



# The Parish Church of St Cuthbert

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## The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost The Society of Friends of St Cuthbert's Annual Service

Sunday 12 October 2025

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**A warm welcome to worship.**

Today is the **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**, and we are joined by the **Society of the Friends of St Cuthbert's** for their annual service. As we celebrate our patron saint, St Cuthbert, the liturgical colours are **gold** and **white**..

This morning, we also welcome **Mr Graeme Brownlee** as Organist and Choirmaster.

**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.

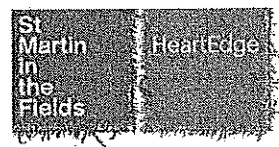
**Please join us after the service in the Lammermuir Hall for tea and coffee.**

**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

### INTROIT

O Christ, the healer, we have come  
to pray for health, to plead for friends.  
How can we fail to be restored,  
when reached by love that never ends?

Grant that we all, made one in faith,  
in your community may find  
the wholeness that, enriching us,  
shall reach the whole of humankind.

Church Hymnary, Fourth Edition, Hymn 717: 1, 5

Text: Frederick Pratt Green (1903-2000)

Music: 'Angelus', Breslau, 1657

### OPENING SENTENCES

Love the Lord, all ye his saints!  
**Be strong, and let your heart take courage**  
**all you who wait for the Lord!**

Psalm 31: 23a, 24

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God.

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**470 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun**

### CALL TO PRAYER

*please remain standing*

### PRAYERS OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

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

*please be seated*

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

**Almighty God,**  
**in our baptism you adopted us for your own.**  
**Quicken your Spirit within us,**  
**that we, being renewed both in body and mind,**  
**may worship you in sincerity and truth**  
**and serve you with thankfulness of heart;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord,**  
**who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,**  
**one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR  
ST CUTHBERT

**Almighty God,  
who called your servant Cuthbert  
from keeping sheep to follow your Son  
and to be a shepherd of your people,  
mercifully grant that we,  
following his example  
and caring for those who are lost,  
may bring them home to your fold,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

HYMN

**744 Hark how the adoring hosts above**

Paraphrase 65

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

OLD TESTAMENT

**2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15c**

EPISTLE

**2 Timothy 2: 8-15**

PSALM 111

**Praise ye the Lord: with my whole heart    Tune at Hymn 69  
I will God's praise declare,  
where the assemblies of the just  
and congregations are.**

**The whole works of the Lord our God  
are great above all measure,  
sought out they are of ev'ry one  
that doth therein take pleasure.**

**His works most wonderful he hath  
made to be thought upon:  
the Lord is gracious, and he is  
full of compassion.**

**He sent redemption to his folk;  
his covenant for aye  
he did command: holy his name  
and rev'rend is alway.**

Wisdom's beginning is God's fear:  
good understanding they  
have all that his commands fulfill:  
his praise endures for aye.

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 111: 1-2, 4, 9-10

THE GOSPEL                      St Luke 17: 11-19

ALLELUIA                      *the music can be found at Hymn 751*

THE SERMON                      The Revd Suzie Stark

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM                      May the road rise to meet you,  
may the wind be ever at your back,  
may the sun shine warm upon your face,  
and the rains fall soft upon your fields,  
and until we meet again,  
may God hold you ever in the palm of His hand.

Text: Traditional Irish Blessing  
Music: Bob Chilcott (b.1955)

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

HYMN                      **721 We lay our broken world**

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

**642 Ye that know the Lord is gracious**

DISMISSAL and BLESSING

Dresden Amen

Music: Johann Naumann (1741-1801)

ORGAN RECESSIONAL



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### Weekly Intimations

#### **Prayerful Practice**

As schools break up for half-term, let's hold the young people and their teachers in our prayers after a busy few weeks. We also pray for the many students who have now started at college or university, many staying away from home for the first time. May this be a time of rest and refreshment for those on holiday and may those in further or higher education find fulfillment in their studies and find new and good friends here in our city

#### **Today, 11.45am: Holy Communion in Anam Chara Chapel**

All are welcome to join us for a short Service of Holy Communion in the Anam Chara Chapel immediately following the service.

#### **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm: Kirk Session Meeting**

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

#### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30am: St Cecilia's Museum - Guided Tour.**

All are welcome to a guided tour by a Professor of music, at St Cecilia's Museum of music and antique instruments. Please let Kirsten Kooy, Pastoral Assistant know as we need to confirm numbers to the guide. There is the option of lunch afterwards too.

#### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30am: Belfry Sunday**

Next Sunday, we will be celebrating our bells and bellringers for Belfry Sunday.

#### **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 25<sup>th</sup> October – 11am-2pm

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November – 11am-2pm

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**Sundays 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**Toppings Book Launch Events in October**

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October, 7pm: Mona Awad, *We Love You, Bunny*

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

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:office@stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk), as tickets can be organised for the talks, and books can be purchased on the night.

