

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, Jack Macaulay and George Matheson. In the **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** we pray for the Overseas Group (vacancy). We pray for the parish of St Cuthbert's, Cambuslang & St Andrew's, Uddingston and for their priest Rosemary Logue. We also pray for the parish of St Mark's, East Kilbride and their priest Kirstin Freeman. In the **Anglican Cycle of Prayer** we pray for The Anglican Church of Southern Africa, The Most Revd Thabo Cecil Makgoba Archbishop of Capetown.

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 with fresh news and pics! You can view these on the parish website in the Multimedia section: I think Auntie Caroline is still in need of ever more materials!

New Hall: We have had a meeting with the Architect and Quantity Surveyor this week. Basically, we've been granted Planning Permission and the Building Warrant should be OK. There is now a model of the proposal which can be seen at the back of the church beside the plans. The surveyors are content with leaving things until we are ready to build. We should be able to put the job out to tender soon. It looks like a January start and an August finish.

Smoking: Kenny was at the hypnotherapist recently 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 soon, 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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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: The next event is Benidorm Bingo on Wednesday September 24th at 7.30pm. Come along wearing your best Sombrero and enjoy Sangria as you mark off your numbers. The list is in the hall so please add your name. **Night with the stars:** The date for this big event is 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. This is going to be a great night; plans are in progress to make it the best event ever!

Study Group: The Study Group is held every Tuesday evening in the Rectory at 7.30pm. Please come along even if you haven't managed any so far. Next Session is on Ordination!

MAD Concert at St. Augs: The Kyiv Classic Accordion Duo entertained us last Friday and raised £550 for the children who still suffer as a result as the disaster in Chernobyl .

Parish Walk: The next parish walk has been changed to Saturday September 20th meet 1.30 at Mugdock Country Park Visitor Centre

Wedding: The Craig Barnes/Leeanne McAulay wedding takes place on Friday 29th August at 2pm.

Sea Sunday: Robin & Eve will be with us on Sunday 31st August to celebrate Sea Sunday. Woolly hats and warm clothing are welcome, and there will be a retiring collection at both services, for the work of the Mission to Seafarers.

Parish Website: If you have not been visiting the revamped Parish website on www.staugustinesdumbarton.co.uk then shame on you! Sermons, preached at the 11am service are available to listen to in the Multimedia Section, plus lots of photos. There is so much information and things to see, including some music from last Friday's Concert which should be available now. Fighting of Rectory Pets is there, and 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 Liturgical prayers.

HYMN:

MEN:	'I will build my church,	
WOMEN	I will build my church,	
MEN	and the gates of hell,	
WOMEN	and the gates of hell,	
MEN	shall not prevail,	
WOMEN	shall not prevail,	
ALL	against it.'	(Repeat)

ALL

**So you powers in the heavens above, bow down!
And you powers on the earth below, bow down!
And acknowledge that Jesus,
Jesus, Jesus is Lord, is Lord!** *Gr Kendrick (c) 1998 Make Way Music*

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 ad**

Reflection

*A child was sitting by a wall
when suddenly a toad emerged from a hole.
She quickly spread out her silk scarf before him,
the kind which toads love to walk on.
As soon as the toad saw the scarf it went into the hole
and soon returned carrying a little gold crown
which it laid on the scarf, and went back into the hole again.*

*The girl immediately picked up the crown
and put it into her pocket.
Before long the toad came out again,
but when it did not see the crown on the scarf, it crept to the wall
and from sorrow beat its little head against the wall
until it finally collapsed and died.*

*Had the girl let the crown lie where it was,
the toad would surely have brought out more
of its treasures from the cave.
In order to help people to grow, we must first help them to
believe in their goodness and then help them to share it.
This calls for patience and unselfishness.*

HYMNS

Int: 24 Alleluia, alleluia
Grad: I will build my church (on sheet)
Off: You laid aside your majesty (on sheet)
Comm: I sing a simple song of love (on sheet)
Rec: 73 Brother, Sister

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The Collect

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Old Testament

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a

papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

PSALM of Reflection (we stay seated)

Psalm 124

If the Lord had not been on our side
would we not be here today?
And if the Lord had not been on our side,
Would we not be swept away?
But like a bird, like a bird out from the net
We have broken free.

The Epistle

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the

same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

HYMN:

I sing a simple song of love.
I'm grateful for the things You've done,
My loving Saviour, oh precious Jesus.
My heart is glad that You've called me Your own;
There's no place I'd rather be,
(Than) in Your arms of love,
In Your arms of love,
Holding me still,
Holding me near

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