

Notices

Art Exhibition Mon 27th – 1st September

Our annual art exhibition starts today. Please sign up on the rota sheets to help out for an hour or more during the week, and do support the other events planned as part of the week:

This evening 7.00pm

Preview Evening

3.30pm Mon 27th August

Dalry School & Tynecastle

High School Concert

10am – 12.30 Sat 1st September

Coffee Morning, Rachel Zylstra, singer- songwriter will be performing piano pieces

Deadline for articles for next month's newsletter: Today to David Warnes:

Clean up of Westfield Park: 8th September, details to follow from Community Council

The Rector is looking for an admin assistant half day/one day per week, contact e mail to the Rector

Rector day off Wednesday: Day in office at St Martins ;Thursday, drop in welcome.

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**Sunday 2nd September 2018
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

10.30am Celebrating Communion

Preacher: David Warnes

President: Yousouf Gooljary

Readings: Deuteronomy 4,1-2,6-9, Psalm 15; James 1.17-27, Mark 7.1-8,14-15,21-

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St Martin of Tours Gorgie-Dalry, Scottish Episcopal Church

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Rector: The Revd Yousouf Gooljary, Team Priest: The Revd David Warnes

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The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday 26th August 2018

Preacher: David Warnes.

President : Yousouf Gooljary



*Living out faith in our community
through prayer, reflection and action*

Collect for the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty and eternal God, by your generous love you grant to those who pray more than is desired or deserved: pour down your mercy upon us, forgiving what our conscience fears, and granting what we dare not ask; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 8 : 22-30, 41-43.

Read by: Bob Allen

²²Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. ²³He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, ²⁴the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. ²⁵Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' ²⁶Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. ²⁷"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! ²⁸Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; ²⁹that your eyes may be

open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. ³⁰Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive. ⁴¹"Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name ⁴²—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, ⁴³then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

Psalm 84

Response to 'How lovely is your dwelling place' is : '**Happy is everyone who trusts in you**'.

O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

Selah

Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Response: 'How lovely is your dwelling place' : '**Happy is everyone who trusts in you**'.

As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools.

They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah
Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

Response : 'How lovely is your dwelling place': '**Happy is everyone who trusts in you**'.

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

Response: 'How lovely is your dwelling place': '**Happy is everyone who trusts in you**'.

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20. Read by Bob Allen

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Gospel: John 6. 56-69.

Read by: Liz Moir

⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” ⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

Opening Hymn

Come to us, Creative Spirit
In our Father's house,
Every human talent hallow,
Hidden skills arouse,
That within your earthly temple,
Wise and simple
May rejoice.

Poet, painter, music maker,
All your treasures bring;
Craftsman, actor, graceful dancer,
Make your offering:
Join your hands in celebration!
Let creation
Shout and sing!

Word from God eternal springing,
Fill our minds we pray,
And in all artistic vision
Give integrity:
May the flame within us burning
Kindle yearning
Day by day.

In all places and for ever
Glory be expressed
To the Son, with God the Father,
And the Spirit blessed.
In our worship and our living
Keep us striving
For the best.

Words by David Mowbray (tune Angel voices ; hon 33)