

## Daily Bread

Feria of 11<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time

### Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> June

1 Kings 21: 1-16; Matthew 5: 38-42

### Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June

1 Kings 21: 17-29; Matthew 5: 43-48

### Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> June

2 Kings 2: 1, 6-14;  
Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18

### Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> June

Sirach 48: 1-14; Matthew 6: 7-15

### Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> June

2 Kings 11: 1-4, 9-20;  
Matthew 6: 19-23

### Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June

2 Chronicles 24: 17-25;  
Matthew 6: 24-34

### Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Job 38: 1-11; Ps 107: 1-3, 23-32;  
2 Corinthians 6: 1-13;  
Mark 4: 35-41  
Eucharist (St Serf's Church), 10am

## Announcements

**Next Sunday, 23 June:** There will be no service at St John's Church on Sunday, 23 June. There will be a 1982 Eucharist at St Serf's Church at 10am. All are welcome.

**Morning Prayer** will be livestreamed at 9am on Facebook on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

**Discussion Group:** The Monday afternoon discussion group will continue on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June** at **St Serf's** at **3pm**. All are welcome. We will

be watching together and discussing the dramatisation of Jesus' ministry called "The Chosen". For more details please ask Revd Tess. A Zoom link is available for those unable to attend in person - please ask Tess.

**Vestry Meeting:** The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, 19 June** at **St Serf's** at **7.30pm**. All items for discussion for the agenda should be notified to Trudy Hill by today.

**Strawberry Tea:** There will be a Strawberry Tea on **Saturday, 22 June** at **St John's** from **2pm** to **4pm**. Cost £5. Why not come along and bring a friend to enjoy a cuppa and some tasty treats.

**Bishop Kevin's Farewell Service** will be held at St Mary's Cathedral at 11am on Saturday, 29 June. Refreshments will be available after the service. If anyone would like to contribute to a farewell gift to Bishop Kevin there are envelopes at the back of the church.

**Days Off:** Revd Tess takes **Thursday** and **Friday** as days off.

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## GLASGOW EAST END EPISCOPAL CHURCHES

(Incorporating St John's,  
Baillieston; St Kentigern's,  
Dennistoun and St Serf's,  
Shettleston)

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

16<sup>th</sup> June 2024

*Welcome to our church for this Sunday's service; do stay for tea or coffee afterwards, we look forward to meeting you. If the morning service is the celebration of the Eucharist, all are welcome to make their communion here. Or if you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward to the rail with arms by your sides.*

### Collect

O God, you always guide your people whom you build up on the foundation of your love: make us ever stand in awe of your Holy Name, and love you in equal measure; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.



### Lectionary

#### Ezekiel 17: 22-24

*A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.*

Thus says the Lord GOD:  
I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

### Psalm 92

**R It is good to give you thanks, O my Lord.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and make music to your name, O Most High!

And proclaim your love in the morning, and your truth in the watches of the night-time.

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And the just ones will grow like the palm tree and will flourish like the cedars of Lebanon.

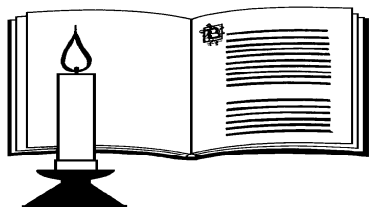
In the courts of God they will blossom bearing fruits in the evening of their life-span.

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## 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17

*A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.*

Brothers and sisters, we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord – for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!



## Mark 4: 26-34

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.*

Such a large crowd gathered around Jesus that he got into a boat and began to teach them using many parables. Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.' Jesus also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

### **Post Communion**

Holy and blessed God, as you give us the body and blood of your Son, guide us with your Holy Spirit, that we may honour you not only with our lips but also in our lives. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Today's Readings

### **First Reading - Ezekiel 17: 22-24**

God takes the top sprig from a cedar tree and plants it on a mountain top, where it grows into a mighty and fruitful tree.

### **Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17**

We do not need to judge others, since in God's generosity everyone is made new.

### **Gospel - Mark 4: 26-34**

God's kingdom grows from tiny beginnings, yet is big enough for everyone to find a place.

### **Intercessions**

#### **Please pray for:**

#### **Those who are sick or in hospital:**

Dorothea, David, Elizabeth, Valerie, Ina, Joseph, Liz, Isabel, Harry John, Danut, Mihaela, Alan, Mick, Janet, Christina, Robert, John, Ferne, Sarah, Rose, Lewis, Pam and Jeremy.

#### **Faithful departed anniversaries:**

Cathie Malcolm, Edith Wallace and Donald Rae.



### **Reflection**

*'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how.'*

Most of God's work in the world is done through the ordinary events of life, which attract little attention. Steady perseverance in faith is more important than seeking for spectacular signs.

Sleeping and waking, Lord, increase in me the fruits of the Spirit so that your will may be done in me and through me. Give me grace to seek you and light to find you in the little things and the hidden ways, to grow in love and to show your glory without seeking praise for myself. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Taken from *Following the Gospel through the Year* by Raymond Chapman. Canterbury Press.

**Turn**  **your heart to God.**