

Sunday 13th September, 2026
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Dedication of the Church of Scotland Guild
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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 at 10am Wednesday 16th September 2026**, followed by our midweek Service at 11.10am.
- Our Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be on 20/09/26.

Lodging House Mission – Harvest Donation Requests 2026

We are so grateful to you for supporting LHM year after year, it means a lot to us. We've put together a short list of the things we need most. If you're able, please pick from these - we've thought it through so it reflects what we actually use. We've also included a few everyday essentials we usually have to buy; donating these would save us money that we can redirect to other areas of our work. Your help allows us cook hot, nutritious lunches and provide emergency food parcels for those who are struggling. If a cash donation is easier, we'll use it to buy fresh fruit, veg and other perishables we need, keeping meals healthy and cutting waste. Thank you from The LHM Team

Cereal	Tinned Fruit	Tinned Goods
Corn Flakes/Crunchy Nut	Pears	Baked Beans
Weetabix	Pineapples	Chopped tomatoes
Rice Crispies	Mandarins	Coconut Milk
Sugar Puffs	Fruit Cocktail	Condensed Milk
Frosties	Other	Potatoes
Coco Pops	Diluting/fresh juice	Custard
Cheerios	Coffee	Rice Pudding
Porridge	Biscuits	Butter Beans
Dried Goods	Crisps	Cannellini Beans
Cous Cous	Tea Bags	Chickpeas
Bulgur wheat	Long life milk	Tinned lentils
Paprika, Cumin	Rapeseed Oil	Other
Lentils	Plain Flour	Brown Sauce
Mixed herbs	Corn Flour	Tomato Sauce
Garlic powder	Mustard	Vinegar
Onion powder	Butter	Soya Sauce
Chilli powder	Bottle lemon/lime juice	Worcestershire Sauce
Crushed chillies	Dry yeast	Olive oil
Ground coriander	Baking Powder	Vegetable oil
Black pepper	Red wine vinegar	Gravy Granules

Salt	Apple Cider Vinegar	Veg Stock cubes/ bullion
Pasta	Vanilla Extract	Jelly
Long grain rice	Essentials	Sugar
Bay Leaves	Washing up liquid	Tomato Paste
Lasagna Sheets	Washing Powder	Passata
Coriander	Toilet Tissue	

Food Parcel Items

pot noodles/packet noodles	Tinned ham, corn beef, tuna,	Tinned spaghetti, spaghetti hoops	Tinned meatball, macaroni tinned dinners eg:curries
instant mash	Microwave rice pouches, pasta pouches	Biscuits, cereal bars	tinned soups packet soups

Introit

Call to Worship

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!

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Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 522 The Church is wherever God's people are praising,

1 The Church is wherever God's people are praising,
 knowing they're wanted and loved by their Lord.
The Church is wherever Christ's followers are trying
 to live and to share out the good news of God.

2 The Church is wherever God's people are loving,
 where all are forgiven and start once again,
where all are accepted, whatever their background,
 whatever their past and whatever their pain.

3 The Church is wherever God's people are seeking
 to reach out and touch folk wherever they are --
 conveying the Gospel, its joy and its comfort,
 to challenge, refresh, and excite and inspire.

4 The Church is wherever God's people are praising,
 knowing we're wanted and loved by our Lord.
The Church is where we as Christ's followers are trying
 to live and to share out the good news of God.

Carol Rose Ikeler(b.1920)

Exodus 14:19-31

¹⁹ The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰ It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. ²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²² The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³ The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴ At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵ He clogged^[a] their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.' ²⁶ Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back

upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.’²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea.²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained.²⁹ But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.³⁰ Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.³¹ Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith,^[a] but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions.² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables.³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them.⁴ Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord^[b] is able to make them stand.⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds.⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.⁷ We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves.⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s.⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.¹⁰ Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister?^[c] Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister?^[d] For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God.^[e]¹¹ For it is written, ‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to^[f] God.’¹² So then, each of us will be accountable to God.^[g]

Anthem

St. Matthew 18:21-35

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, ‘Lord, if another member of the church^[a] sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’²² Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven^[b] times.’²³ ‘For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.’²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents^[c] was brought to him; ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made.²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii,^[d] and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’²⁹ Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt.³¹ When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.’³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?’³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt.³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister^[e] from your heart.’

Hymn 726 When we are living, we are in the Lord,

1 When we are living, we are in the Lord,
 and when we're dying, we are in the Lord;
 for in our living and in our dying
 we belong to God, we belong to God.

- 2 Each day allows us to decide for good,
 loving and serving as we know we should;
 in thankful giving, in hopeful living,
 we belong to God, we belong to God.
- 3 Sometimes we sorrow, other times we embrace,
 sometimes we question everything we face;
 yet in our yearning is deeper learning:
 we belong to God, we belong to God.
- 4 Till earth is over may we always know
 love never fails us; God has made it so.
 Hard times will prove us, never remove us;
 we belong to God, we belong to God.

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Sermon



"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 Thanksgiving, Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

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 363 We have a gospel to proclaim, vv. 1,3,5,6

1 We have a gospel to proclaim,
 good news for all throughout the earth;
 the gospel of a Saviour's name:
 we sing his glory, tell his worth.

3 Tell of his death at Calvary,
 hated by those he came to save,
 in lonely suffering on the Cross;
 for all he loved his life he gave.

- 5 Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
 by all creation glorified.
 He sends his Spirit on his Church
 to live for him, the Lamb who died.
- 6 Now we rejoice to name him King:
 Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
 This gospel-message we proclaim:
 we sing his glory, tell his worth.

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Benediction

Choral Amen