



# The Parish Church of St Cuthbert

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## The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 20 July 2025

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**A warm welcome to worship.**

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

This morning, **Mr John Kirk**, Elder of St Cuthbert's, leads our worship. The choir are also on holiday for the month of July. They return on **Sunday 3 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.**

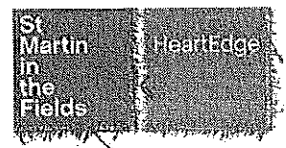


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## APPROACH TO GOD

OPENING SENTENCES	Out of the treasure of his glory, God grants us inward strength and power through his Spirit. <b>Through faith, Christ may dwell in our hearts in love.</b> <i>Ephesians 3: 16-17</i>
CALL TO WORSHIP	Let us worship God.
GATHERING HYMN	<b>132 Immortal, invisible, God only wise</b>
CALL TO PRAYER	<i>please remain standing</i>
PRAYERS OF APPROACH AND CONFESSION	Lord, have mercy. <b>Christ, have mercy.</b> Lord, have mercy. <i>please be seated</i>
ABSOLUTION	
COLLECT OF THE DAY	<b>Almighty God, your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through your same Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.</b>
THE PEACE	The peace of the Lord be with you <b>and also with you.</b>
HYMN	<b>212 Morning has broken</b>

# THE WORD OF GOD

OLD TESTAMENT

Genesis 18: 1-10a

EPISTLE

Colossians 1: 15-28

PSALM 15

**1 Lord, who may stay within your tent,  
your sacred dwelling-place?  
And who upon your holy hill  
may live before your face?**

Tune at Hymn 1

**2 Whoever walks a blameless path,  
who acts in righteousness,  
and who will always from the heart  
sincerely truth express.**

**4 Who honours those who fear the Lord;  
the worthless they'll despise.  
Who keeps the oath which they have  
however high the price. [sworn,**

**3 Who casts no slur on anyone  
nor does their neighbour wrong;  
who has no spite within their hearts  
or slander on their tongues.**

**5 Who lends their money at no charge;  
no bribe can they endure.  
Those who behave in life like this  
will always stand secure.**

**6 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
the God whom we adore,  
be glory, as it was, and is,  
and shall be evermore. Amen.**

*Sing Psalms, The Free Church of Scotland, 2003, Psalm 15, altered*

THE GOSPEL

St Luke 10: 38-42

ALLELUIA

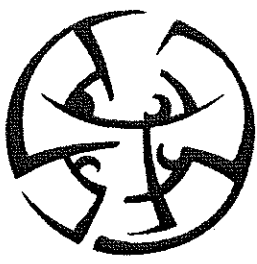
*the music can be found at Hymn 751*

THE SERMON

Mr John Kirk  
Elder of St Cuthbert's

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

HYMN	<b>561 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!</b>	
THE APOSTLES' CREED	<i>the text can be found at Hymn 628</i>	
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION	<i>One of the following responses may be used:</i> Lord, in your mercy: <b>hear our prayer.</b> Lord, hear us: <b>Lord, graciously hear us.</b>	
THE OFFERING	<i>is collected, and received during the singing of:</i>	
DOXOLOGY	<b>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.</b>	Hymn 807
SURSUM CORDA	The Lord be with you. <b>and also with you.</b> Lift up your hearts. <b>We lift them to the Lord.</b> Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. <b>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b>	
PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING and THE LORD'S PRAYER	<i>the text can be found at Hymn 652, second form (b)</i>	
DISMISSAL HYMN	<b>459 Crown him with many crowns</b>	
DISMISSAL and BLESSING		Threefold Amen Music: Danish
ORGAN RECESSIONAL		



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### Weekly Intimations

#### Prayerful Practice

This week, we hold in our prayers our friends and neighbours at St John's Episcopal Church as they go through the final processes of selecting a new priest.

#### Next Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> July, 10.30am: Agape Service at Greyfriars Kirk

Next week, we will be celebrating our morning worship at Greyfriars. As Rev. Suzie Stark is on annual leave and Greyfriars are without a Locum Minister this will take the form of an agape meal. All are welcome. There will be NO service at St Cuthberts.

#### Saturday Coffee Morning Dates and Times

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July – 10am-1pm (Please note change in time)  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August – 10am-1pm  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September – 11am-2pm  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October – 11am-2pm  
Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Bible Fellowship group**

Bible Fellowship Group are now on Summer vacation, and commence again in early September.

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.

### **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 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>