



The Parish Church of St Cuthbert

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The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 3 August 2025

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 especially welcome the **Revd Daniel Carmichael**, Depute Clerk of the Presbytery of Edinburgh and West Lothian, to lead our worship. We also welcome the choir back from their annual summer break.

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 either be found in this Order of Service, or in the hymnbook at the hymn number indicated. The **Alleluia**, the **Creed** and the **Lord's Prayer** can also be found in the hymnbook at the numbers indicated in this Order of Service.

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.

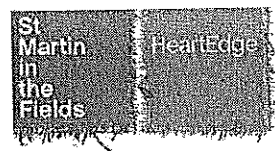


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APPROACH TO GOD

INTROIT

I shall praise you, O God, from my soul,
though my song be at odds
with the will of earthly gods,
I shall praise you, O God, from my soul.

Church Hymnary, Fourth Edition, Hymn 95: 1

Text: Psalm 138: 1, John L. Bell (b.1949)

Music: 'Loberts', John L. Bell

OPENING SENTENCE

Jesus said, "Do not store up for yourselves treasure on
earth, but store up for yourselves treasure in heaven.

"For where your treasure is there will your heart be also."

St Matthew 6: 19-21

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

465 Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart

CALL TO PRAYER

please remain standing

PRAYERS OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION

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

please be seated

ABSOLUTION

COLLECT OF THE DAY

**Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom.
Renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by the true and living bread,
your same Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
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.

THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT

Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14 & 2: 18-23

EPISTLE

Colossians 3: 1-11

PSALM 49

**1 Listen to me, all you peoples,
all who in the whole world dwell.
Low and high, both rich and needy,
hear the message I will tell.**

Tune at Hymn 606

**2 I will speak with understanding;
wisdom from the heart I'll preach.
I will listen to a proverb;
secrets with the harp I'll teach.**

**4 There is no one who is able
to redeem a soul from death;
none can pay to God the ransom
to prolong another's breath.**

**3 Why should I fear days of evil,
when the wicked hem me in —
those who boast of their possessions?
By their trust in wealth they sin.**

**5 To redeem a life is costly —
none sufficient price can pay
So that one should live immortal,
free for ever from decay.**

**6 Glory be to God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit,
ever three and ever one. Amen.**

Sing Psalms, The Free Church of Scotland, 2003, Psalm 49: 1-9

THE GOSPEL

St Luke 12: 32-40

ALLELUIA

the music can be found at Hymn 751

THE SERMON

The Revd Daniel Carmichael
Depute Clerk,
The Presbytery of Edinburgh and West Lothian

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

My eyes for beauty pine,
my soul for Goddës grace:
no other care nor hope is mine,
to heaven I turn my face.

One splendour thence is shed
from all the stars above:
tis named when Goddës name is said,
'tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love.

And every gentle heart,
that burns with true desire,
is lit from eyes that mirror part
of that celestial fire.

Text: Robert Bridges (1844-1930)
Music: Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

the text can be found at Hymn 628

HYMN

264 Judge Eternal, throned in splendour

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

167 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

DISMISSAL and BLESSING

Dresden Amen

Music: Johann Naumann (1741-1801)

ORGAN RECESSIONAL

Pastorale

Philip Hayes (1738-1797)



The Parish Church of St Cuthbert, Edinburgh
3rd August 2025

Weekly Intimations

Prayerful Practice

This week, we hold in our prayers for all women who are fleeing violence, warfare, persecution, prejudice, and poverty; for the women and children of Gaza, Ukraine, Somalia and Yemen; for those in small boats on the English Channel and in camps around Europe

Kirk Session

The scheduled meeting of the kirk Session on 5th August has been cancelled.

Working towards Union with Greyfriars Kirk

The Working Group of St Cuthberts and Greyfriars have paused conversations as we await feedback from the Presbytery Deployment Committee following a meeting on the 2nd of July. Some concerns and thoughts were discussed and the Committee will also meet with Kirk Session of Greyfriars Kirk before reverting back to us with guidance. Thank you for your patience and understanding during these times of change.

Saturday Coffee Morning Dates and Times

Saturday 30th August – 10am-1pm

Saturday 27th September – 11am-2pm

Saturday 25th October – 11am-2pm

Saturday 29th November – 11am-2pm

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.

