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¹¹When Solomon had finished the temple of the Lord and the royal palace, and had succeeded in carrying out all he had in mind to do in the temple of the Lord and in his own palace, ¹²the Lord appeared to him at night and said:

'I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a temple for sacrifices.'

¹³'When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, ¹⁴if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

¹⁵Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. ¹⁶I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there for ever. My eyes and my heart will always be there. (1st Chronicles 7 NIVUK)

¹⁹Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.'

²⁰They replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?'

²¹But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken. (John 2 NIVUK)

¹⁹Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your bodies. (1st Corinthians 6 NIVUK)

An interesting way of reflecting on a Biblical theme is trace it through Scripture. The example above focusses on the idea of "temple": going from the Old Testament, into the Gospels, and Epistles.

In Solomon's day, God resided in a physical location. God then resided in Jesus, in the sense that Jesus is God Incarnate; i.e. God in human form. Finally, thanks to Jesus death and resurrection, as well as the coming of the Holy Spirit, we each have God's presence within us.

All this charts something of God's journey to us through salvation's plan: going from being separated from us, coming to us in Christ, to living in us thanks to Christ's death and resurrection. We now have the delight of God's presence, not because of anything we did to earn it, but because of everything God did on our behalf, through Christ.

The implication of all this is raised by Paul in his section: given all Christ has done, we are not our own. We were bought at the price of Christ, therefore we should honour God with our bodies. The context of 1st Corinthians 6 is a discussion about avoiding sexual immorality; however, I think we can broaden Paul's scope here.

If we truly are indwelt by God's Spirit, making us Temples of His Presence, then we ought to reflect on how our living reflects that. What does it mean for me to live projecting the presence of God into the world? How do I honour him with what I do, say and think? How do I show Christ to stranger, neighbour, colleague and friend?

These questions are crucial: not least because it is through living for God in Christ's name that we can be used by His Spirit to make a difference in our world. I remain convinced that what the Church needs is not another programme or project; it needs the people of God to rediscover what it means to simply live for Christ, as His Temple here on earth.

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Harvest Festival—Service of Thanksgiving

This year our Harvest festival will also be a special service of Thanksgiving, and will take place on Sunday, October 8th at 11am. As usual our Harvest gifts will be distributed to the Lodging House Mission and the South Side Food Bank. Details of items required by the LHM, including those required urgently, are available on the reverse of the LHM newsletter available in the vestibule and the side shelves within the sanctuary.

Friday Senior Diners

We will be off on Friday 20th October for the School Holidays.
Sheila Peachey.

Evening Services

Our evening services will resume on Sunday 15th October, meeting on the first and third Sundays of the month.

Joint Prayer Breakfast

Cathcart Trinity extend a welcome to all to join with them in their monthly joint prayer breakfast on Saturday (7th October) from 8:30 until 10:00.

This month's breakfast will be held in **Cathcart Baptist Church 96 Merrylee Rd. G43 2RA.**

Prayer Calendar - October 2023 - Glasgow City Mission

In October, the Prayer Calendar reminds us to pray for Glasgow City Mission. More information can be found on their website: <https://www.glasgowcitymission.com>

Glasgow City Mission:

We show Christian care to vulnerable adults and children by fighting against poverty and disadvantage in Glasgow. Our mission is to see the people of Glasgow flourish and know fullness of life, providing hope for today, tomorrow and eternity.

Some of what we do:

City Centre Project, Street Outreach Team, Daycentre, Hospitality
Overnight Welcome Centre, providing emergency accommodation for rough sleepers
Child Family Centre in Govan, Nursery, parent-toddler groups, holiday clubs, playgroups, after-school care
Counselling and Advocacy services
Weekly church service and chaplaincy

Prayer Meeting

Our Prayer Meeting will resume via ZOOM at 7.30pm each week from Thursday 5th October. Details available from Joan Kilpatrick.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone who came along to support our family fun day on Saturday 2nd September. It was great to see so many families on such a beautiful day. A big thank you to the team and all the volunteers who helped make the day a huge success. It was very much appreciated.

Lorraine Kennedy, Youth Team

The Guild in October

This is the final year of the Guild strategy "Look Forward in Faith" and the theme is "New Wine, New Wineskins". The first meeting of our new session is on Monday, October 2nd and we look forward to seeing anyone who wishes to come along either having been before or as a new member. You will be assured of a warm welcome.

October 2nd : *Welcome and social evening*

October 9th : *Guild theme - 'New wine, new wine skins' - Rev. Stuart Love*

October 16th : *R.N.L.I.*

October 23rd : *'Cheese and Wine' ?? - On our own*

October 30th : *Bingo night - Violet Robertson*



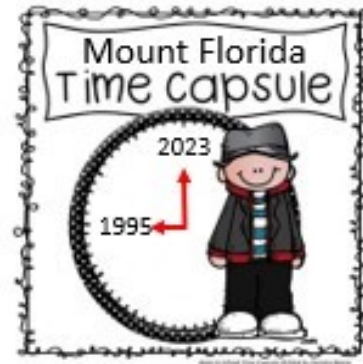
Sheila Morrow

Thanksgiving Service and Lunch

8th October 2023



Harvest Festival Thanksgiving & Mount Florida Time Capsule Opening



As part of our Harvest Thanksgiving, we want to celebrate our history, our present time and the future of how God might be leading us in the changing times we are facing.

1. We will be opening the Mount Florida Church 'Time Capsule' from 1995, which contains memories, letters, scrapbooks, photographs & videos of what the church was like then. We will also have photographs of life in Battlefield East Church.
2. We will be remembering happy events that have taken place in Clincarthill Church since then, giving thanks for what God is doing in our lives and in the community now.
3. We will then look to the future of God's church and God continuing to move in this community.
4. As part of our Harvest Thanksgiving, gifts will be gathered for the Lodging House Mission and the South Side Food Bank.

*We particularly want to invite back to the church anyone who was involved in Mount Florida & Battlefield East churches around the mid 1990's.
We will look at the time capsule contents (from 1995) and also at happy events that have taken place since then.*

The service is at 11am, with lunch being served in the hall afterwards (from around 12.45pm). The Time Capsule contents (including video presentation) will be in the hall after the service and during early afternoon.