

Daily Bread

Feria of 16th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday, 21st July

Exodus 14: 5-18;
Matthew 12: 38-42

Tuesday, 22nd July

Exodus 14: 21 - 15: 1;
Matthew 12: 46-50

Wednesday, 23rd July

Exodus 16: 1-5, 9-15;
Matthew 13: 1-9

Thursday, 24th July

Exodus 19: 1-20;
Matthew 13: 10-17

Friday, 25th July

Exodus 20: 1-17;
Matthew 13: 18-23

Saturday, 26th July

Exodus 24: 3-8;
Matthew 13: 24-30

Sunday, 27th July

7th Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 18: 20-32; Psalm 138;
Colossians 2: 6-15;
Luke 11: 1-13
Eucharist (St Serf's Church),
10.30am.

Announcements

Next Sunday, 27 July: There will be a 1982 Eucharist at St Serf's Church at 10.30am (no service at St John's). All are welcome.

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

Discussion Group: Tomorrow, **Monday 21st July at 2pm** we will continue watching the 3rd season of "The Chosen" at the rectory in Cambuslang. "The Chosen" is a modern dramatisation of the life and ministry of Jesus. Each Monday we will watch one episode together followed by a brief discussion about the episode. If you would like to come but need a lift please speak with Tess. If you would prefer to participate by watching with us on Zoom, that is also possible.

Funeral: The funeral for Sarah Lawie will take place on Thursday, 31 July at Daldowie Crematorium at 2pm.

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

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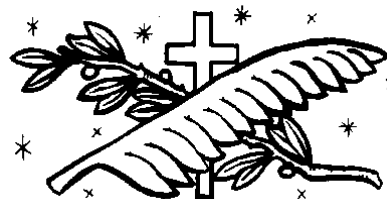
6th Sunday after Pentecost

20th July 2025

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 of power and might, all good things belong to you: sow in our hearts the love of your name, and make us grow in the life of faith; nurture the things that are good, and tend them with your loving care; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.



Lectionary

Genesis 18: 1-10a

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on – since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.'

Psalm 15

R The just will live in the presence of God, live with God for ever.

Who shall dwell in the heights with you?

Those who walk without fault;
all who walk in the ways of justice;
people whose hearts are true.

R

Do not harm your neighbour's name;
those who honour my name,
cast no slur on your neighbour's ways,
on all those who fear the Lord.

R

Keep your promises, come what may,
take no profit from loans;
take no bribes if you walk my ways;
stand firm as you walk my ways.

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God, live with God for ever.**

Colossians 1: 15-28

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the
Colossians.*

Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation; for in him all
things in heaven and on earth were
created, things visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers
or powers – all things have been
created through him and for him. He
himself is before all things, and in him
all things hold together. He is the head
of the body, the church; he is the
beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
so that he might come to have first
place in everything. For in him all the
fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased to
reconcile to himself all things, whether
on earth or in heaven, by making peace
through the blood of his cross. And you
who were once estranged and hostile
in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now
reconciled in his fleshly body through
death, so as to present you holy and
blameless and irreproachable before
him – provided that you continue
securely established and steadfast in
the faith, without shifting from the hope
promised by the gospel that you heard,
which has been proclaimed to every
creature under heaven. I, Paul, became

a servant of this gospel. I am now
rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake,
and in my flesh I am completing what is
lacking in Christ's afflictions for the
sake of his body, that is, the church. I
became its servant according to God's
commission that was given to me for
you, to make the word of God fully
known, the mystery that has been
hidden throughout the ages and
generations but has now been revealed
to his saints. To them God chose to
make known how great among the
Gentiles are the riches of the glory of
this mystery, which is Christ in you, the
hope of glory. It is he whom we
proclaim, warning everyone and
teaching everyone in all wisdom, so
that we may present everyone mature
in Christ.

Luke 10: 38-42

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

Now as Jesus and his disciples went
on their way, he entered a certain
village, where a woman named Martha
welcomed him into her home. She had
a sister named Mary, who sat at the
Lord's feet and listened to what he was
saying. But Martha was distracted by
her many tasks; so she came to Jesus
and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that
my sister has left me to do all the work
by myself? Tell her then to help me.'
But the Lord answered her, 'Martha,
Martha, you are worried and distracted
by many things; there is need of only
one thing. Mary has chosen the better
part, which will not be taken away from
her.'

Post Communion

O God, as we are strengthened in
these holy mysteries, may our lives be
a continual offering, holy and
acceptable in your sight, through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

Today's Readings

First Reading - Gen 18: 1-10a

Three mysterious strangers visit
Abraham and tell him of a miracle that
will happen: despite their advanced
age, Abraham and his wife Sarah will
have a child.

Second Reading - Col 1: 15-28

This passage describes Jesus' divine
nature and explains that his death on
the cross has brought us forgiveness
and a new relationship with God.

Gospel - Luke 10: 38-42

Jesus breaks convention by entering
the home of two women, Martha and
Mary, to teach them. However, Martha
is too distracted to listen.

Intercessions

Please pray for healing and comfort for:

Dorothea, David, Elizabeth, Edward,
Valerie, Ina, Liz, Harry John, Danut,
Mihaela, Alan, Janet, John, Christine,
Jeremy, Michael, John, Henryk and
Annie.

Recently departed:

Sarah Lawie

Faithful departed anniversaries:

Myra Laird.

Reflection

*Placing ourselves in the presence of
God.*

The first thing we have to do is to be
still physically.

Next we have to still the mind,
something which is far more difficult to
do.

We have to empty it of our cares,
anxieties and plans.

Then we make a surprising discovery
- the world turns without us.

This means that neither we nor our
schemes, which may appear to us to
be of the utmost importance,
and which are devouring all our
energies, are as important as we
imagine.

Then our projects lose their power
over us. A healing process begins.
Far from the strain and turmoil of life,
our fragmented self is reassembled.
We slowly become whole again.
We rest quietly in the presence of
God, like a little boat which has been
tossed by the sea, and buffeted by the
wind, rests secure in a sheltered
harbour.

In his presence we experience our
true worth, which consists, not in
doing, but in being.

We surrender ourselves into his
hands. We are at peace.

Even our dreams have been put to
sleep.