

Daily Bread

Feria of 17th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday, 28th July

Exodus 32: 15-24, 30-34;
Matthew 13: 31-35

Tuesday, 29th July

Exodus 33: 7-11; 34: 5-10, 27-28;
Matthew 13: 36-43

Wednesday, 30th July

Exodus 34: 29-35; Matthew 13: 44-46

Thursday, 31st July

Exodus 40: 16-21, 34-38;
Matthew 13: 47-53

Friday, 1st August

Leviticus 23: 1-11, 26-38;
Matthew 13: 54-58

Saturday, 2nd August

Leviticus 25: 1, 8-17; Matthew 14: 1-12

Sunday, 3rd August

8th Sunday after Pentecost
Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14; 2: 18-23;
Psalm 49: 1-12; Colossians 3: 1-11;
Luke 12: 13-21
Eucharist (St John's Church),
10.30am.

Announcements

Next Sunday, 3 August: There will be a 1982 Eucharist at St John'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 28th 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.

'Common Ground - Church for Everyone' At St Serf's church next Sunday 3rd August at 6:30pm there will be a Celtic-style ecumenical service using Taizé chant and other unaccompanied singing. It will be led by Revd Tess assisted by younger adults from various Glasgow churches, with permission and encouragement from Bishop Nick. This SEC service is open to all ages and denominations. After the service there will be food to share together.

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

7th Sunday after Pentecost

27th 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, whose providence orders all things in heaven and earth: keep from us everything harmful, and lead us to all that is good; 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: 20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre and said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and

Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.' So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the LORD said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again Abraham spoke to the LORD, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then Abraham said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' The LORD answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' Abraham said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' The LORD answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' The LORD answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

Psalm 138

R I thank you, O Lord, with all my heart, you hear my prayer.

I thank you for love and for faithfulness greater than we ever knew.

When I called you answered me,
you increased my strength.

R

The king of the earth shall give thanks to you,

hearing the words of your mouth.

They shall praise the name of God:

“Glory to the Lord.”

R

The Lord is almighty yet looks on me,

the haughty he knows from afar;

though I walk the way of pain,

he will give me life.

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Colossians 2: 6-15

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him

through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Luke 11: 1-13

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

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.’ He said to them, ‘When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.’ And he said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, “Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.” And he answers from within, “Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.” I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

Post Communion

God of grace, we have received the memorial of the death and resurrection of your Son. May your love, poured into us, bring us to your promises. We ask this in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

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, Annie, Deirdre, Sheila and Robin.

Recently departed:

Sarah Lawie

Faithful departed anniversaries:

Isabel McGarry.

Reflection

Asking, seeking and knocking.

Christ said that the person who asked would receive;
the person who searched would find;
and the person who knocked,
the door would be opened.

But if we ask in a half-hearted way,
then how can we receive?
And if we fear to lose the pleasures of the old world,
then how can we find the joys of a new world?
And if we knock half fearing that the door *will* open,
and we *will* be shut off from the comforts of the world as we know it,
then how can we expect the door to open at all?

There are some people who are unwilling to renounce a single one of their former values in order to gain a new one.
Such people will never be unified or free, and they make it very difficult for themselves to enter the kingdom of God.

May we have the courage truly to ask, truly to seek, and truly to knock at the door of faith that we may know the transforming love that only our loving heavenly Father can give.

