

Daily Bread

Feria of 12th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday, 24th June

2 Kings 17: 5-8, 13-18;
Matthew 7: 1-5

Tuesday, 25th June

2 Kings 19: 9-21, 31-36;
Matthew 7: 6, 12-14

Wednesday, 26th June

2 Kings 22: 8-13; 23: 1-3;
Matthew 7: 15-20

Thursday, 27th June

2 Kings 24: 8-17; Matthew 7: 21-29

Friday, 28th June

2 Kings 25: 1-12; Matthew 8: 1-4

Saturday, 29th June

Lamentations 2: 2, 10-14, 18-19;
Matthew 8: 5-17

Sunday, 30th June

Feast of St Serf
Isaiah 6: 1-8; Ps 16: 5-11;
1 Peter 5: 1-4; John 21: 15-17
Eucharist (St Serf's Church),
10.30am

Announcements

Next Sunday, 30 June: There will be no service at St John's Church on Sunday, 30 June. There will be a 1982 Festival Eucharist at St Serf's Church at 10.30am for the 90th Anniversary of the church building. 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 24th 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.

Strawberry Tea: Thanks to all who helped and supported the Strawberry Tea yesterday.

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

5th Sunday after Pentecost

23rd 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 Lord, in your mercy hear our prayers: and as you give us the desire to pray, grant us your help and protection; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Lectionary

Job 38: 1-11

A reading from the book of Job.

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: 'Who is this that darkens counsel by words without

knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements – surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb? – when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped?"'

Psalm 107: 1-3, 23-32

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1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

3 He gathered them out of the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

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23 Some went down to the sea in ships and plied their trade in deep waters;

24 They beheld the works of the Lord and his wonders in the deep.

25 Then he spoke and a stormy wind arose, which tossed high the waves of the sea.

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26 They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths; their hearts melted because of their peril.
27 They reeled and staggered like drunkards and were at their wits' end.
28 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

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29 He stilled the storm to a whisper and quieted the waves of the sea.
30 Then were they glad because of the calm, and he brought them to the harbour they were bound for.

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31 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy and the wonders he does for his children.
32 Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people and praise him in the council of the elders.

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2 Corinthians 6: 1-13

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

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities,

beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see – we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return – I speak as to children – open wide your hearts also.

Mark 4: 35-41

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

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled

with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

Post Communion

Almighty God, guide and protect your people who share in this sacred mystery, and keep us always in your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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, Lewis, Jeremy, Ralph and Ann.

Recently departed:
Pamela McCracken and Florence McGregor.

Faithful departed anniversaries:
Robert Greer.

Today's Readings

First Reading - Job 38: 1-11

Job is taught that from the very beginning God has been in control of the universe in all its glory and complexity.

Second Reading - 2 Cor 6: 1-13

Paul outlines the trials and joys of Christian ministry, as he urges the Christians in Corinth to play their part.

Gospel - Mark 4: 35-41

Jesus' demonstration of power over the

storm provokes questions about his true identity.

Reflection

One minute our lives are free and easy.
Next minute we are cast down.
All it takes is a piece of bad news, an unexpected event or disappointment, and suddenly for us the whole world becomes dark and sombre.
Waves of discouragement, fear and even despair can rise up all around us, threatening to engulf us.

In such moments who will save us from downing and help us to keep the direction of our lives on course?

Christ our Lord will.
Christ who is our brother, our companion on the voyage to the eternal shore.
All we have to do is awaken ourselves to the sense of his presence, and call out to him in our distress, as the apostles did.
Then we will hear his gentle voice saying to us:
"Fear not, for I am with you".
And the waves of fear will subside, and the sun of hope will shine for us again.

