



The Parish Church of St Cuthbert

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The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday 5 October 2025

A warm welcome to worship.

Today is the **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**, as well as our annual **Harvest Thanksgiving** service. The appointed liturgical colour for this day of thankfulness, and celebration of God's goodness and provision in creation is **green**.

This morning, we welcome **George Barrett** to lead our music.

Hymns are unannounced and sung standing unless otherwise indicated. Please ask one of the Duty Elders if there is not a hymnbook (purple Church Hymnary) near your seat.

The text of the **Psalm** can be found in this Order of Service. The **Alleluia**, the **Creed** and the **Lord's Prayer** can be found in the hymnbook at the numbers indicated.

Bible Readings are taken from the New Revised Standard Version. Please ask one of the Duty Elders if you would like a copy.

Congregational responses are printed in **bold**. The congregation is encouraged to join in with the saying of '**Amen**' at the end of prayers.

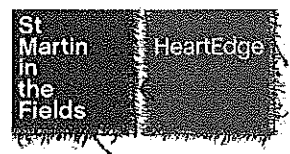
Please join us after the service in the Lammermuir Hall for tea and coffee.

Please note this service is being filmed and broadcast live on the church's website and YouTube channel. If you do not wish to be seen, please make your wishes known.



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APPROACH TO GOD

ORGAN VOLUNTARIES	Modéré et expresif O Mensch, beweine dein' Sünde groß	André Fleury (1903-1995) J.S Bach (1685-1750)
INTROIT	<p>The earth is yours, O God, you nourish it with rain; the streams and rivers overflow, and land bears seed again.</p> <p>The whole rich land is yours. for fodder or for plough, and so, for rain, sun, soil, and seed, O God, we thank you now.</p> <p>Church Hymnary, Fourth Edition, Hymn 227 Text: Michael Saward (b.1932), paraphrased from Psalm 65 Music: 'Rossleigh', Brian Dunning and Sheila Dunning</p>	
OPENING SENTENCES	<p>God cares for the earth and makes it fruitful, he crowns the year with his good gifts.</p> <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord for his love, and for the marvellous things he has done.</p>	
CALL TO WORSHIP	Let us worship God.	
PROCESSIONAL HYMN	233 Come, you thankful people, come	
CALL TO PRAYER		<i>please remain standing</i>
PRAYERS OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION	<p>Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.</p>	<i>please be seated</i>

COLLECT FOR HARVEST
THANKSGIVING

**Almighty God,
we offer you thanks for your goodness and care
in giving to us the fruits of the earth in their seasons.
Give us grace to use them rightly, to your glory,
for the relief of those in need, and our own well-being;
through Jesus Christ, the living Bread
who came down from heaven and gives life to the world,
and lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE PEACE

**The peace of the Lord be with you
and also with you.**

HYMN

240 God in such love for us lent us this planet

THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT

Ruth 2

EPISTLE

Galatians 5: 16-25

PSALM 144

**O blessed ever be the Lord,
who is my strength and might,
who doth instruct my hands to war,
my fingers teach to fight.**

tune at Hymn 70

**My goodness, fortress, my high tow'r,
deliverer, and shield,
in whom I trust: who under me
my people makes to yield.**

**Man is like vanity; his days,
as shadows, pass away.
Lord, bow thy heav'ns, come down, touch thou
the hills, and smoke shall they.**

**Cast forth thy lightning, scatter them;
thine arrows shoot, them rout.
Thine hand send from above, me save;
from great depths draw me out.**

A new song I to thee will sing,
Lord, on a psaltery;
I on a ten-stringed instrument
will praises sing to thee.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom we adore,
be glory, as it was, and is,
and shall be evermore. Amen.

The Scottish Psalter, 1929, Psalm 144: 1, 2, 4-7, 9

THE GOSPEL

St Luke 12: 13-21

ALLELUIA

the music can be found at Hymn 752

THE SERMON

The Revd Suzie Stark

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

Fairest Lord Jesus,
ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and Man the Son,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the verdure and bloom of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer
who makes the saddest heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the stars that heaven can boast.

