-13

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

**9 He will not always accuse us,
nor will he keep his anger for ever.**

10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

**11 For as the heavens are high above the
earth, so is his mercy great upon those who
fear him.**

12 As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our sins from us.

**13 As a father cares for his children,
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.**

Epistle

Romans 13: 8-14

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Gospel

Matthew 18: 21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times."

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."