

SAINT NINIAN'S SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH, TROON

Sunday 27 July 2025 Pentecost 7

President & Preacher: Rev Lee Johnston

Our hope is that you will encounter God and friendship. You may sit anywhere in the nave part of the church. If you have young children with you, their exploration and heartfelt articulation of sound are most welcome.

Please join others in the hall for refreshment afterwards. Toilets are available in the hall, please ask for directions.

If you want to know more about faith, become involved with the life of St Ninian's, or want a pastoral visit please speak to Keith our Rector.

All who are baptised are welcome to receive Holy Communion in one or both forms. Please ask for a blessing if you want one when you come forward.

Gluten free wafers are available and those requiring them should let the Welcomers know.

Please note that today's service will be live streamed via YouTube.

This will be as non-intrusive as is practicable but will include video of the nave except the back row on the right. The live stream can be viewed by clicking on link: youtube.com/@stninianstroon or 'st ninian's troon' on You Tube.

Hymns at the Eucharist

Opening hymn	358	Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
Gospel hymn	775	Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
Offertory hymn	787	Take my life, and let it be
During Communion		Taize chant — <i>the words are on page 4</i>
Final hymn	739	Now thank we all our God

The Collect

O God, whose providence orders all things in heaven and earth: keep from us everything harmful, and lead us to all that is good; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen

Readings Year C

First reading	Genesis 18: 20 – 32 (12)
Psalm	Psalm 138
	Refrain: When I called, you answered me, O Lord.
Epistle	Colossians 2: 6 – 15, (16 – 19) (957)
Gospel	Luke 11: 1 - 13

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WHAT ABOUT MONEY?

Everything that happens at St Ninian's is dependent on the offerings and donations of everyone in the congregation. Regular offerings make the use of the buildings, grounds, ministry and music possible. They enable the congregation to exist, and to provide a welcome space to belong to, to explore faith, and to grow as a Christian.

If you wish you can also make an offering to St Ninian's by bank transfer to:

Bank account name: St Ninian's Church Vestry
Sort code: 82-68-21 Account number: 20510140

GIFT AID declaration forms are available on the Welcome Desk

THIS WEEK AT ST NINIAN'S - W/C SUNDAY 27 July

Monday

10.30am

Meditation Group (see below)

Tuesday

2.30 - 4.00pm

Book Group (see below)

Sunday 3 August

Pentecost 8

10.30am

Sung Eucharist with Hymns

There will be no mid week communion on Wednesday 30 July at St Ninians, however there will be a service of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity Ayr at 11.00am to which everyone will be made most welcome.

An advanced notice on **Sunday 31 August** we shall not have a service here but all attend a neighbouring Scottish Episcopal Church for their morning worship. Please see the pew leaflet for further details.

MEDITATION GROUP

The next meeting of the Meditation Group is on Monday 28 July at 10.30am in the church.

BOOK GROUP

The next meeting of the Book Group is on Tuesday 29 July from 2.30 - 4.00pm at 5 Darley Crescent, Troon. The book we will be discussing is: Brooklyn by Colm Toibin.

SUMMER SUPPER

The next Summer Supper takes place on **Tuesday 5 August** in Scotts at 6.00pm. If you wish to come, please sign the list which will be on the Welcome Desk by Sunday 3 August.

QUIZ NIGHT

The Quiz will take place in the Church Hall on **Friday 22 August at 6.30pm for 7.00pm start**. There will be a raffle and light refreshments will be served. £10/£5 for young people in full time education.

Contact Diane on dido88@outlook.com. Proceeds to River Garden, Auchincruive & Church Ministry. Could anyone who has already offered or would like to volunteer to help organise or help out on the night of the quiz please let Diane or Ian know so a meeting can be arranged. There is also a sheet at the back of the church you can add your name and contact details to. Your support is so much appreciated. Many thanks, Diane.

WALL REPAIRS

At the congregational meeting on Sunday 6 July it was suggested that if forty people donated £40 each, some being gift aided, it would pay the complete cost of the wall repairs. To donate towards the cost of the wall repairs, please put your donation into an envelope and mark it 'Wall', and if eligible please use a gift aid envelope from the Welcome desk and mark it 'Wall'.

Thank you.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

The next Memorial Garden tidy will be on **Saturday 30 August**, weather permitting, from 10.00-12.00. Refreshments will be available. Please bring your own tools if possible.

GIFT AID MATTERS

Further to the congregational gathering on Sunday 6 July regarding Finance, please be aware that updated Gift Aid Declaration Forms and Gift Aid Envelopes are available at the Welcomers desk at the back of the church. As our circumstances change over time, HMRC requires that the rules of charitable giving are upheld, that in any tax year ending early April our Gift Aid claims do not exceed the amount we have paid in taxes, both of Income Tax and Capital Gains Tax, in that year.

We would be grateful if you would pick up a Declaration form and return it to the confidential folder at the back of the church, or hand it to the undersigned, as soon as convenient. We envisage that these Declarations will need to be renewed every 2 years.

The regular process of counting the offerings at each service, from Gift Aid envelopes, cash collections, and collections for specific appeals such as for the Boundary Wall, Flowers etc is that All are noted by the Counters of the Offering, and consolidated into a summary provided to our Treasurer. This practice remains unchanged. The Treasurer adds all further donations which arrive at the church's accounts electronically and produces quarterly reports to the undersigned. Based on having received your individual Gift Aid Declarations and the Treasurers reports, a claim for 25% of qualifying donations is then submitted to HMRC by me, also on a quarterly basis, for reimbursement to the Church – which is a registered charity in Scotland.

Should you require any further explanation of the process, or have any queries or need help at all, please don't hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Bob Keene,
Gift-Aid Support
robert.keene@hotmail.com

VESTRY REQUEST

The Vestry would like to ask the congregation to respond to requests for the church to be open during the day. We require people to unlock and lock the premises. Please make yourself known if you are interested in participating in this community-oriented initiative.

SEASCAPE MONTHLY QUIZ

Copies of the monthly Quiz to support SeAscape are available on the Welcome Desk. For the July Quiz, the clues lead to names of people well known on the stage, on television or in the cinema (many of them on more than one of these).

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Taizé chant during communion

O Lord hear my prayer, come and listen to me

(please join in the singing as you are able)

O Lord, hear my prayer,

O Lord, hear my prayer;

when I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer,

O Lord, hear my prayer;

come and listen to me.