

Sunday 19th July, 2026
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
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Guest Preacher: Student Minister - Mr. Euan Gibb, B.A., P.G.D.E.
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Welcome & Intimations

- Please ensure all mobile phones are switched off or in silent mode during the Service.
- Please place your offering in the Offering Plates as these are uplifted during the Service.
 - The Summer Sunday School meet in Room 2 this morning
 - Tea and Coffee will be available after Church today in the Cameron Hall.
- There will NOT be a Vestry Hour or a midweek Service on Wednesday 22nd July, 2026.
- Tickets for the **SAMH concert** with **Euan Russell & friends** on **Saturday 22nd August, 2026 at 6.45-9.30pm** are now available priced £10/£6.

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 192 All my hope on God is founded;

- 1 All my hope on God is founded;
 all my trust he will renew.
safe through change and chance he guides me,
 Only good and only true.
 God unknown,
 He alone
 Calls my heart to be his own.
- 2 Pride of man and earthly glory,
 Sword and crown betray God's trust;
though with care and toil we build them,
 Tower and temple, fall to dust.
 But God's power,
 Hour by hour,
 Is my temple and my tower.
- 3 God's great goodness lasts for ever,
 Deep his wisdom, passing thought:
Splendour, light, and life attend him,
 Beauty springing out of nought.
 Evermore,
 From his store
 New-born worlds rise and adore.
- 4 Day be day the mighty giver
 showers gifts on us below;
His desire our souls delight in,
Pleasure leads us where we go.
 See love stand
 At his hand;
 Joy awaits at his command.

5 Still from earth to God in heaven
 Sacrifice of praise be done,
 High above all praises praising
 For the gift of Christ his Son.
 Hear Christ call
 One and all:
 those who follow shall not fall.

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Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 250 Sent by the Lord am I;

- 1 Sent by the Lord am I;
 my hands are ready now
 to make the earth the place
 in which the kingdom comes.
 Sent by the Lord am I;
 my hands are ready now
 to make the earth the place
 in which the kingdom comes.
- 2 The angels cannot change
 a world of hurt and pain
 into a world of love,
 of justice and of peace,
 The task is mine to do,
 to set it really free.
 Oh, help me to obey;
 help me to do your will.

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Genesis 28:10-19

Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. ¹¹ When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. ¹² He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ There above it^[a] stood the Lord, and he said: "I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. ¹⁴ Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring.^[b] ¹⁵ I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶ When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it." ¹⁷ He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven." ¹⁸ Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel,^[c] though the city used to be called Luz.

Romans 8:12-25

So then, brothers and sisters,^[a] we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness^[c] with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in^[d] hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes^[e] for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Hymn 802 We are here to praise you,

We are here to praise you,
Lift our hearts and sing.
We are here to give You
The best that we can bring.
And it is our love
Rising from our hearts,
Everything within us cries:
‘Abba Father.’
Help us now to give You
Pleasure and delight,
Heart and mind and will that say:
‘I love You Lord.’

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St. Mathew 13:24-30, 36-43

He put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?” ²⁸ He answered, “An enemy has done this.” The slaves said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” ²⁹ But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ ³⁷ He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears^[a] listen!

Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and 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.

Hymn 160 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;

- 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
 to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven
who like me his praise should sing?
 Praise him! Praise him!
 Praise the everlasting King!
- 2 Praise him for his grace and favour
 to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
 Praise him! Praise him!
 Glorious in his faithfulness!
- 3 Father-like he tends and spares us;
 well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
 Praise him! Praise him!
 Widely as his mercy flows!
- 4 Frail as summer's flower we flourish,
 blows the wind and it is gone;
but while mortals rise and perish
God endures unchanging on.
 Praise him! Praise him!
 Praise the high eternal One!
- 5 Angels, help us to adore him,
 ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
 Praise him! Praise him!
 Praise with us the God of grace!