



CROWN COURT
CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
COVENT GARDEN

Ascension of the Lord
Sunday 17th May 2026 at 11.15am

Worship is led by: Matthew Gutteridge
The lessons are read by Valerie Lowe

We see Jesus, who for a short while was made subordinate to the angels, crowned now with glory and honour. *Hebrews 2:9*

Almighty God, your Son our saviour Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Grant that your Church on earth may be filled with his presence and that he may remain with us always, to the end of the world; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

** Indicates where those who are able should stand*

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.

VOLUNTARY

CALL TO WORSHIP

*** HYMN 446 Lift up your hearts, believers**

ST THEODULPH

PRAYERS 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 21 (PSALM 25) Lord, teach me all your ways**

GARELOCHSIDE

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 24:44-53 (p. 1062)

ANTHEM *Jesu, joy of man's desiring*

J.S. Bach

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 1:1-11 (p. 1092)

*** HYMN 453 Christ, of God unseen the image**

JOEL

SERMON

*** HYMN 619 Spirit of living God**

OFFERING AND DEDICATION

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND THE WORLD

L: Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayers

***HYMN 436 Christ triumphant, ever reigning**

GUITING POWER

* THE BLESSING & SENDING

*** SUNG AMEN (Hymn 819)**

POSTLUDE *Ciacona*

D. Buxtehude

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 24 May

Morning Worship at 11:15am with Sheena-Jane Clark, Worship Leader & Session Clerk.

Church Email

If you would like to receive our weekly church email, please contact the church administrator at crowncourtchurch1@outlook.com

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@outlook.com. All information is kept completely confidential.

The Induction of Rev Tara Porr Granados

The induction of Rev Tara Porr Granados will take place on Saturday 20 June 2026 at 13:30. All are welcome to attend. There will be refreshments and a chance to meet Tara following the service.

Christian Aid

This Christian Aid Week, your support could help mothers in Nairobi, Kenya, facing the devastating reality of urban poverty and the daily struggle to feed their children. In the pews, there are traditional donation or the online envelope can be found at the following link:

<https://caw.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2026/crown-court-church-scotland>

70K IN MAY

Crown Court members M-J and Harry will be running 70k in May to help raise money. To support, please donate via the online link:

<https://caw.christianaid.org.uk/challenge-2026/70kCCCOS>

Come and Sing

Following the success of the Come and Sing event last autumn, Crown Court will host another workshop and informal concert Saturday, 30 May, led by Robin Walker, the new Choir Director at Crown Court Church, accompanied on the organ by Thomas Allery, Director of Music at Temple Church, London.

We will be rehearsing well-known Schubert's Mass in G in the afternoon, with a relaxed performance at 6:30pm. Tickets are free, with donations to the church welcome on the day, and light refreshments will be provided during the workshop. All are most welcome; please register your attendance at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/come-and-sing-schuberts-mass-in-g-tickets-1987953548578>.

Used Stamps

Please remember that you can bring your used postage stamps to Crown Court as these are useful to some charities as an income source.

There are designated boxes for the stamps on the lower shelf of the bookcase in the church hall. If possible, please separate them into UK and Overseas categories, as this would be greatly appreciated.

In recent months, we have been donating our used stamps to Mercy Ships. For more information, visit their website: <https://www.mercyships.org.uk/>.

St Andrew's Book Festival

SAVE THE DATE – Scots in London is delighted to announce that the St Andrew's Book Festival is returning to central London 17 – 22 November 2026. Get ready to engage with some of the biggest names in Scottish literature. Sign up to hear all the latest festival news at www.standrewsbookfestival.org

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