Sunday 21st September, 2025 11.00 am The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost The Church of Scotland Guild Dedication Harvest Thanksgiving

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Welcome & Intimations

- The Sunday School will meet in Room 2 today.
- Please ensure all mobile phones are switched off or in silent mode during the Service.
- Today our harvest gifts and cash donations will be split between the Lodging House Mission and the local Foodbank at Bishopbriggs Free Church.
- Please place your offering in the Offering Plates as these are uplifted during the Service.
- Tea and Coffee will be available after Church today in the Cameron Hall.
- There will be a Vestry Hour at 10am on Wednesday 24th September,
 2025 followed by our midweek Service at 11.10am.
- SPRINGFIELD CAMBRIDGE FESTIVAL CHORUS JUNIOR CHORUS We are starting with a taster session on Monday 6th October, from 5.30 -7.00pm in Room 2, Springfield Cambridge Parish Church, Bishopbriggs. Come along and join the fun. Boys and Girls aged 7 14 are all welcome to come and see what it's like to sing! No audition required and no fee. All music will be provided on the day. Join in a fun session of vocal games and Christmas music, under the direction of Emma Fairbairn, our Junior Chorus leader and get an idea what it's like to be part of this great choir. If you would like your young singer to attend this event please register by either:
 - © Catherine Taylor at <u>catherine jtaylor@btinternet.com</u> or **a** text Catherine on 07511 629 272. Please provide your child's name, a parent or carer's name, an email contact and a mobile contact.
 - The Kirk Session will meet in the Cambridge Chapel on Tuesday 7th
 October, 2025 at 7.30pm

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 229 We plough the fields and scatter

1 We plough the fields, and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand:
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft, refreshing rain.
All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love.

2 He only is the maker of all things near and far; he paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star; the winds and waves obey him, by him the birds are fed; much more to us, his children, he gives our daily bread.

Chorus

We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good, the seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.

Accept the gifts we offer for all your love imparts, with what we know you long for our humble, thankful hearts.

Chorus

Matthias Claudius (1740-1815) tr Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878)

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 226 God, whose farm is all creation,

- 1 God, whose farm is all creation, take the gratitude we give; take the finest of our harvest, crops we grow that all may live.
- 2 Take our ploughing, seeding, reaping, hopes and fears of sun and rain, all our thinking, planning, waiting, ripening into fruit and grain.
 - 3 All our labour, all our watching, all our calendar of care, in these crops of your creation, take, O God: they are our prayer.

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Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 St. Luke 16:1-13

Hymn 469 Restore, O Lord, the honour of your name!

1 Restore, O Lord,
The honour of Your name,
In works of sovereign power
Come shake the earth again;
That men may see
And come with reverent fear
To the living God,
Whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

2 Restore, O Lord,
In all the earth Your fame,
And in our time revive
The church that bears Your name.
And in Your anger,
Lord, remember mercy,
O living God,
Whose mercy shall outlast the years.

3 Bend us, O Lord,
Where we are hard and cold,
In Your refiner's fire
Come purify the gold.
Though suffering comes
And evil crouches near,
Still our living God
Is reigning, He is reigning here.

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Sermon

Anthem



"The Church of Scotland Guild is a movement within the Church of Scotland which invites and encourages both women and men to commit their lives to Jesus Christ and enables them to express their faith in worship, prayer and action."

Act of Dedication "Whose we are and whom we serve."

The Church was commissioned by its Lord to go into the entire world, and make disciples of all nations. The Church of Scotland Guild is part of the Church, and rejoices that it is called to share in the tasks of spreading the Gospel, and in particular, to encourage both women and men to commit their lives to Jesus Christ and enable them to express their faith in worship, prayer and action.

OFFICE-BEARERS (standing):

God has called you to serve his church in your work in the Guild. By your prayerful preparation, work and example, will you seek to unite the members of the Guild in the dedication of their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ through worship, fellowship and service?

Will you? We will, God being our helper.

May God grant you grace to be faithful in your service, enabling you, by his grace to continue to give worthy service at all times.

MEMBERS (standing):

As members of the Church of Scotland Guild, you are part of the world-wide family of the church of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to be loyal members of the Guild and to support the activities of this group?

Do you? We do, God being our helper.

May God keep you in His care, Christ be with you and save you, and the Holy Spirit guide you in the ways of truth and love always.

CONGREGATION (standing):

Members of the Church and Congregation, will you endeavour to maintain here a fellowship of worship and service that our Officer-Bearers and Members will be encouraged and supported in their work for Christ? Will you pray for the Guild that they may grow in the knowledge and grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ?

Will you?

We will, God being our helper.

May God pour His Spirit upon you and keep you faithful to your promises. All sit.

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayer of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever Amen

Hymn 134 Bring many names, beautiful and good,

1 Bring many names,
beautiful and good,
celebrate, in parable and story,
holiness in glory,
living, loving God.
Hail and Hosanna!
bring many names!

- 2 Strong mother God,
 working night and day,
 planning all the wonders of creation,
 setting each equation,
 gen-i-us at play:
 Hail and Hosanna,
 strong mother God!
- Warm father God,
 hugging every child,
 feeling all the strains of human living,
 caring and forgiving
 till we're reconciled:
 Hail and Hosanna,
 warm father God!
- 4 Old, aching God, grey with endless care, calmly piercing evil's new disguises, glad of good surprises, wiser than despair:
 Hail and Hosanna, old, aching God!
- 5 Young, growing God,
 eager, on the move,
 saying no to falsehood and unkindness,
 crying out for justice,
 giving all you have:
 Hail and Hosanna,
 young, growing God!
- 6 Great, living God,
 never fully known,
 joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,
 closer yet than breathing,
 everlasting home:
 Hail and Hosanna,
 great, living God!

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Benediction

Choral Amen (3-fold)