



The Parish Church of St Cuthbert

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The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Belfry Sunday

Sunday 19 October 2025

A warm welcome to worship.

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

Today we also give thanks to God for our Change Ringers, as we mark **Belfry Sunday**.

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.

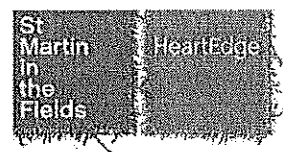


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APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT

Ye joyful bells, ring out your praise,
that we our hearts to God may raise;
ring out above our mortal strife,
and hail the Lord of love and life.

Ring in the tender, wondrous Lord,
to whom we sing with one accord;
throughout the world our worship swells,
ring adoration, joyful bells!

Text: Author unknown

Music: 'Melcombe', Samuel Webbe, the elder (1740-1816)

OPENING SENTENCES

Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find;
knock, and the door will be opened to you.

St Matthew 7: 7

CALL TO WORSHIP L

Let us worship God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

129 The Lord is King! lift up your voice!

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 and ever-living God,
increase in us your gift of faith,
that forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to what is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR
BELFRY SUNDAY

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts,
without whom we can do nothing;
prosper, we pray you, the work of
those who ring bells in your house of prayer,
that the gospel of Christ may be faithfully proclaimed,
and all those who ring may be joined
together in fellowship and peace,
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord
in whose dear name we ask this. Amen.

THE PEACE

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

HYMN

495 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart

THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 31: 27-34

EPISTLE

2 Timothy 2: 14 – 4: 5

PSALM 121

I to the hills will lift mine eyes,
from whence doth come mine aid.
My safety cometh from the Lord,
who heaven and earth hath made.

Hymn 81

Thy foot he'll not let slide, nor will
he slumber that thee keeps.
Behold, he that keeps Israel,
he slumbers not, nor sleeps.

The Lord thee keeps, the Lord thy shade
on thy right hand doth stay:
The moon by night thee shall not smite,
nor yet the sun by day.

The Lord shall keep thy soul; he shall
preserve thee from all ill.
Henceforth thy going out and in
God keep for ever will.

**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 121

THE GOSPEL

St Luke 18: 1-8

ALLELUIA

the music can be found at Hymn 752

THE SERMON

The Revd Suzie Stark

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;
shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayers;
but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty,
O holy and most merciful Saviour,
thou most worthy judge eternal,
suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death,
to fall from thee. Amen.

Text: Funeral sentence from the Book of Common Prayer, 1549

Music: Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

the text can be found at Hymn 628

BELFRY SUNDAY and THE CHANGE RINGERS

the service continues opposite with the BELFRY HYMN



THE BELFRY HYMN

Let bells peal forth the universal fame,
Creator Lord, of thy mysterious name;
conscience within, the boundless heavens above,
disclose to faith the hidden name of Love.

Loudly proclaim with each insistent chime
how thine eternity redeems our time;
past sins forgiven, and future hopes restored,
reveal thy presence with us, gracious Lord.

Spirit divine, re-cast our faulty ways,
make them ring true and echo to thy praise;
through every change of circumstance and choice
may we confess thee with a single voice.

Call us to worship, call us to obey,
call us to pilgrimage along life's way;
rouse us from sleep; renewed in mind and heart,
call us to love thee, Lord, since Love though art.

Text: The Very Revd Peter Baelz (1923-2000),

Dean of Durham Cathedral, 1980-1988

Music: 'Woodlands', Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)

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

**Glory be to God the Father,
glory be to God the Son,
glory be to God the Spirit, –
great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory, glory, glory
while eternal ages run!**

Hymn 110: 1

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

562 Through the love of God, our Saviour

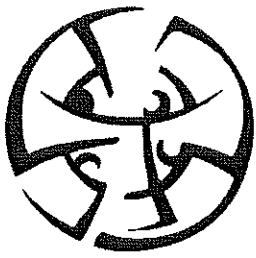
DISMISSAL and BLESSING

Threefold Amen
Music: Danish

ORGAN RECESSIONAL

Gavotte *from* Sonata for a Musical Clock HWV 578

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)



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Weekly Intimations

Prayerful Practice

"In our prayers this week let us give thanks for the bell ringers, for their skill and expertise and all they bring to St Cuthbert's and our city. For the joy they bring to weddings, for the dignity to funerals and their ringing Sunday by Sunday."

Sunday 26th October, 10.30am: Quarterly Communion

Next week is our Quarterly Communion Service, shared with Greyfriars Kirk, and held here at St Cuthberts. All are welcome.

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.

Wednesday 19th November, 7pm: Annual OASIS Quiz in aid of Fresh Start

In November, we host our annual OASIS Quiz to raise money for Fresh Start. Teams are limited to 5 members, with a suggested donation of £10 per team. There will be a simple soup supper served first. BYOB. Please contact the office at office@stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk to register your teams.

Interested in Intercessory Prayer?

If you are interested in being involved with our Intercessory Prayer team, either writing or reading prewritten intercessions for the Sunday Service, or even both, then please get in touch with Christine at sessionclerk@stcuthberts-edinburgh.uk

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

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

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.