



CROWN COURT  
**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
COVENT GARDEN

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 11.15am**

Minister: The Rev Chris Kellock  
The lessons are read by Rachael Henry

**Stand firm in the faith; be valiant, be strong. Let everything you do be done in love. 1 Corinthians 16:13,14**

*Lord of the changing, you help us find our voice that we might find our faith: we praise you for the Gentile woman who answered back the Son of God; release us from the crowds which command our silence and free our tongues to demand from you the healing of the earth; through Jesus Christ, the opener of the gate.*

*Amen.*

\* *Indicates where those who are able should stand*

## **VOLUNTARY**

### **WELCOME**

A warm welcome to worship at Crown Court Church of Scotland – ‘*The Kirk of the Crown of Scotland.*’ Whether you are visiting for the first time or are with us occasionally or often - we are delighted to be able to welcome you today in person or online.

We regularly stream our services. The camera will mainly be focused on the minister and the front of the sanctuary. However, should you wish to ensure you are not included in the livestream, please may we ask that you sit to the rear of the sanctuary by the stained-glass windows.

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

M: What good is it if we say we love all people,  
but give special treatment to a few?

**P: God calls us to love others as deeply  
as we love ourselves, with no strings attached.**

M: What good is it if we say we want  
God to show mercy towards us,  
but are quick to judge others?

**P: God calls us to forgive our sisters and brothers,  
to let mercy triumph over judgment.**

M: What good is it if we say we trust God in every moment,  
but live guided by our fears?

**P: We will speak and act as those who trust God to come  
and live in our fearful hearts.**

\* **HYMN 198**    **Let us build a house where all are welcome**

TWO OAKS

## PRAYERS

And we pray together:

**Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory, for ever.  
Amen.**

## A STARTER FOR SUNDAY

**\* HYMN 201    Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness**

MOREDUN

SCRIPTURE READING: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 (pp. 657-658)

ANTHEM *The Road Home*

STEPHEN PAULUS

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 7: 24-37 (p. 1006)

## SERMON

**\* HYMN 286    Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord**

WOODLANDS

## OFFERING AND DEDICATION

*As the Offering is brought forward the congregation stand and sing the doxology:*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God all creatures here below;  
praise God, the Trinity of love,  
before, beneath, around, above.**

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND THE WORLD

**\*HYMN 352 O for thousand tongues**

DESERT (LYNGHAM)

**\* THE BLESSING & SENDING**

**\* SUNG AMEN (Hymn 819)**

**POSTLUDE**

*All are welcome to join us for tea and coffee in the Hall downstairs after the service.*

*Remember to take your Order of Service with you to stay up to date with all the events taking place at Crown Court Church.*

## **INTIMATIONS:**

**Sunday 8 September**

Gaelic Service at 3.00pm led by The Very Reverend Angus Morrison QHC.

**Wednesday 11 September**

Choir meets for practice at 7.15pm in the hall.

**Sunday 15 September**

Harvest Sunday morning service at 11.15am.

**Wednesday 18 September**

Choir meets for practice at 7.15pm in the hall.

**Thursday 19 September**

Kirk Session meeting at 6.45pm in the hall.

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## **Gaelic service**

The next Gaelic service at Crown Court will take place today at 3 pm. The service will be led by The Very Reverend Angus Morrison QHC, Former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland 2015-16. All are welcome. See [www.londongaelicsservices.com](http://www.londongaelicsservices.com)

## **Book Launch**

You are invited to a book launch for the newly published 'Oh all right then: Stories from a Varied Ministry' by The Rev Dr Marjory MacLean. Marjory is a well-known and respected figure in the Church of Scotland, currently serving as a Parish Minister in Orkney, and formerly in various parishes as well as Depute Principal Clerk to the General Assembly.

Her newly published book draws upon a wealth of experience in ministry to reflect on the call to ministry within the Church of Scotland. Of interest to any considering a call to the Ordained Ministry, but also to members of the Kirk at large, Marjory reflects on parish ministry with her trademark light-hearted humour, as well as serious and important reflection.

Crown Court Church is delighted to host the London launch of her book on Sunday 29 September at 7 pm.

Please let us know if you are able to come by RSVPing to Laura Daniels our Church Administrator [office@crowncourtchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@crowncourtchurch.org.uk).

## **The Guild**

There is a thank you note from the Guild on the notice board downstairs in the hall. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 2 October.

## **Weekly Church Email**

If you would like to receive our weekly church email, please contact the church administrator at [office@crowncourtchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@crowncourtchurch.org.uk)

## **Donations under the Gift Aid Scheme**

Visitors who are UK taxpayers are invited to make use of the yellow Gift Aid envelopes which are available both in the pews and at the back of the church. Completed envelopes may be placed in the offering plate.

## **Prayers & Pastoral Support**

The Pastoral Care Team often remember people in the congregation in their prayers. If you have any requests for prayers for yourself or someone you know who is ill or bereaved or may simply have a situation in which they would welcome being remembered in prayer, then please contact Rev Scott Rennie.

If you require support, please contact the Pastoral Care Group through the church office or the minister – all information is kept confidential.

## **Church Membership**

We are always delighted to welcome new members to Crown Court. If you are a regular attender, but have not yet joined the congregation, we would encourage you to consider becoming a member or an adherent. If you have been a member of a Church of Scotland elsewhere, transferring your membership is a very simple process; please contact Laura Daniels, Church Administrator to ask for your lines to be transferred.

If you are not yet a member of any church and would like to explore your faith journey through baptism or confirmation, please do speak to our minister, Rev Scott Rennie.

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