

SAINT NINIAN'S SCOTTISH EPISCOPAL CHURCH, TROON
Sunday 6 September 2026 Proper 23
Preacher & President : Rev. Keith Thomasson

Seeking heaven on earth

Becoming a family rooted in Christ and welcoming to all.
Shaped by an inclusive spirituality, kindness, sustainability, and music for all.

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.

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.

The live stream can be viewed by clicking on link: 'st ninian's troon' on You Tube.

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.

During September we join with others in keeping the Season of Creation. As part of this special season you are invited to watch the drama of the Eucharist unfold and to listen to the words of the Eucharistic prayer rather than follow them as a written text. Thank you for trying this. Nevertheless if you want to see a copy of the prayer it is available at <https://www.scotland.anglican.org/liturgy/season-of-creation-eucharistic-material/>.

Sharing our stories over a meal

HYMNS AT THE EUCHARIST

Opening hymn 453 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour
(vv 1, 4 & 5)

Gradual hymn 575 When I needed a neighbour

Offertory hymn 777 Sing of the Lord's goodness,

Communion Organ Music

Final hymn 569 The kingdom of God is justice and joy

THE COLLECT

God Most High, maker of heaven and earth, you created humankind in your own image and entrusted the whole world to human care: give us grace to serve you faithfully, that we might be trustworthy stewards of your creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

READINGS Year A Pew Bible page in brackets

Hebrew Scripture Exodus 12: 1 - 14 (51)

Gospel Matthew 18: 15 - 20

WHAT ABOUT MONEY

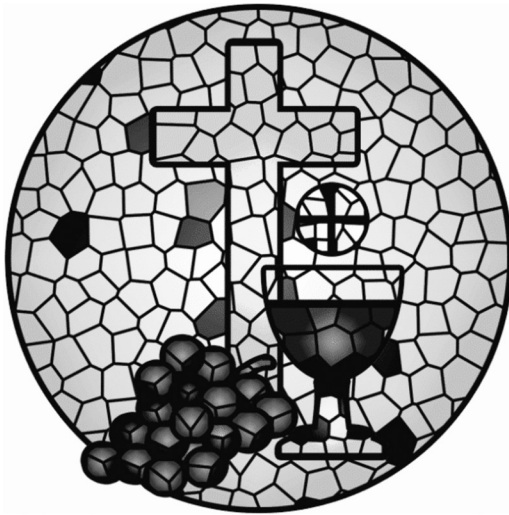
Everything that happens at St Ninian's is dependent on the offerings and donations of everyone in the congregation.

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 6 SEPTEMBER

Monday

10.00am Morning Prayer with music from the global church and discussion of the readings

Wednesday

10.00am Holy Communion with discussion on the readings

Thursday

10.00am Story & Song

Sunday 13 September Proper 24

10.30am Sung Eucharist

NATURAL CHURCH DEVELOPMENT - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Leaflets are available on the Welcome Desk about the Natural Church Development (NCD). More information will be available soon but please keep these dates in your diary. The Canon Missioner for the Diocese, Rev. Canon Dawn Matthews, will visit on the following dates to explain this to us. She will visit on **Sunday 13 September and Sunday 15 November**. Please try and be available until 12.30pm.

DOORS OPEN 2026

St Ninian's will take part in Doors Open Days, Scotland's largest free festival that celebrates places and stories, new and old. All are welcome at any time throughout the day on **Sunday 13th September**.

10.30 - 11.40 - Experience an interactive service in the Scottish Episcopal tradition.

11.40 - 12.30 - Tea, Coffee and Cake under the beautiful Troon Wall Hanging in the hall.

12.30 - 16.30 - Self guided tours of the church, with people on hand to support with any questions about the church's history, present and future plans. Also a chance to play the church organ and other activities.

DIOCESAN ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Everyone is invited to join the Diocesan Environment Group for an opportunity in the Season of Creation to help make our churches more eco-friendly. Whether you're a green thumb or just curious, this event is all about caring for creation and sharing ideas on how to live more sustainably together. They will be focussing on biodiversity, church and community gardens. Listening to local and church eco-groups sharing their journey and how we might do something in our own contexts.

This event takes place at St Oswald's Maybole on **Saturday 19 September** from 10.00am – 2.30pm. To register and for more information:

<http://greeningourchurches.eventbrite.co.uk>

THE MEMORIAL GARDEN

We hope to plant all your roses on Saturday 26th September.

Unfortunately, Keith won't be able to bless them that day but will hold a very short service the next day (27th) after the 10.30 service. Keith would like the names of the person/people your rose is being planted in memory of. If you could send the names to Julia, she will pass them on to Keith. If you like you could add a label to your rose with the person's name on it.

On the Saturday 26th please come along with your rose and a spade and we will plant them together. Julia will bring along some mycorrhizal powder and if you have any spare compost, a bucket of that as well. Please make sure your rose is well watered. Refreshments will be provided. If this date is not convenient, could you please speak to Julia.

OUTING TO THE DICK INSTITUTE TO SEE

THE TWO ROBERTS EXHIBITION

St Ninian's Book Club are planning to meet at The Dick Institute in Kilmarnock to view The Two Roberts Exhibition on **Tuesday 29th September at 1pm**. This is not an organised trip, just friends meeting to look around the exhibition at their leisure. If anyone would like to join us, you would be very welcome, but you would need to make your own transport arrangements.

Robert Colquhoun from Kilmarnock and Robert MacBryde from Maybole met at The Glasgow School of Art in 1933 and became lifelong partners and artistic collaborators. There will be over 100 paintings and drawings of their work on display. Some of us have recently read the book entitled The Two Roberts by Damian Barr.

Julia Izatt.

THE FELLOWSHIP

Following discussions it has been agreed that The Fellowship will now cease. It has been in existence since 1963. To mark the 63 years of The Women's Fellowship and latterly The Fellowship, there will be a special celebration on **Sunday 4 October**, and this will include cake! It is also planned to put together an exhibition of photos and other memorabilia from the Fellowship activities so if anyone has anything which could be included, could they please speak to Linda. The remaining Fellowship funds of £283.83 has now been donated to the church.

BOOK GROUP

The next meeting of the Book Group is on **Tuesday 13 October** at 2.30pm at 5 Darley Crescent. Choose from one or two, or more, of the following books.

When the cranes fly south Lisa Ridson

The Sewing Machine Natalie Fergie

The Cleaner of Chartres Salley vickers

The Odyssey Emily Wilson translation

CHURCH NOTICEBOARD

If you are interested in co-creating an invitational noticeboard in both porch and hall that states who we are and shows this with images that capture our mission and ministry then please speak with Keith. Sought after skills include team working, creative presentation, liaising with others, seeking special funding from Dawn, the Canon Missioner.

MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Save these dates:

Harvest Festival and dedication of the roses on **Sunday 27 September**.

Quiz Night on **Friday 16 October** at 7.00pm.

This year's Christmas Fair will be on **Saturday 21 November**.

FUNERAL

For all who knew him, the funeral of Ronnie Russell will take place at St Meddan's Church on **Tuesday 15 September** at 12.30pm.

SEASCAPE MONTHLY QUIZ

The September Quiz is available on the Welcome Desk, this months quiz is entitled 'It's in the Stars', clues all lead to a range of space related objects.

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