



CROWN COURT
CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
COVENT GARDEN

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 26 October 2025 at 11.15am

Worship is led by Reverend I Scott McCarthy

The lessons are read by Sheena-Jane Clark

The Lord is kind and forgiving, full of love towards all who cry to him.

Psalm 86: 5

O God our redeemer, you heard the cry of your people, and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery. Free us from the tyranny of sin and death, and by the leading of your Spirit bring us to our promised land; 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 201 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness**

MOREDUN

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 44 Praise waits for thee in Zion, Lord**

ST STEPHEN (ABRIDGE)

SCRIPTURE READING: Joel 2:23 – 32 (pp.913-914)

ANTHEM *Be Thou My Vision*

CHILCOTT

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 18:9 – 14 (p. 1052)

***HYMN 372 Lord Jesus, as the shadows long are stealing**

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

SERMON

***HYMN 489 Come down, O Love Divine**

DOWN AMPNEY

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 520 Ye who the name of Jesus bear**

ST ANNE

* THE BLESSING & SENDING

*** SUNG AMEN (Hymn 819)**

POSTLUDE

We offer a warm welcome to any visitors. 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:

- 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.
- Saturday 8 November** The Rambling and Social Club meeting at 6.30pm in the hall.
- Sunday 9 November** Remembrance Sunday at **10.50am** with Rev Canon Professor Paul Middleton.

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.

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.

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. All information is kept completely confidential.

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 & 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/>.

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.

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