



The Parish Church of St Cuthbert

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Sea Sunday

Sunday 13 July 2025

A warm welcome to worship.

Today is **Sea Sunday**, the day which many Christian Churches set aside to remember and pray for seafarers and their families and give thanks for their lives and work.

The liturgical colour for this day is **blue**, representing the sea.

This morning, we especially welcome **The Revd Tim Bell**, Former Port of Leith Chaplain.

The choir are on holiday for the month of July. They return on **Sunday 3 August**.

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.

<p>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.</p>

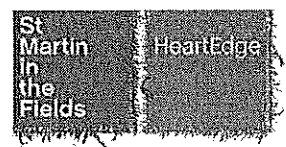


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APPROACH TO GOD

OPENING SENTENCE	The sea belongs to the Lord, for he made it – O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!	Psalm 95: 5a, 6
CALL TO WORSHIP	Let us worship God.	
GATHERING HYMN	509 Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult	
CALL TO PRAYER		<i>please remain standing</i>
PRAYERS OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION	Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.	<i>please be seated</i>
ABSOLUTION		
COLLECT FOR SEAFARERS	Almighty and everlasting God, who by your word didst create the sea and set the bounds of the deep, and who didst call the men of Galilee to be fishers of men: we beseech you to have mercy on all who travel by sea; keep them from all perils of the deep; and bring them safely to their desired haven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	
THE PEACE	The peace of the Lord be with you and also with you.	
HYMN	96 You are before me, God, you are behind	Psalm 139

THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT

Jonah 1: 1-17

EPISTLE

Acts 27: 27 – 28: 2

PSALM 107

**1 Who go to sea in ships, and in
great waters trading be,
within the deep these men God's works
and his great wonders see.**

Tune at Hymn 50

**2 For he commands, and forth in haste
the stormy tempest flies,
which makes the sea with rolling
aloft to swell and rise. [waves**

**4 The storm is changed into a calm
at his command and will;
so that the waves, which raged
now quiet are and still. [before,**

**3 They reel and stagger like one drunk,
at their wit's end they be:
then they to God in trouble cry,
who them from straits doth free.**

**5 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 107: 23-25, 27-29

THE GOSPEL

St Mark 4:35-41

ALLELUIA

the music can be found at Hymn 751

THE SERMON

'The Kindness of Strangers'

The Revd Tim Bell

Former Port of Leith Chaplain

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN

251 I, the Lord of sea and sky

THE APOSTLES' CREED

the text can be found at Hymn 628

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

**Sing to the Lord of heaven and earth,
whom angels serve and saints adore,
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest
to whom be praise for evermore. Amen.**

Hymn 810

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

260 Eternal Father, strong to save

DISMISSAL and BLESSING

Threefold Amen
Music: Danish

ORGAN RECESSIONAL

Andante Religioso from Sonata IV
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)



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Weekly Intimations

Prayerful Practice

This week, following on from our reflections on seafarers for Sea Sunday today, let's hold in our prayers this week all seafarers, their families and those who offer support to them the world over.

Today, 11.30am: Holy Communion in Anam Chara Chapel

All are welcome to attend a short service of Holy Communion, held after the service in the Anam Chara Chapel.

Tuesday 15th July, 1pm: soul space Planning Meeting

If you would like to be involved in our soul space planning team, feel free to join us for this meeting in the Melrose Room. If you would like to know more about soul space, please speak to Maggie, Bridget, or Suzie Stark.

Saturday Coffee Morning Dates and Times

Saturday 26th July – 11am-2pm

Saturday 30th August – 10am-1pm

Tuesday Coffee Morning, 10.30am – noon

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

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.

Bible Fellowship group

Bible Fellowship Group are now on Summer vacation, and commence again in early September.

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

Life and Work – July Edition

The July edition of Life and Work is now available from the magazine table in the corner of the Lammermuir Hall.

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.

Saturday 20th September, 9.30am-1pm: Christian Befriending Conference

All are invited to attend a conference on befriending held at Craiglockhart Parish Church on the above date. Whether you are an experienced befriender or have never heard of befriending, come along and find out the difference befriending can make. Please do get signed up on Eventbrite and an optional lunch is also available. Click the link below to book your place:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/transformation-changing-lives-through-befriending-tickets-1329975194609?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>