



St. Cyprian's Church Link

Sunday 3rd October 2026
Harvest Sunday

Collect of the Day

God, in whom all things are possible, you crown the year with your goodness and give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, so that none may hunger, none may thirst, and all may cherish the gifts of your creation, 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	104	For the Beauty of the Earth
Gradual	247	I heard the voice of Jesus say
Offertory	348*	Make me a channel of your peace
Communion	insert	I am the bread of life
Closing	116	All things bright and beautiful

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Bishop Nick Bundock; The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania; St Columba's, Largs; St Ninian's, Prestwick.

Those on our prayer list: For Irene Fitchett, Bill Rhines, and David "DJ" Johnson, who have died and for their friends and loved ones who mourn; 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

- ❖ **Music @ St Cyprian's will be back on 10 October at 730** with a concert by Aaron Hawthorne, improvising accompaniment on the organ to the silent film *Jeckel and Hyde*.
- ❖ **Save the date! Saturday, 24 October from 230-430 the Mothers' Union will be hosting a Victorian Afternoon Fete** featuring afternoon tea, games, and activities. All ages are encouraged to attend as we raise money to support Mothers' Union. Suggested minimum donation of £5 per person.
- ❖ **Children's Art Contest – As part of the festivities for the 150th anniversary of the MU**, children are invited to submit a piece of art depicting something from about 150 years ago. More information can be found on the posters on the bulletin board or by asking Rev Audrey or Maxine Gow.
- ❖ **All Saints Sunday Evensong – Concordia** will be with us at 5pm on Sunday, 1 November for a service of choral evensong making All Saints.

First Reading

Joel 2: 21-27

Do not fear, O soil;
be glad and rejoice,
for the Lord has done great things!
Do not fear, you animals of the field,
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;
the tree bears its fruit;
the fig tree and vine give their full yield.
O children of Zion, be glad,
and rejoice in the Lord your God,
for he has given the early rain^[a] for your vindication;
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.
The threshing floors shall be full of grain;
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army that I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.
You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is
no other.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Psalm 65

¹ Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,
and to you shall vows be performed,

² **O you who answer prayer!**

To you all flesh shall come.

³ When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,
you forgive our transgressions.

⁴ **Happy are those whom you choose and
bring near to live in your court. We shall be
satisfied with the goodness of your house,
your holy temple.**

⁵ By awesome deeds you answer us with
deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the
hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest
seas.

⁶ **By your^[a] strength you established the
mountains; you are girded with might.**

⁷ You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of
their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

⁸ **Those who live at earth's farthest bounds
are awed by your signs; you make the
gateways of the morning and the evening
shout for joy.**

⁹ You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich
it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the
people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

¹⁰ **You water its furrows abundantly, settling
its ridges, softening it with showers, and
blessing its growth.**

¹¹ You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

¹² **The pastures of the wilderness overflow;
the hills gird themselves with joy;**

¹³ the meadows clothe themselves with flocks; the
valleys deck themselves with grain; they shout and
sing together for joy.

Epistle

Philippians 4:4–9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.
Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The
Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in
everything by prayer and supplication with
thanksgiving let your requests be made known to
God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all
understanding, will guard your hearts and your
minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is
honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure,
whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if
there is any excellence and if there is anything
worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on
doing the things that you have learned and received
and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace
will be with you.

The Gospel

John 6: 25 - 35

When they found him on the other side of the
lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come
here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you,
you are looking for me, not because you saw
signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.
Do not work for the food that perishes, but for
the food that endures for eternal life, which the
Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that
God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to
him, 'What must we do to perform the works of
God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of
God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.'
So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to
give us then, so that we may see it and believe
you? What work are you performing? Our
ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is
written, "He gave them bread from heaven to
eat." ' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell
you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread
from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you
the true bread from heaven. For the bread of
God is that which comes down from heaven and
gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give
us this bread always.'

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and
whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'