Final Edition of Life and Work

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

Bible Fellowship group

Bible Fellowship Group are now on Summer Vacation and will 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

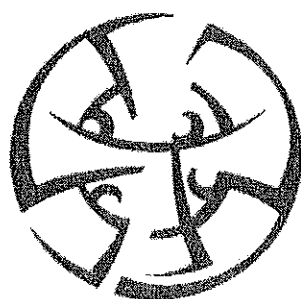
Steps to Hope

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>





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Organ Festival 2025

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Tuesday 12 August
11.00am – 11.45am

John Kitchen
Edinburgh City Organist

Wednesday 13 August
11.00am – 11.45am

Caroline Cradock
Greyfriars Kirk

Thursday 14 August
11.00am – 11.45am

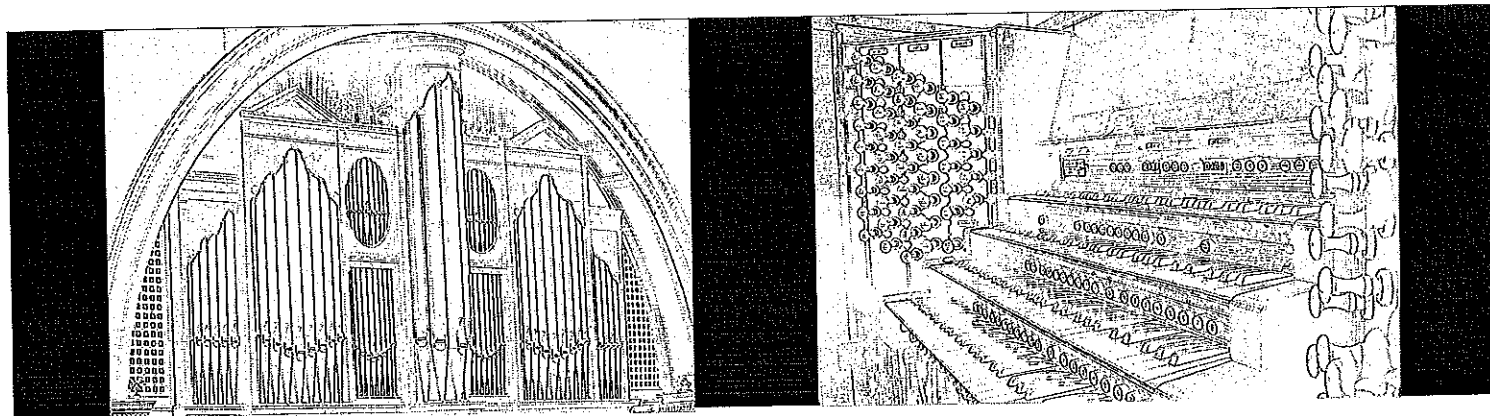
Morley Whitehead
Morningside Parish Church

Sunday 17 August
11.45am – 12.15pm

Graham MacLagan
The Parish Church of St Cuthbert

No booking required. Entry by donation.

Sunday's recital follows the St Cuthbert's Festival Service at 10.30am.
All welcome to both the service and the recital.



Festival Events at St Cuthbert's Edinburgh Fringe 2025

5th August – 19th August: Exhibition

7th August, 3pm – Jeff Penn, Acoustic Concert

8th August, 1pm – From Ceol to Cinema – free concert music, Loretto School

8th August, 6pm – Alastair Savage, Scots Fiddle Old and New

9th August, 4pm – The Really Terrible Orchestra, with Prue Leith

11th August, 1pm – New Caledonian String Orchestra

12th-15th August, 11am – St Cuthbert's Organ Festival Recitals

12th-14th August 12.30pm – Anne Isabel Meyer, Bach's Cello Suites

14th & 15th August, 7pm: The Collective – Breaking Barriers at the Fringe

15th August, 12.30pm: Anne Isabel Meyer, Bach's Preludes and Giges

15th August, 1pm – Threads of Change Exhibition

16th August, 2.15pm – Got 2 Sing Choir: Let's Get Loud

19th August, 12.45pm – Emma Miller Singer-Songwriter

22nd August, 1.30pm – The Soul of Chinese Music

22nd August, 7.30pm – Rolling Hills Chorus, I Can't Believe It's Barbershop!

23rd August, 2.30pm & 7.30pm – Rolling Hills Chorus, I Can't Believe It's Barbershop!

31st August, 7.30pm – Scottish Sinfonia: Ireland, Bliss and Rachmaninoff
