

## Daily Bread

*Feria of 14<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time*

### Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> July

Hosea 2: 16-23; Matthew 9: 18-26

### Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> July

Hosea 8: 4-7, 11-13;  
Matthew 9: 32-38

### Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> July

Hosea 10: 1-3, 7-8, 12;  
Matthew 10: 1-7

### Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> July

Hosea 11: 1-9; Matthew 10: 7-15

### Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> July

Hosea 14: 1-9; Matthew 10: 16-23

### Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> July

Isaiah 6: 1-8; Matthew 10: 24-33

### Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> July

*8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

Amos 7: 7-15; Psalm 85: 8-13;  
Ephesians 1: 3-14; Mark 6: 14-29  
Eucharist (St Serf's Church), 9am  
Eucharist (St Serf's Church), 10am

## Announcements

**Next Sunday, 14 July:** There will be no service at St John's Church on Sunday, 14 July. There will be a 1970 Eucharist at St Serf's Church at 9am and 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 8<sup>th</sup> July** 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.

**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)**

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

### 7<sup>th</sup> July 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, let the world be ordered in peace, according to your will: that your people may be free to worship you with joy; 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 2: 1-5

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

The heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. When I saw this, I fell

on my face, and I heard the voice of someone speaking. He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

### Psalm 123

**R Our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he shows us his mercy.**

1 To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,  
3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he show us his mercy.

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4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,

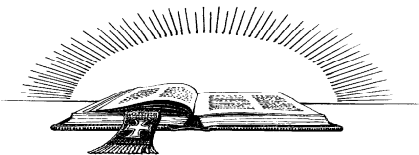
5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.

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## 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

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

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows – was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.’ So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.



## Mark 6: 1-13

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

Jesus came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, ‘Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?’ And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, ‘Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.’ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, ‘Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.’ So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

## Post Communion

O God, may we who have shared in holy things never fail to serve you in your world, and so come to the fullness of joy, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Intercessions

**Please pray for:**

**Those who are sick or in hospital:**  
Dorothea, David, Alex, Elizabeth, Valerie, Ina, Joseph, Liz, Harry John, Danut, Mihaela, Alan, Janet, Christina, Robert, John, Ferne, Sarah, Lewis, Jeremy, Ralph, Ann and Ashley.

**Faithful departed anniversaries:**  
Peter Fairweather, James Johnston and Molly Leebody.

## Today's Readings

**First Reading - Ezekiel 2: 1-5**  
Ezekiel was an exile in Babylon along with many of God's people. God had given him an incredible vision of divine glory and, in our reading, goes on to call him to be a prophet.

**Second Reading - 2 Cor 12: 2-10**  
Paul is concerned about false prophets leading the church in Corinth astray with their boasts of great spiritual experiences. Paul says he could brag about even more incredible things than them, but thinks it folly to do so.

**Gospel - Mark 6: 1-13**  
Jesus returns to Nazareth, where he was brought up, but he does not receive a warm reception.

## Reflection

*‘Jesus said to them,  
‘Prophets are not without honour,  
except in their home town  
and among their kin,  
and in their own house.’*

In all ages, God sends messengers to proclaim God's word. People do not always listen to them, but they are constrained to do God's will and not expect a favourable reception.

Lord, open my ears to hear the voices that are familiar, to learn from the people I know well. When I look for novelty, when I listen for the distant call, give me grace to remember that your word is spoken in many ways and by many people who are not honoured in the judgement of this world. In Jesus name. Amen.

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