Church Hymnary, Fourth Edition, Hymn 463

Text from the *Münster Gesangbuch*, 1677,

translated by Lilian Stevenson (1870-1960) and others

Music: Silesian melody from *Schlesische Volkslieder*, Leipzig, 1842,

harmonised by the compilers of *Rejoice and Sing*, 1991

THE APOSTLES' CREED *the text can be found at Hymn 628*

HYMN **230 Praise God for the harvest of orchard and field**

PRAYERS OF
INTERCESSION *One of the following responses may be used:*
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**
Lord, hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

THE OFFERING *is collected, and received during the singing of:*

DOXOLOGY **To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
the God whom we adore.
Be glory as it was, and is,
and shall be evermore.** Hymn 806

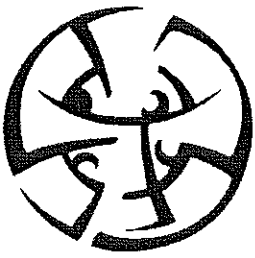
SURSUM CORDA The Lord be with you.
and also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING
and THE LORD'S PRAYER *the text can be found at Hymn 652, second form (b)*

DISMISSAL HYMN **229 We plough the fields and scatter**

DISMISSAL and BLESSING Dresden Amen
Music: Johann Naumann (1741-1801)

ORGAN RECESSIONAL Carillon de Westminster Louis Vierne (1870-1937)



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5th October 2025

Weekly Intimations

Prayerful Practice

As we celebrate Harvest and the turning of the seasons, we remember all those without homes at this time. We pray for all those for whom the colder weather is another burden to bear, and we pray for the Bethany Night Shelter, Steps to Hope and the Care Van (and all others who provide food and shelter).

Tuesday 7th October, 12noon: Holy Communion in Memorial Chapel

There will be a short service of Holy Communion held in the Memorial Chapel at 12noon. All are welcome.

Sunday 12th October, 11.45am: Holy Communion in Anam Chara

Immediately following the service next Sunday, there will be a short service of Holy Communion held in the Anam Chara Chapel. All are welcome.

Friday 10th October, 7pm: Welcome Ceilidh for Rev. David Bagnall

There will be a welcome ceilidh held at St Johns, to celebrate the induction of their new Rector. There will be a buffet and welcome drink, but otherwise, people are welcome to bring their own refreshments. A collection will be taken on the evening, with a suggested donation of £10.

Sunday 26th October, 9am-9.45am: Bacon Roll Breakfast

Please join us for a bacon roll breakfast, raising funds for the Big Scottish Breakfast Appeal run by STV's Children's Appeal. There will be bacon rolls, egg rolls for the vegetarians, and possibly even a few square sausage rolls, with tea, coffee, and orange juice. The suggested donation is £5, which will go towards the STV Children's Appeal, helping to fund breakfast clubs in deprived schools. We will be sharing this event with our good friends at St Johns, the New Town Kirk, and our partners at Greyfriars Kirk.

Kirk Session Meeting – Reminder

The Kirk Session meet on Tuesday 14th October at 7pm in the Lindisfarne Room.

Tuesday Coffee Morning, 10.30am – noon

Pop along for a coffee and a chat in the Lindisfarne Room

Saturday Coffee Morning Dates and Times

Saturday 25th October – 11am-2pm

Saturday 29th November – 11am-2pm

Bible Fellowship Group

We begin our autumn term on Thursday 4th of September, via Zoom, from 7.30pm. All are invited to participate or simply listen in. Our discussions for the new term are centre on the Psalms. Choose one and we will discuss it, and enjoy a time of fellowship. Zoom details from martin.pearce2109@outlook.com

FreshStart

FreshStart are very grateful for all our donations of household items and non-perishable food. Please continue to place your donations in “The Big White Box” in the vestibule. If you are unable to deliver them, please telephone Jim McLean on **0131 332 5114** and leave a message with your name, phone number and that the call is about FreshStart, or email jamesangusmclean@gmail.com

Steps to Hope

Our charity partner continues to provide, on Sunday and Monday evenings, a hot home-cooked meal for people who find themselves in difficult situations. Would you be interested or do you know of anyone who would like the opportunity to support the local community and volunteer to assist with the Sunday Meals at St Cuthberts? The main duty is to open and close the building to ensure that our Charity Partners can continue to provide their meal service. Please get in touch with the church office for more details.

Prayer Circle

Prayer requests should be made to **Irene Gill** on **226 2727**. For longer term prayer, please add names to the purple book in the vestibule. If you could be part of the Prayer Circle and spend time praying for others, please contact Irene.

Toppings Book Launch Events in October

Saturday 18th October, 7pm: Mona Awad, *We Love You, Bunny*

Sunday 26th October, 7pm: Alan Davies, *White Male Stand-Up*

Thursday 30th October, 7pm: Joe Hill and Keith Rossum

If any members of the congregation are interested in these, please contact the office on office@stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk, as tickets can be organised for the talks, and books can be purchased on the night.

Sundays 2nd, 16th, and 23rd November, 12.45pm-3.15pm: Carbon Literacy Course

All are invited to join a Carbon Literacy Course at Augustine United Church on George VI Bridge. This will cover the science behind climate change, climate Justice, what the Scottish Government and others are doing to tackle it, and what we as individuals and as part of groups can do. This is a free course, and all are welcome.

