

Daily Bread

Feria of 18th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday, 4th August

Numbers 11: 4-15;
Matthew 14: 22-36

Tuesday, 5th August

Numbers 12: 1-17;
Matthew 15: 1-2, 10-14

Wednesday, 6th August

Numbers 13: 1-2, 25 - 14: 1, 26-35;
Matthew 15: 21-28

Thursday, 7th August

Numbers 20: 1-13;
Matthew 16: 13-23

Friday, 8th August

Deuteronomy 4: 32-40;
Matthew 16: 24-28

Saturday, 9th August

Deuteronomy 6: 4-13;
Matthew 17: 14-20

Sunday, 10th August

9th Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 15: 1-6; Psalm 33: 12-22;
Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16;
Luke 12: 32-40
Eucharist (St Serf's Church), 10.30am.

Announcements

Next Sunday, 10 August: 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 4th August** 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.

'Common Ground - Church for Everyone' At St Serf's Church tonight, 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.

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

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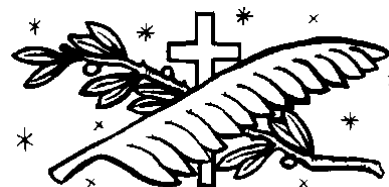
8th Sunday after Pentecost

3rd August 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

Grant to us, Lord, the spirit to think on those things that are right, and always to be ready to do them: that we, who without you cannot be alive, may have the strength to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.



Lectionary

Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14; 2:18-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me – and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Psalm 49: 1-12

R My mouth, O Lord, shall speak of wisdom.

1 Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell in the world, you of

high degree and low, rich and poor together.

2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

R

3 I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, and boast of their great riches?

R

6 We can never ransom ourselves, or deliver to God the price of our life;

7 For the ransom of our life is so great, that we should never have enough to pay it,

8 In order to live for ever and ever, and never see the grave.

R

9 For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they call the lands after their own names.

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11 Even though honoured, they cannot live for ever; they are like the beasts that perish.

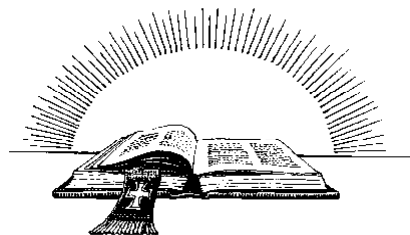
12 Such is the way of those who foolishly trust in themselves, and the end of those who delight in their own words.

R My mouth, O Lord, shall speak of wisdom.

Colossians 3: 1-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things – anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!



Luke 12: 13-21

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to the crowd, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

Post Communion

God of grace, we have shared in the mystery of the body and blood of Christ. May we who have tasted the bread of life live with you for ever. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Alice Russell, Robert Leeboddy, Irene Wray and Catherine McGregor.

Reflection

While out for an evening walk I emerged from an area where the streets were lit by bright lamps, and came into an open area. It was only then that I discovered that the sky was full of stars. And I thought to myself: How easily and how effectively the earthly lights extinguish the heavenly ones.

Lord, help us to seek the things that make us rich in your sight, and grant that the glitter of this world may not dim our hopes of heavenly glory. Amen.