



CROWN COURT
CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
COVENT GARDEN

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 28 September 2025 at 11.15am

Worship is led by Rev Alistair Cumming

The lessons are read by Chris Grieve
and Ian Garden of the Friends of Crown Court Church

**Your word is everlasting, Lord; it is firmly fixed in heaven. Your
faithfulness endures for all generations. *Psalm 119: 89-90***

*Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into
one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name;
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 468 Son of God eternal saviour**

BLAENWERN

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 100 O lord though art my god and king**

DUKE STREET

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 16: 2 – 15 (p. 74)

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 16: 19 – 31 (pp. 1050-1051)

***HYMN 167 Guide me o though great Jehovah**

CWM RHONDDA

SERMON

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.**

***HYMN 718 We cannot measure how you heal**

THE BANKS O'DOON (YE BANKS AND BRAES)

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND THE WORLD

***HYMN 159 Lord for the Years**

LORD OF THE YEARS

* THE BLESSING & SENDING

*** SUNG AMEN (Hymn 819)**

POSTLUDE

There will be a retiring offering for the Westminster Food Bank today and up to and including Sunday 12 October.

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:

Wednesday 1 October

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

Sunday 5 October

Worship service at 11.15am.
Holy Communion will be celebrated.

Saturday 11 October

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

Sunday 12 October

Harvest worship service at 11.15am with Rev Canon Professor Paul Middleton

Funeral of Richard Rees

The funeral will take place at Falconwood Crematorium, Eltham on 09 October at 14:00.

Church Email

If you would like to receive our weekly church email, please contact the church administrator at 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.

Harvest Supper

In recent times we have joined with Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church and the Welsh Church at Harvest to share supper and fellowship. This year Bloomsbury Baptist Church will host on Friday 3 October at 19:00. Should you wish to attend please contact the Session Clerk by **Tuesday 1 October** with numbers and any dietary requirements.

Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church
235 Shaftesbury Ave, London, WC2H 8EP

Come and Sing Fauré's Requiem - Saturday 18th October

Join members of Crown Court Church Choir for a friendly "Come and Sing" afternoon with Thomas Allery, Director of Music at Temple Church, London, accompanied on the organ by Benedict Lewis Smith, Director of Music at St Columba's. We'll be rehearsing Gabriel Fauré's famous *Requiem*, and a beautiful work by the Scottish composer James Macmillan, *A New Song*. Admission is free, with copies and light refreshments provided.

We'll meet in Crown Court Church sanctuary at 1pm for a 1.30pm workshop start, and the informal performance will be at 6.30pm. If you would like to join us, please sign up using the Eventbrite link (just scan the QR code) or e-mail Mary-Jannet Leith at outreach@crowncourtchurch.org.uk.



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.

Westminster Food Bank

Our annual Harvest Festival service will take place on 12 October at 11.15am.

We will continue with our tradition of supporting the Westminster Food Bank during this harvest season. This year we kindly request for only monetary donations.

The retiring offering for Westminster Food Bank will take place on the following Sundays:

Sunday 28 September

Sunday 05 October

Sunday 12 October

Any questions about the retiring offering for the Westminster Food Bank please contact the church treasurer at treasurer@crowncourtchurch.org.uk

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.

Scots in London Representative

Crown Court is a founding member of the Scots in London Forum, a group of Scottish organisations in London that exists to promote and support each Scottish causes and events in our great city. The outreach convener, Mary-Jannet Leith, is currently the forum's representative, but we are looking for a second representative for Crown Court. The role is open to any member of the congregation, and involves attending meetings of the forum, which usually take place on a Tuesday or Wednesday in central London at 11am-12.30pm. Please speak to M-J or e-mail outreach@crowncourtchurch.org.uk if you are interested or would like further information.

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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