



The Parish Church of St Cuthbert

Dr Hazel Hastie MSc CQSW PhD AIWS *Interim Moderator*

The Revd Suzie Stark BD(Min) *Locum Minister*

Mr Graham Maclagan BMus PGDE CertTh *Director of Music*

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday 18 January 2026

A warm welcome to worship.

Today is the **Second Sunday after the Epiphany**. The liturgical colours for this season of ongoing celebration of the Lord's Nativity are **white** and **gold**.

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.

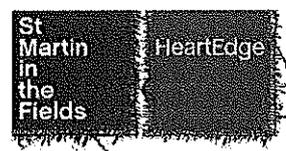


The Church of Scotland

www.stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk



GREYFRIARS
an inspiring community



Scottish Charity Number SC010592

APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT

This is the day of light:
let there be light today;
O Dayspring, rise upon our night,
and chase its gloom away.

This is the day of prayer:
let earth to heaven draw near;
lift up our hearts to seek thee there,
come down and meet us here.

The Revised Church Hymnary, Hymn 267: 1, 4
Text: John Ellerton (1826-1893)
Music: 'Fareham', John Goss (1800-1880)

OPENING SENTENCE

God has caused his light to shine in our hearts,
**the light which is knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.**

2 Corinthians 4: 6

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

578 Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Second Tune

CALL TO PRAYER

please remain standing

PRAYERS OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

please be seated

COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

**Almighty God,
your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,
is the light of the world.
Grant that your people
may shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
who 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 553 **Just as I am, without one plea** First Tune

THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 49: 1-7

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

PSALM 40 **I waited patiently for God,** Hymn 31

**for God to hear my prayer;
and God bent down to where I sank
and listened to me there.**

**God raised me from a miry pit,
from mud and sinking sand,
and set my feet upon a rock
where I can firmly stand.**

**And on my lips a song was put,
a new song to the Lord.
Many will marvel, open-eyed,
and put their trust in God.**

**Great wonders you have done, O Lord,
all purposed for our good.
Unable every one to name,
I bow in gratitude.**

**All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
while endless ages run. Amen.**

Psalm 40: 1-4, John L. Bell (b.1949)

THE GOSPEL St John 1: 29-42

ALLELUIA *the music can be found at Hymn 751*

THE SERMON The Revd Suzie Stark

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found – we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sight – our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place:
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace:
no work too hard for him – in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

Text and Music: David J. Evans (b.1957),
arranged by Richard Shepherd

THE APOSTLES' CREED

the text can be found at Hymn 628

HYMN

543 Longing for light, we wait in darkness

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

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Hymn 807

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

334 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

DISMISSAL and BLESSING

Threefold Amen

Music: Danish

ORGAN RECESSIONAL

Light of the Nations

Andrew Moore (b.1954)



The Parish Church of St Cuthbert, Edinburgh
18th January 2026

Weekly Intimations

Prayerful Practice

Our prayers go out to those caught up in the protests in Iran, and all those in other ongoing conflicts.

Next Sunday

Please note that there is no service here at St Cuthbert's next Sunday, as we are sharing a Communion Service with our good friends up at Greyfriars Kirk.

Tuesday 27th January, 7.30pm: Edinburgh Street Pastors meeting

All are invited to attend a meeting in the Lindisfarne room to learn more about the work of Edinburgh Street Pastors. There will be information about what is going on, and information about how you can support this important ongoing outreach. This is open to all, so feel free to share it with friends and relations!

St Cuthbert's Bible Fellowship Group

All are welcome to participate in this group every Thursday during term time at 7.30pm. The topic for this term is the Letter to the Romans. The focus of the group is on fellowship. Meetings are on Zoom and details are from martin.pearce2109@outlook.com.

Tuesday Coffee Morning, 10.30am – noon

Pop along for a coffee and a chat in the Lindisfarne Room. The coffee morning will not be held on 30th December, but will recommence in the new year

Saturday Coffee Mornings

31 st January	11am-2pm
28 th February	11am-2pm
28 th March	10am-1pm
25 th April	11am-2pm

Eco Congregation Representative

We have been invited to send a representative to the next local network meeting for Edinburgh and West Lothian. If anyone is interested in helping us to keep our eco congregation flag flying, this will be on the 19th January at 7pm. It will be held online through Microsoft Teams. Please either let Christine know, or email the office for more information.

Bottle Tops

Please note that we are no longer collecting bottle tops. Since the change in plastics, these can now be recycled with your milk bottle. Many thanks.

Stamps

The Church of Scotland will cease to collect used stamps by February this year. Other charities are still collecting them, including RNIB, who can be contacted directly for details on RNIBstamps@rnib.org.uk.

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

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.

Interested in being more involved?

We are looking for people who want to become more involved with our Sunday Worship. If you are interested in being involved with intercessory prayer, or in assisting our Duty Elders as a Sunday Welcomer, please contact Christine at sessionclerk@stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk. These are roles integral to the welcoming and prayerful atmosphere of St Cuthbert's.

