

Daily Bread

Feria of 26th Week of Ordinary Time

Monday, 29th September

Zechariah 8: 1-8;
Luke 9: 46-50

Tuesday, 30th September

Zechariah 8: 20-23;
Luke 9: 51-56

Wednesday, 1st October

Nehemiah 2: 1-8;
Luke 9: 57-62

Thursday, 2nd October

Nehemiah 8: 1-12;
Luke 10: 1-12

Friday, 3rd October

Baruch 1: 15-21;
Luke 10: 13-16

Saturday, 4th October

Baruch 4: 5-12, 27-29;
Luke 10: 17-24

Sunday, 5th October

*17th Sunday after Pentecost –
Harvest Festival*
Deuteronomy 26: 1-11; Psalm 100;
Philippians 4: 4-9;
John 6: 25-35
Eucharist (St John's Church),
10.30am.

Announcements

Next Sunday, 5 October: There will be a 1982 Eucharist at St John's Church at 10.30am (no service at St Serf's). All are welcome.

'Common Ground - Church for Everyone' At St Serf's Church next Sunday 5th October 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.

Harvest Appeal: This year, we shall be supporting a local Food Bank. Donations of non-perishable foods will be gratefully received. There are envelopes available at the back of the church for those who prefer to give a monetary donation.

Jive Night: There will be a Jive Night at **St John's** on **Saturday, 11 October** at **7.30pm**. The cost will be £10 per person. Tickets are available from Kathryn Dougall. Please bring your own refreshments.

Annual Leave: The Revd Tess will be away on annual leave until Saturday, 4 October. There will be no Morning Prayer on Facebook during this period.

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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

28th September 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 Lord, may your grace at all times go before us, and follow on behind: and so continually direct us to good works; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

Lectionary

Amos 6: 1a, 4-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

Thus says the LORD, the God of hosts: Alas for those who are at ease

in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria! Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Psalm 146

R Praise the Lord, O my soul!

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.

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.

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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.

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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.

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

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1 Timothy 6: 6-19

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the

commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time – he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Luke 16: 19-31

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

Jesus told this parable to those among the Pharisees who loved money: 'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he

looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." The man who had been rich said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house – for I have five brothers – that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them." He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." Abraham said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

Post Communion

Father in heaven, strengthen the unity of your Church, so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Intercessions

Please pray for healing and comfort for:

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

Faithful departed anniversaries:

Grace Murray and Peter Burgon.

Reflection

Our attitude to material things helps to shape our attitude to things of the spirit. There is nothing wrong in enjoying the permissible pleasures of life so long as they do not turn us away from concern for the needs of others.

Merciful Father, lover of the poor, refuge of the homeless, comforter of the afflicted, grant me vision to discern where I may give help and grace to offer it.

I thank you for the good things of this life, and pray that I shall show my gratitude by compassionate love for those who have little joy in their lives.

(Taken from: Raymond Chapman, 'Following the Gospel through the Year'.)