

SAINT NINIAN'S SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH, TROON

Sunday 21 September 2025 Pentecost 15 St Ninian

THE SEASON OF CREATION

President & Preacher: Rev Keith Thomasson

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.

Today is The International Day of Peace. It is dedicated to world peace, specifically to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples. At 15.00 members from Troon Churches Together will meet at the Cenotaph. Each church is asked to meet at their own building and walk to the Cenotaph. No flags please unless they are simply white. We leave St Ninian's at 14.30

Hymns at the Eucharist

Opening hymn	507	We have a gospel to proclaim,
Gospel hymn	649	God of mercy, God of grace (v3 with text changes in line 3 'God to us' and line 4 'We to God'
Offertory hymn	718	Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
Communion		Organ music
Final hymn	491	Go to the world! Go in to all the earth.

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who called your servant Ninian to preach the Gospel to the people of northern Britain: Raise up in this and every land heralds and evangelists of your kingdom, that your church may make known the immeasurable riches of your Son Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with you, In the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever, Amen.

Readings Year C Pew Bible page in brackets
Hebrew Scripture **Jeremiah 1: 4 - 9 (609)**
Psalm **Psalm 67**

Refrain: Let the people praise you O God; **let all the peoples praise you.**

Epistle **1 Thessalonians 2: 2 - 12 (959)**
Gospel **Matthew 28: 16 - 20**

WHAT ABOUT MONEY

Everything that happens at St Ninian's is dependent on the offerings and donations of everyone in the congregation.

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 21 SEPTEMBER

Monday

10.00am

Morning Prayer with global music

Wednesday

10.00am

Holy Communion

Thursday 25

10.00am

Story & Song

7.30pm

Eucharist with anointing (for healing and receiving God's gifts) with simple unaccompanied chants.

Sunday 28

10.30am

Pentecost 16

Sung Eucharist

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 5 October : Harvest Thanksgiving & Harvest Lunch

Sunday 30 November : Joint service at Holy Trinity Kilmarnock 10.30am

Advent Carol Service by candlelight 6.00pm

Sunday 7 December : AGM at 11.45

Sunday 21 December : Carol Service by candlelight 6.00pm

CHURCH OPEN

Thanks to some volunteers who have formed a rota, the church will now be open during the day on most Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for those who wish to spend some quiet time there. It will also be open following Morning Prayer on a Monday and until 8.30pm following services on a Thursday evening.

CELEBRATION OF LAY MINISTRIES

There will be a celebration of Holy Eucharist with the renewal of the ministries of Lay Readers, Worship Leaders and Pastoral Assistants on

Saturday 1 November at 11.00am at St Mary's Cathedral, 300 Great Western Road, Glasgow G4 9JB. The celebrant will be Bishop Nick. If you would like to go and support our members please let Keith know this morning.

HARVEST LUNCH SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER

There will be a Harvest Lunch held in the church hall on the above date following the morning service. The lunch will consist of soup, sandwiches, dessert, teas & coffee. There will be a charge of £5 per person (family ticket available). If you would like to attend, please give your name and payment to Julia prior to the day. All welcome. Thank you.

SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER

There will not be a service at St Ninian's Troon in the morning. Instead we are all warmly invited to join the service at Holy Trinity Kilmarnock which begins at 10.30. Lifts can be arranged. 2-4 Portland Road, Kilmarnock KA1 2BS

[Home - Holy Trinity, Kilmarnock](#)

CAROL SERVICES

Sundays 30 November (Advent) and **21 December** (Christmas) we will host our carol services of readings and music by candlelight at 6.00pm. Please join in and form the choir on these occasions. Let one of our musicians know of your interest. This opportunity is open to all.

AGM

On **Sunday 7 December** we have our AGM at 11.45am following morning worship. We are looking for four people to join a flourishing and respectful Vestry team. Please begin to pray concerning the role God may be calling you and others to.

BOOK GROUP

The next meeting of the Book Group is **Tuesday 21 October** 2.30pm at 5 Darley Crescent Troon. The book we will be discussing is "There are Rivers in the Sky" by Elif Shafak.

CHOIR OF ST JOHN'S EDINBURGH

The superb choir of St John's Princes Street Edinburgh will sing Evensong on **Saturday 25 October** at 7.00pm and at the morning Eucharist on **Sunday 26 October** at 10.30 at St Ninian's Troon. Please save the dates and turn out, bringing your friends. [Choir - St John's Choir Edinburgh](#)

MEDITATION GROUP

The next meeting of the Meditation Group is on **Monday 29 September** at 10.30am in the church.

CHURCH WALL REPAIRS

Reminding you about our appeal for forty people to donate £40 each (where possible with gift aid) to cover the costs of the repair, many thanks to those who have donated already, but we are still several hundred pounds short of the total required, so those who have not done so are encouraged to make their donation.

MEMORIAL PATHWAY

The Vestry would like to thank Alan Livingstone for all his work on the Memorial Pathway. As Alan wishes to relinquish this role, we are seeking a volunteer from the congregation to oversee this work. This is not an onerous task and only requires occasional action. If YOU could help, please speak to Keith or to a member of the Vestry.

FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship will recommence on **Tuesday 7 October** at 7.30 pm in the church hall. Meeting for the next three months will be:

Tuesday 7 October : Helen Hogg from The Micah Project giving an update on the work of the project.

Tuesday 4 November : Joe and his fellow walkers will be giving an illustrated talk on their walk last May, entitled Churches of Norfolk.

Tuesday 2 December : The Beetle Drive

CHRISTMAS FAIR 2025

Time is creeping on to our Christmas Fair on **Saturday 22 November**.

Financially it is important this is a success so we need more people to volunteer to help in numerous and various ways. If you are able to help we would love to hear from you. Please speak to Evelyn Wilson or Robert Keene. We will also be looking for donations for the various stalls and these include Books, Toys, Jigsaws, Tombola, Baking and Prizes for the big Raffle. Donations can be left at the back of the church and will be removed every Sunday.

SEASCAPE MONTHLY QUIZ

Copies of the monthly Quiz to support SeAScape are available on the Welcome Desk. For the September Quiz the theme is Nursery Rhymes with the answers being people, places or things mentioned in nursery rhymes.

CONCERT

There is a concert to be held at Our Lady of the Assumption and St Meddans Church in St Meddans Street, Troon, to be given by Ayr Community Gospel Choir. This is on **Thursday 2 October** at 7pm in the church. There is no charge for the event however there will be a freewill collection on the night in aid of the Martin Chambers Ecuador Trust. Fr Martin was previous priest who died last year and spent five years in Ecuador working with the poorest of the poor. This concert is in his honour.

CHAIRS IN CHURCH

You will have noticed there are some different chairs in church today. Following on from comments from members of the congregation for more comfortable seating, the Vestry agreed to borrow some church chairs. Rev Jane Ross from St Ninian's Prestwick kindly agreed to loan us a few for about 3 weeks. Please try them out and let a member of vestry know what you think.

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.

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