

Daily Bread

Feria of 23rd Week of Ordinary Time

Monday, 9th September

1 Corinthians 5: 1-8;
Luke 6: 6-11

Tuesday, 10th September

1 Corinthians 6: 1-11;
Luke 6: 12-19

Wednesday, 11th September

1 Corinthians 7: 25-31;
Luke 6: 20-26

Thursday, 12th September

1 Corinthians 8: 1-13;
Luke 6: 27-38

Friday, 13th September

1 Corinthians 9: 16-27;
Luke 6: 39-42

Saturday, 14th September

1 Corinthians 10: 14-22;
Luke 6: 43-49

Sunday, 15th September

17th Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalm 116: 1-9;
James 3: 1-12; Mark 8: 27-38
Eucharist (St John's Church),
10.30am



Announcements

Next Sunday, 15 September: There will be a 1982 Eucharist at St John's Church at 10.30am (no service at St Serf's). All are welcome.

Cheese & Wine Night: There will be a Cheese and Wine Night at **St Serf's** on **Saturday, 21 September** at **7pm**. There is no charge for this event so why not come along and enjoy a relaxing social evening with your friends and family. All are welcome

Morning Prayer will not be livestreamed while Tess is on annual leave and will restart on Monday 23rd September.

Annual Leave: The Revd Tess will not be available till Saturday, 21 September.

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GLASGOW EAST END EPISCOPAL CHURCHES

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

16th Sunday after Pentecost

8th September 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

Almighty and eternal God, make us grow in faith, hope and charity: and that we may be worthy of your promises, cause us to love what you command; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Lectionary

Isaiah 35: 4-7a

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your

God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Psalm 146

R You open wide your hand, O Lord, and satisfy our needs.

1 Alleluia!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

R

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

R

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

R

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

R

9 The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Alleluia!

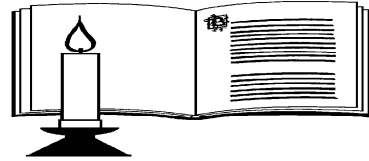
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James 2: 1-10, 14-17

A reading from the letter of James.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please,' while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there,' or, 'Sit at my feet,' have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to

them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.



Mark 7: 24-37

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

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go – the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his

hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

Post Communion

Father, your word and sacrament give us food and life. May we who have shared in holy things bear fruit to your honour and glory in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Intercessions

Please pray for healing and comfort for:

Dorothea, David, Alex, Elizabeth, Valerie, Ina, Joseph, Liz, Harry John, Danut, Mihaela, Alan, Janet, Christina, John, Sarah and Ashley.

Faithful departed anniversaries:
Anne Robinson.

Today's Readings

First Reading - Isaiah 35: 4-7a

The kingdom of God is not only a renewal for broken humanity, but also for the land.

Second Reading - Jam 2:1-10, 14-17
Our faith in the God of justice and mercy has to be acted out in our lives for it to mean anything at all.

Gospel - Mark 7: 24-37

Jesus heals a girl with an unclean spirit and a deaf man with a speech impediment, to the crowd's amazement.

Reflection

Looking up to heaven he sighed, and said to him 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

The will of God is for health and abundant life. Through Jesus Christ, the great works prophesied of the Messiah have been, and still are, accomplished.

Lord, open my ears to hear your word and open my lips to make it known. I praise you for your patience that never fails, your love that meets the needs that I can only imperfectly express. As in the days of your human ministry you looked up to heaven, so let me now look to you where you are alive and reigning, still giving life and health to those who call upon you. Amen.

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

