

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, Helen Watt and George Matheson. In the **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** we pray for:

- Youth Action Network (vacancy).
- St Mary the Virgin, Port Glasgow (Stephen Barrett).
- St Margaret's, Renfrew; St John's, Johnstone (Donald Orr).

In the **Anglican Cycle of Prayer** we pray for the Church of North India (United) The Most Revd Joel Vidyasagar Mal Moderator, CNI & Bishop of Chandigarh .

David McWhinnie's Will: We now have copies of this document if anyone feels the need to scrutinise it. Ordinarily this would cost over £20 for a sight of the will from the Sheriff Clerk, but for you all, we have ensured a "free" look. See Barbara if you would like to see it.

Church Website: A new, improved St Augustine's website is almost finished. Look out for it online fairly soon. The old site is now 7 years old and was getting to look a bit tired and weary! This new one, done with the help of professionals, should be modern and hip! Just like the congregation!

Kenny has been asked, recently about his blog. (A kind of daily diary) This can be accessed at <http://frkenny.blog.co.uk>

Dumbarton Churches Gambia Education Assoc: Our charity which runs the Nursery school in the Gambia will hold it's AGM in the hall on Tuesday 8th July at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. This is an invitation to all sponsors, supporters and interested parties who wish to know the latest on how the school is progressing, how it is being run, the current financial position and plans for the future. It is also your turn to have your say on the project.



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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: There will be no Friends event in July as so many people are on holiday. On August 9th Friends go to Glasgow for a day touring St. Mungo's Cathedral and the People's Palace followed by High Tea. Look out for the list in the hall.

Friends Membership renewal: If you have not yet renewed your membership, please do so now! Thanks.

Study Group: The Study Group is closing down until August when we will finish off the course over a 4-5 week period. Please keep your eye on the Magazine, or Service Sheets, or the website, where arrangements should appear!

Magazine: The next magazine will be the summer edition covering news and events for June and July. Please get your articles in to Kenny or Linda as early as possible, and not later than Wednesday for publication next Sunday.

New Hall: We understand that we have still to get to the point of obtaining planning permission, far less obtaining the building warrant. We must prepare to be patient, it seems. It's all rather frustrating when the wheels tend to creak at such a slow pace, but it will be worth it in the end!

Thanks! Kenny 's Ordination Anniversary Eucharist and party were a great success and all the good wishes and cards and presents were much appreciated. Special thanks to all those who helped with the magnificent buffet. Look out for photos in the magazine! There is also an album of photos posted on the parish website!

New Website: The new Parish website at www.staugustinesdumbarton.co.uk is really beginning to look really good. The only problem we have is our inability to upload sermons, but that should be sorted too. Clicking on the "News & Blog" on the first page gives you the opportunity to see all that is written, on a daily basis, and even gives you the opportunity to comment! Please make use of this!

New Computer: The parish now has a dazzling new computer, after the old one expired and died on us two weeks ago. It is a sunshine yellow colour, and is compact enough to be locked away for extra security! Together with the new web-site, we're at the cutting edge of technology once again!

Parish Walk: The next Parish Walk is to Kilcreggan, via a ferry, we hope. As yet, we're not so good at walking on water.

Congratulations: to Faye Suso who graduated on Thursday of last week!

Vestry Meeting: There will be a quick Vestry Meeting on Monday in the Upper Room. Kenny doesn't see any need for it to last an hour!

HYMN: To be in your presence

To sit at Your feet,
Where Your love surrounds me,
And makes me complete.
This is my desire, O Lord,
This is my desire.
This is my desire, O Lord,
This is my desire.

To rest in Your presence,
Not rushing away;

To cherish each moment, *Noel Richards. (c) 1991 Kingsway's TY Music*

Reflection

*So much of our lives are spent in keeping other people out,
We have private rooms, private houses, private clubs, and so on.*

*Of course there are times when everybody needs to be alone.
Yet there is a sense in which our size as human beings can be
measured by the circles we draw to take other people in.
The smaller the circle, the smaller the person.*

*A strong person isn't afraid of people
who are different from himself.
A wise man welcomes them.
By shutting them out he denies himself
the riches of other people's experience.
He starves his mind, and hardens his heart.*

*When a wise man names his brothers and sisters, he draws no
circle smaller than the first one ever drawn on this earth.*

*In the beginning God gave the earth its shape.
He made it round.
He included everybody.
So should we.*

HYMNS

Int:	303	Lift high the cross
Grad:	230	I give you all the honour
Off:	106	Dear Lord and Father
Comm:		To be in your presence (sheet)
Rec:	56	Be Thou my vision

The Collect

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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

Genesis 22:1-14

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket

by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

PSALM 23 (we stay seated)

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

The Epistle

Romans 6:12-23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought

from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Gospel

Matthew 10:40-42

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."