



# The Parish Church of St Cuthbert

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## The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 19 July 2026

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**A warm welcome to worship.**

Today is the **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**, and the liturgical colour for this period of Ordinary Time in the church year is **green**.

This morning, we welcome back the **Revd Suzie Stark** to lead our worship.

The choir are on holiday for the month of July. They return on **Sunday 2 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.

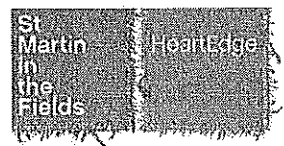
**Please join us after the service in the Lammermuir Hall for tea and coffee.**

**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

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| OPENING SENTENCE                      | Be rooted in Christ, be built on him,<br>grow strong in the faith;<br><b>let our hearts overflow with thankfulness.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Colossians 2: 7               |
| CALL TO WORSHIP                       | Let us worship God.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                               |
| GATHERING HYMN                        | <b>192 All my hope on God is founded</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | First Tune                    |
| CALL TO PRAYER                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <i>please remain standing</i> |
| PRAYERS OF APPROACH<br>AND CONFESSION | Lord, have mercy.<br><b>Christ, have mercy.</b><br>Lord, have mercy.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <i>please be seated</i>       |
| ABSOLUTION                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                               |
| COLLECT OF THE DAY                    | <b>Almighty God,<br/>your Son has opened for us<br/>a new and living way into your presence.<br/>Give us pure hearts and constant wills<br/>to worship you in spirit and in truth;<br/>through your same Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,<br/>who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,<br/>one God, now and for ever. Amen.</b> |                               |
| THE PEACE                             | The peace of the Lord be with you<br><b>and also with you.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                               |
| HYMN                                  | <b>640 Holy Spirit, come, confirm us</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                               |

## THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 44: 6-8

EPISTLE

Romans 8: 12-25

PSALM 86

**1 Teach me thy way, and in thy truth,  
O Lord, then walk will I;  
unite my heart, that I thy name  
may fear continually.**

Tune at Hymn 87

**2 O Lord my God, with all my heart  
to thee I will give praise;  
and I the glory will ascribe  
unto thy name always.**

**4 Show me a sign for good, that they  
which do me hate may see,  
and be ashamed; because thou, Lord,  
didst help and comfort me.**

**3 For thou art full of pity, Lord,  
a God most gracious,  
long-suffering, and in thy truth  
and mercy plenteous.**

**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 86: 11-12, 15, 17

THE GOSPEL

St Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

ALLELUIA

*the music can be found at Hymn 752*

THE SERMON

The Revd Suzie Stark

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN

**153 Great is thy faithfulness**

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

**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

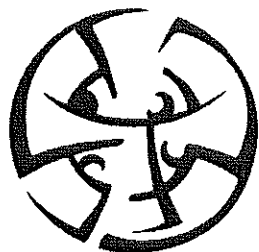
**237 Look forward in faith**

DISMISSAL and BLESSING

Threefold Amen

Music: Danish

ORGAN RECESSIONAL



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## Weekly Intimations

### Prayerful Practice

As we move towards our union with Greyfriars in August let us hold all those who have taken part in discussions and preparation in our prayers, and let us pray for the success of the union and the continuing presence of Christ's church in the community around us.

### Union Update

We have been advised that OSCR have given their consent to the proposed change of name for the new United Congregation. The new legal name will be Edinburgh Greyfriars St Cuthberts Church of Scotland, and this will change on the first of August.

Dr Hazel Hastie will step down as our Interim Moderator on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July, and her successor will be Rev Dr George Whyte.

### Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>-Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July - 11am-2pm: Art Exhibition

Our own John Dunbar is holding an art exhibition at St Cuthbert's next week 21st to 25th of July from 11am to 2 pm each day. Please do pop along and enjoy the exhibition and maybe add to your own collection too.

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July, 10.30am: Communion Service at Greyfriars Kirk

There is no service in St Cuthbert's next Sunday. We join with our friends at Greyfriars Kirk to celebrate Holy Communion at 10.30am.

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August: Sunday Worship

#### 9.30 am Holy Communion in the War Memorial Chapel

We welcome again the Rev Angus Mathieson to lead us in worship at both the 9.30am and 10.30am services.

### Tuesday Coffee Morning, 10.30am – noon

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

### Saturday Coffee Mornings

25<sup>th</sup> July

11am-2pm

29<sup>th</sup> August

10am-1pm (In Lindisfarne Room)

## **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\*\*](mailto:jamesangusmclean@gmail.com)

## **Prayer Circle**

Prayer requests should be made to **Irene Gill** on **0131 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.

