

SAINT NINIAN'S SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH, TROON

Sunday 28 September 2025 Pentecost 16

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.

Hymns at the Eucharist

Opening hymn	713	Lord of all hopefulness,
Gospel hymn	575	When I needed a neighbour,
Offertory hymn	669	I heard the voice of Jesus say,
Communion		Organ music
Final hymn	394	Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!

The Collect

God of our salvation, be with us when we call upon you, and bless us with your steadfast loving kindness: restore in us the beauty of your creation and keep intact the gifts you have restored, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Readings Year C **Hebrew Scripture** **Psalms**

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Amos 6: 1a + 4 - 7

Psalms 146

Refrain: Praise the Lord, **O my soul!**

Epistle **Gospel**

Timothy 6: 6 - 19

Luke 16: 19 - 31

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

***Please see the important notice about the
Christmas Fair on the back page!***

THIS WEEK AT ST NINIAN'S - W/C SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

Monday

10.00am Morning Prayer with global music
10.30am Meditation Group

Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion

Thursday

10.00am Story & Song

Sunday 5 Oct Pentecost 17 Harvest Festival

10.30am Sung Eucharist followed by Harvest Lunch

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

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

MEDITATION GROUP

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

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.

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.

HARVEST LUNCH SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER

There will be a Harvest Lunch held in the church hall **next Sunday** 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 **today**. All welcome. Thank you.

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 Our Lady. 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.

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.

HELP WITH THE ROTAS

Offers of help with Sunday rota duties, especially Coffee/Tea service and Streaming/Sound, would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to Evelyn Wilson if you are able to help. Thank you.

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

BOOK GROUP

The next meeting of the Book Group is **Tuesday 21 October** at 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](#)

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.

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS FAIR 2025

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

Raffle tickets will be available very soon!

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.

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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