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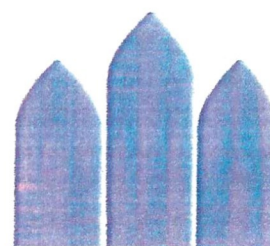
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Please note Tony's day off is Saturday

- ✓ The Zoom Morning Prayer resumes on **Tuesday 1st September**.
- ✓ The Music to Movement class resumes on **Thursday, 27th August**.
- ✓ The midweek **Service of the Word** on **Wednesday** at **12:45pm** in the small hall. Come along and join us, it's open to all
- ✓ There will be a short planning meeting of the Bible Study group after the service - All welcome.
- ✓ **Glasgow & Galloway Diocesan Environmental Group (DEG)** invites you to join us on **Saturday 19th September 2026** at St Oswald's Church, Maybole from 10 am to 2.30 pm. The subject this time is "Greening Our Churches" and this should be of particular interest to the gardeners among us, although the topics will cover more than church gardens. To register for this event, visit www.greeningourchurches.eventbrite.co.uk or contact the DEG by email at deg@glasgow.anglican.org
- ✓ **HTK project** Scott Cooper (Project Manager) will come to the church service on **Sunday 23rd August** to introduce himself to the congregation and run an ideas session during refreshments/light lunch following the service. Please try and keep this date free as your ideas/thoughts are much needed. If you would like to be part of the project team, please contact Barbara on b.cowley63@icloud.com.
- ✓ We shall launch the **new session of shared worship** with a very special service at Fenwick Church at 3 p.m. on Sunday 23rd August. The theme will be All Creatures Great and Small and it will feature animals which assist people. These will include a guide dog for people with sensory loss, a shepherd's dog, bees and even horses from Police Scotland's Mounted Unit which are stabled at Stewarton. This will be the most unusual service you have ever attended. Please use the attached poster to spread the invitation far and wide. Children and young people are especially welcome to come and meet these animals – and their human companions

If you have any items for the pew leaflet, please let me know by Monday 17th August 2026 Phone No: 01563 534084. E-mail doreen.tannock@talktalk.net.



Welcome
to Our Church

Faith Hope Love
Holy Trinity Church Kilmarnock

16th August 2026 - Pentecost 12

Chizitere Azogama will be presiding during using the
Reserved Sacrament and Prof Ian M. Arbon will be preaching

Collect

O God, you make known your almighty power in your merciful compassion: increase your mercy towards us; that we, being eager for your promises, may inherit the treasures of heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen**

Hymns

Processional	227	God of Mercy
Gradual	882	Put your trust (new)
Offertory	752	Will you come and follow me
Communion	787	Come into his presence
Communion	387	Let us break bread together
Recessional	409	Lord for the years.

Communion

Everyone is welcome to receive Communion. We offer both bread and wine sipped from the common cup. We no longer offer intinction. Receiving in one kind is also a complete Communion. If you prefer this option, simply come forward to receive the bread then return to your seat. If you wish to receive a blessing from the priest, please indicate this by placing your hands on your chest. If you wish to receive Communion in your pew or require gluten-free bread please inform one of the welcome team. During the offertory hymn the collection will be taken at the pew. If you wish to donate to the church by another means, or to gift aid your donation please contact Ian, the Treasurer or Doreen. Thank you for your generosity.

OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 45:1 – 15

¹Then 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. ²And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³Joseph 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. ⁴Then 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." ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For 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. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So 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. ⁹Hurry 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. ¹⁰You 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. ¹¹I 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.' ¹²And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1 – 2a, 29 – 32

¹I 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. ²God 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. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been

disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 15:(10 – 20) 21 – 28

¹⁰Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?" ¹³He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile." ²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just 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." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

*Rejoice with me; I have found my lost
sheep' Luke 15:6*

