

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

St. Cyprian's Church Link

Sunday 6th September 2026
Pentecost 15/Creation 1

Collect of the Day

Holy God, Creator of the world and fount of all life, you never abandon the creatures formed by your wisdom: remain with us always, we pray, working for our good, 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	336	All my hope on God is founded
Gradual	27*	As the deer pants for the water
Offertory	213	Children of the Heavenly King
Communion	18*	Amazing Grace
Closing	459	Give me joy in my heart

Anglican Cycle of Prayer The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Bishop Nick Bundock; Porvoo Communion: The Church of Norway; St John the Evangelist, Easttriggs; All Saints, Gretna; All Saints, Lockerbie; St John the Evangelist, Moffat

Those on our prayer list: The family of Andrew Nisbet, who was laid to rest this week. For the families of Ben Foster and Jenna Mitchell, who have died. For 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

- ❖ **Congratulations to Kerryanne O'Rourke** who is being received into the Episcopal Church today!
- ❖ **Blessings upon Abbey, Hazel, Islay, and Nicole** who are celebrating their Communion Recognition Day. The beautiful banners around our church today were made by the girls and represent what communion means to each of them. Thanks to mentors: Aileen, Glennis, Janet, and Mary for working with the girls and helping them to dig deeper into our sacramental traditions.
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **MU Diocesan Teddy Bear's picnic** is next Saturday, 12 September, at 2pm in Troon. All are welcome.
- ❖ **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

Ezekiel 33:7-11

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Psalm 119: 33-40

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

36 Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; give me life in your ways.

38 Fulfil your promise to your servant, which you make to those who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, because your judgments are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; in your righteousness preserve my life.

Epistle

Romans 13: 8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Gospel

Matthew 18: 15-20

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."