



3rd August 2025
7th Sunday after Trinity

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Celebrate Together

You are invited to join in Celebrate Together's social event at Belmont Chapel is this afternoon from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm, for fun, food, fellowship, frivolities (games!) and lots of singing and music.



This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am
Online: Mon, Wed
In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 4th August Matthew 13: 31 – 35

Tue 5th August Matthew 13: 36 – 43

Wed 6th August Matthew 13: 44 – 46
12.00 pm Eucharist (Transfiguration)

Thu 7th August Matthew 13: 47 – 53
7.00 pm Fr Brian's House Group

Fri 8th August Matthew 13: 54 – 58
12.00 noon Interment of the ashes of Charles Barker

Sat 9th August Matthew 14: 1 – 12
9.30 am St Mary's Jacobite Syrian Orthodox service

Next Sunday: 10th August

8th Sunday after Trinity Luke 12: 13 – 21
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Eucharist

TODAY

3.00 pm Celebrate Together social event at Belmont Chapel
6.00 pm Evening Prayer and Benediction

Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

10.00 am Music

Processional hymn 19 **All My Hope on God is Founded**
Offertory hymn 605 **Take My Life and Let It Be**
Recessional hymn 67 **Blessed Assurance**

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14 & 2: 18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. [...] I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. [...] I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me – and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 1-11

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things – anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Gospel Reading: Luke 11: 1-13

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

