

# Strathearn Episcopal Churches

## 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Hymn: 293 Lead us heavenly Father

### Collect

Almighty God, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one god, now and for ever. Amen

Reading I Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters,<sup>\*</sup> you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved,<sup>\*</sup> are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

Hymn 255 It is a thing most wonderful



Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (25.14-30)

### Glory to Christ our Saviour

14 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, <sup>16</sup>to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>17</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>18</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>19</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>20</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>21</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." <sup>22</sup>His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." <sup>23</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." <sup>24</sup>His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." <sup>25</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>26</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." <sup>27</sup>But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>28</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>29</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>30</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>31</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Give thanks to the Lord for the glorious gospel

### Praise to Christ our Lord



Hymn 464 Take my life

Hymn after communion 398 O the love

Hymn 56 Be thou my vision

*Prayer*

Blessed are you, Lord our God,  
for you have given us all talents and abilities.  
You have created each of us in a unique way,  
that we may give our own unique service and talents to you.  
Blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

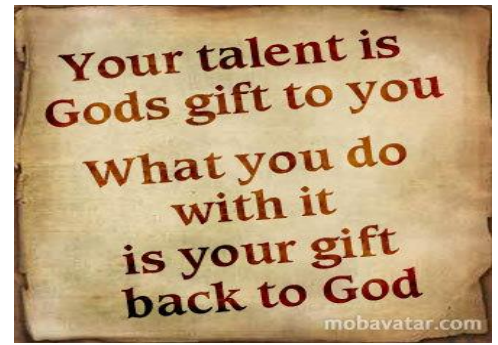
Lord, giver of all good gifts,  
we give you thanks for all you have given us.  
May we share our talents and use them  
to the benefit of others and for your glory.  
We pray today for all who tell others of your love  
and proclaim the Gospel.  
We ask your blessing upon all who minister to others.

Giver of all good gifts, hear us and help us to live to your glory. Amen.

*David Adam*

Sustaining God,  
as this cold, dark season encroaches,  
we place into your hands winter's patterns,  
which you call us to live.  
Give to us the humility of the earth,  
and the hope of heaven.  
Stripped of inessentials may we stand, rooted in  
you.  
In the stillness of the earth begin your work in us,  
in the anticipation of gathering strength,  
sustain our well-being.

At the drawing in of the days,  
may our contemplations  
bring us peace,  
may the wintry hardness of God's strength  
make us strong,  
and the soft mists of God's presence  
wrap us in their gentle folds.  
Amen



*Dunbarton Rock Community Church, Scotland*

# Notices

You can contact the **Revd Gennie** by phone **01764 650985**, or [rev.gen@btinternet.com](mailto:rev.gen@btinternet.com) Website <https://strathearn-episcopal-churches.co.uk>

**Please pray for all:** especially the Ukrainian refugees staying locally, and in Crieff: Maureen Corbett, In **Comrie:** Brian & Helen Hughes, Zena Howard, Barbara Tarran, Maureen Scott Angel, Louis Sainsbury, the Appletree Community.  
**Rest In peace:** Donald Macaskill, Michael Blacklock.

## Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov The Future of the churches. Very Important.

*Comrie Parish Church Hall Coffee from 9, prompt start 9.30 -1pm .*

What does the future hold for St Columba's Crieff, St Serf's Comrie and St Angus' Lochearnhead? What will they look like in 5 years and in 10 years?

A planning morning has been arranged and will be led by The Dean, Graham Taylor and his team. It is very important that you come and have your say on the future structure of our churches, as they are no longer sustainable as they are. Come and help us plan. Please put this date in your diary. More details will follow soon.

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November The Messiah at Comrie..

## **Cozy Crafts each Thursday @ 1pm St Columba's- Come for lunch! 1-3.30pm**

The services for the next few weeks are below:

	19 Nov	26 Nov	3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec Advent Sunday	10 Dec	17 Dec	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> dec
St Serf's Comrie	9.30 HC GE	9.30 HC GE	9.30 Martin MP	7pm Carol Service	9.30 HC GE	
St Columba's Crieff	11.15 HC GE	11.15 HC GE with Ardvreck	11.15 HC GE	11.15 HC GE	11.15 HC GE 6.30 Carol Service	
St Angus' Lochearnhead			9.15 HC GE		10.30 Martin Morning Prayer	Carols in the hall 7pm