



CROWN COURT  
**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
COVENT GARDEN

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sunday 19 October 2025 at 11.15am**

Worship is led by Session Clerk Sheena-Jane Clark  
and Elder Matthew Gutteridge.

The lessons are read by Norma McGoldrick

**Ask, and you will receive, seek, and you will find; knock, and the door  
will be opened to you. *St Matthew 7: 7***

*Almighty and ever-lasting God, increase in us your gift of faith, that forsaking  
what lies behind and reaching out to what is before, we may run the of way of  
your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for  
ever.*

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

We regularly stream our services. The camera will mainly be focused on whoever is leading the service 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.

## **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.

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

\* **HYMN 124 Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the King of creation**

LOBE DEN HERREN

## **PRAYER OF APPROACH WITH LORD’S PRAYER**

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.**

**\* HYMN 159 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided**

LORD OF THE YEARS

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 32: 22-31 (p.38)

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING: St Luke 18:1-8 (p.1052)

**\*HYMN 544 When I needed a neighbour, were you there, were you there?**

NEIGHBOUR

SERMON

**\*HYMN 161 O God, our help in ages past**

ST ANNE

THE 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 710 'I have a dream', a man once said**

REPTON

\* THE BLESSING & SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

*Please join us for tea and coffee in the Hall downstairs after the service. You will be very welcome.*

*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:**

**Saturday 25 October**

The Rambling and Social Club meeting at 6.30pm in the hall.

**Sunday 26 October**

Worship service at 11.15am with Rev I Scott McCarthy.

**Sunday 2 November**

Service of Thanksgiving at the Sunday morning service at 11.15am with Rev Alistair Cumming. Holy Communion will be served.

**Wednesday 5 November**

The Guild meets for a packed lunch at 12.15pm with the talk beginning at 1pm.

## **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**

If you require pastoral support, please contact your Elder in the first instance. For longer term support, please contact the Pastoral Care Team either by phoning the church office on 020 7836 5643 (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9.30am-2.00pm) or by emailing [clerk@crowncourtchurch.org.uk](mailto:clerk@crowncourtchurch.org.uk). All information is kept completely confidential.

## **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).

**Sunday 30 November**

On Sunday 30 November, there will be no service at Crown Court Church. We will be joining St Columba's Church in Pont Street, SW1X 0BD for a St Andrews Day service with guest preacher Rev John Bell.

## **Can you help us?**

We are looking for people to join the duty teams.

Duty is once a month, ideally arriving at church for 10:30am, put orders of services into hymn books which you would hand out or standing at the door welcoming people in. Assisting in taking the offering with the other team members. After the service helping to tidy the church before heading to coffee or home. If you think you can help please speak to the Session Clerk.

## **Service of Thanksgiving**

This year's Service of Thanksgiving will be held on Sunday 2 November at 11:15 and will be part of our regular morning worship. Holy Communion will also be celebrated. During the service we will remember in particular members of our congregation who have passed away this year. There will also be an opportunity for everyone attending the service to light a candle in memory of loved ones who have passed away recently or in years gone by, should they wish to do so. After the service there will be a time for fellowship and refreshments, and the Book of Remembrance will be available to view.

## **New mugs for Crown Court Church**

We are excited to offer new mugs for sale at £7.50 each, available in new colours of blue and yellow. The mugs can be purchased after the Sunday worship service in the hall by either cash or card.

If you are unable to come to church to purchase the mugs, please contact Norma McGoldrick ([normamcgoldrick@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:normamcgoldrick@yahoo.co.uk) & 07912 583285).

## **St Andrew's Book Festival 2025**

Tickets are now available to purchase for the St Andrew's Book festival. To purchase tickets please visit the following website

<https://www.standrewsbookfestival.org/events>. The first seven events include Nicola Sturgeon, Val McDermid and Irvine Welsh.

The festival is also delighted to announce that on Friday 28 November one of Scotland's true national treasures, broadcaster and author Sally Magnusson, will be hosting a special literary lunch celebrating her spellbinding new novel *The Shapeshifter's Daughter*. For more information, please visit the website <https://www.standrewsbookfestival.org/>.



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