

Prayers this week: Remember our friends who are sick or who have asked for our prayers: Margaret Elkins, Anne Phillips, Myra McKechnie, Jean Milby, Una Gilmour, Shirley Currie, Frances Whyte, Allan Park, Nan Kerr, Owen and Doreen Sayers, Angela Filmer, and George Matheson. In the **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** we pray for St Andrew's, Dunkeld and Dunblane and for Bishop David Chillingworth) and for the Ministry Advisory Group. We also pray for the parishes of Holy Cross, Knightswood and All Saints', Jordanhill and for their priest Ali Chesworth. In the **Anglican Cycle of Prayer** we pray for The Church of South India (United) Medak - (South India) The Rt Revd Badda Peter Sugandhar

Dumbarton Churches Gambia Education Association: Please keep our children in the Dumbarton Nursery School in your thoughts and if you have any donations please pass them to Linda. Fran has just returned from The Gambia and we're hoping for some fresh news and pics from her! I think Auntie Caroline is still in need of ever more materials!

New Hall: We now have a meeting with the Architect and quantity Surveyor scheduled for August 19th, this coming week, when we will have a chance to catch up on progress. Basically, we've applied for Planning Permission and the Building Warrant. There seems to be no problems on the horizon, and, in fact, diggers are due soon on our grounds to test the soil for foundations. Sounds like progress, and we should be able to put the job out to tender soon.

Smoking: Kenny was at the hypnotherapist on Friday, and is becoming more confident that the weed can go for good! Whether another session is needed or not is unclear as we go to press, but certainly within the next month, if not today, he should be in a "smoke free" position! His hypnotherapy is about becoming more positive and confident, and it certainly seems to be working so far! Linda agrees that it is a lot better than the grumpy old man who used to live in The Rectory! Progress will be reported!



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Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity



Joseph meets his brothers

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A Special Welcome: to any visitors who may be with us today. Please join us for coffee or tea in the hall after the service. Read the notice board to find out what services and social events are going on at St. Augustine's and please join in as many as you can during your stay.

Friends of St. Augustine's: On Saturday (August 23rd) Friends go to the Tam-O-Shanter experience. List and information is on the notice board in the hall. Ensure that your name is on the list and that you have made your selection for tea from the menu. The bus leaves at 10am and NOT 11am as was wrongly posted in the Parish Website.

Night with the stars: The date for this big event is now confirmed as Friday October 24th. The list for this will be going up soon as we have to get a full house to make it a really good evening. Start thinking about which film character or star you will be for the night.

Study Group: The Study Group restarts **this** Tuesday (19th) when we will finish off the course over a 4-5 week period. Please come along even if you haven't managed any so far.

Parish Walk: The next walk will be in September, speak to Tim or Rosemary for more details.

Wedding: Gary Cochrane and Joanne Elliot will be married in St Augustine's on Saturday at 4.30pm.

Parish Website: If you have not been visiting the revamped Parish website on www.staugustinesdumbarton.co.uk then shame on you! There is a News and Blog section on the Home Page which keeps us all up to date on the goings-on at St Augustine's, and now selected sermons, preached at the 11am service are available to listen to in the Multimedia Section. There is so much information and things to see, including some music from Friday's Concert which should be available soon. Why not make it the "Home Page" on your computer?

HYMN: Above all powers, above all kings,
above all nature and all created things;
above all wisdom and all the ways of man,
You were here before the world began.

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,
above all wonders the world has ever known;
above all wealth and treasures of the earth,
there's no way to measure what Your're worth.

*Crucified, laid behind the stone;
You lived to die, rejected and alone;
like a rose trampled on the ground,
You took the fall and thought of me, above all. Lenny LeBlanc
& Paul Baloche 1999*

HYMN: You laid aside your majesty,
Gave up everything for me,
suffered at the hands of those You had created;
You took all my guilt and shame,
when You died and rose again;
now, today You reign in heaven and earth exalted.

I really want to worship You, my Lord,
You have won my heart and I am Yours.
for ever and ever I will love You.
You are the only one who died for me,
gave Your life to set me free,
so I lift my voice to You in adoration..

[Thought for the day](#)

*My dogs aren't child substitutes.
They were my first choice.*

(Change to "cats" if that is your preference)

Reflection

*People cease to interest us
when we discover their limitations.
As soon as we come up with people's limitations,
it's all over for those people.
Have they talents? Have they initiative?
Have they knowledge? It matters not.*

*Though yesterday we may have found them
infinitely alluring and attractive – a sea to swim in –
today we have found their shores,
found it to be not a sea after all but only a pond,
and we couldn't care if we never saw it again.*

*But none of us can see into the depths of another person,
or even into our own depths.*

Only God can.

*He knows us through and through,
yet he does not tire of us or reject us.*

*He helps us to believe in ourselves,
and to draw out all that is hidden in our depths,
good things we ourselves are not even aware of.*

HYMNS

Int: 378 O Lord, all the world
Grad: Above all powers (on sheet)
Off: 150 From the sun's rising
Comm: You laid aside your majesty (on sheet)
Rec: 206 He's got the whole world

The Collect

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Old Testament

Genesis 45:1-15

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. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. 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.

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. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. 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. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. 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. 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. 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. 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.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. 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." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and

wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

PSALM of Reflection (we stay seated)

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us, and bless us,
Make His face to shine upon us,
May your ways be known over the earth,
And your salvation among all nations.

*May the people praise you,
O God, may all the peoples praise you.*

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
For with justice you rule, the peoples you guide,
May your ways be known over the earth,
And your salvation among all nations.

*May the people praise you,
O God, may all the peoples praise you.*

Then the harvest will come to the land
And God, our God, will bless us,
God will bless us and all the ends
of earth will fear him.

*May the people praise you,
O God, may all the peoples praise you.*

The Epistle

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. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

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

The Gospel

Matthew 15: 21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 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." 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." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

