

Sunday 16th August 2026
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
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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.
- Tea and Coffee will be available after Church today in the Cameron Hall.
- There will be a Vestry Hour on Wednesday 19th August 2026 at 10am followed by our midweek Service at 11.10am.
- Copy for the September Edition of the Church magazine should be sent to the Magazine Editor(magazine@springfieldcambridge.org.uk) by today at the latest.
- 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.
- **The Kirk Session** will meet on **Tuesday 1st September 2026 at 7.30pm** in the Cambridge Chapel.

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 198 Let us build a house where love can dwell (vv. 1,2,5)

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.
2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.
5. Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome,
all are welcome,

all are welcome in this place

Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 174 God of great and God of small,

- 1 God of great and God of small,
God of one and God of all,
God of weak and God of strong,
God to whom all things belong,
alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.
- 2 God of land and sky and sea,
God of life and destiny,
God of never-ending power,
yet beside me every hour,
- 3 God of silence, God of sound,
God by whom the lost are found,
God of day and darkest night,
God whose love turns wrong to right,
- 4 God of heaven and God of earth,
God of death and God of birth,
God of now and days before,
God who reigns for evermore,

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Genesis 45:1-15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, ‘Send everyone away from me.’ So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ² And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³ Joseph said to his brothers, ‘I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?’ But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, ‘Come closer to me.’ And they came closer. He said, ‘I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, “Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.” ¹² And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. ¹³ You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.’ ¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?

²⁹ for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now^[a] receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Hymn - How good and how pleasant it is

1 How good and how pleasant it is
When we all live in unity
Refreshing as dew at the dawn
Like rare anointing oil upon the head

*It's so good, so good
When we live together
In peace and harmony
It's so good, so good
When we live together in his love*

2 How deep are the rivers that run
When we are one in Jesus
And share with the Father and Son
The blessings of his everlasting life

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St. Mathew 15:21-28

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Hymn 178 God is good, we sing and shout it.

*God is good, we sing and shout it.
God is good, we celebrate.
God is good, no more we doubt it.
God is good, we know it's true.
And when I think of His love for me,
My heart fills with praise
And I feel like dancing.
For in His heart there is room for me,
And I run with arms open wide.
God is good, we sing and shout it.
God is good, we celebrate.
God is good, no more we doubt it.
God is good, we know it's true. Hey!*

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. **AMEN.**

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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Benediction

Choral Amen