

Welcome to Penicuik: St Mungo's Parish Church online



SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY **Sunday 24th October 2021**

This act of worship has been prepared to allow us to spend some time with God, knowing that others are sharing in it.

We thank all the team involved in creating and distributing this service, and praise God for his unchanging character and unfailing love.

This order of service is for you to use as you are able: some of you may wish simply to read it, whether silently or aloud. Others may wish to listen, and even join in with the singing: just click on the links.

If you want to join in the whole service, follow <https://youtu.be/Pc8DqjP2e68> which you'll also find on our website: www.stmungos.freeuk.com .

And if you would like to listen to just the sermon and a prayer, dial [01968 700121](tel:01968700121). There will be about 20 seconds' silence, after which the recording should start.

INTROIT: You are a refuge

Watch video <https://youtu.be/0EziG28YKYA>

You are a refuge for the weak,
an ear to those too crushed to speak.
You promise rest for weary feet; God you care.

You carry those who carry pain,
bring bursting life to desert plains,
give dancing hearts to those in chains; God you care.

*You have arms that reach the lost and the lonely,
a heart that loves those with no love at all;
hands to heal the hurt and the hungry.
You are the God who cares.*

You stand with those who stand alone;
A shelter for those without a home.
every tear that falls you know; God you care.

You have lavished us with your love, so we must love. *(repeat)*

*Give us arms to reach the lost and the lonely,
hearts to love those with no love at all;
hands to heal the hurt and the hungry.
You are the God who cares.*

WELCOME and CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 91: 1-2, 4, NLV)

Welcome to St Mungo's.

It's our aim as a church to provide a safe place for children and vulnerable adults. We endeavour to do this through Safeguarding: and that's the theme of this service.

For any time that the Christian church has not been a safe place for people, we feel deep sorrow and we pray that, with God's help, our practice in protecting people might be better. Our God is a strong protector and we pray that we may reflect God's love in all that we do. Let's join in our Call to Worship, which uses words from Psalm 91.

Leader: He who lives in the safe place of the Most High
will be in the shadow of the All-powerful.

**All: I will say to the Lord, 'You are my safe and strong place,
my God, in whom I trust.'**

Leader: He will cover you with his wings.

**All: And under his wings you will be safe.
He is faithful like a safe-covering and a strong wall.**

Let's worship God.

HYMN: We lay our broken world

Watch video <https://youtu.be/xzWn1Uva-6U>

We lay our broken world
in sorrow at your feet,
haunted by hunger, war and fear,
oppressed by power and hate.

Where human life seems less
than profit, might and pride,
though to unite us all in you,
you lived and loved and died.

We bring our broken towns,
our neighbours hurt and bruised;
you show us how old pain and wounds
for new life can be used.

We bring our broken loves,
friends parted, families torn;
then in your life and death
we see that love must be reborn.

We bring our broken selves,
confused and closed and tired;
then through your gift of healing grace
new purpose is inspired.

O Spirit, on us breathe,
with life and strength anew;
find in us love, and hope and trust,
and lift us up to you.

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PRAYER

Father God,
you love the world you have made.
and every person created in your image,
although in our brokenness
we have not fulfilled your intentions.
You sent your Son into this world
to bring us back to you;
that all of us might be freed from the power of sin
and brought alive by your Holy Spirit
to serve you in this world.

You are making all things new
in this beautiful but broken world.

Father, give us your heart for the vulnerable,
the oppressed, the voiceless and the forgotten.
Help us to see them as you see them,
to value them as you value them,
and to nurture and protect them as you desire.

Through your power at work in us,
help each one of us play our part
in creating safer places for all people,
that we may follow more closely in the steps of Jesus,
our teacher, Saviour and Lord, **Amen.**

Adapted from a Safeguarding Sunday Prayer from thirtyoneeight.org

VIDEO: Safeguarding Sunday 2021: Culture

Watch video <https://youtu.be/L5ox6z5j5ro>

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT SAFEGUARDING?

The Church of Scotland Safeguarding Service provides support to congregations. You can find all the information you're likely to need on the Church of Scotland website.

The Safeguarding Service assesses all applications for working, or volunteering, in church. This is part of a clearly laid-down recruitment process, in which applicants must provide references and be interviewed by the appropriate people.

Safeguarding training is provided for everyone who needs it by Presbytery-appointed, volunteer trainers. Our Presbytery Trainer is Sheila Anderson.

Each congregation has at least one Safeguarding Coordinator. Their role is to help ensure that all instructions about safeguarding are carried out. In St Mungo's, our Safeguarding Coordinator is Jim Paterson. Jim is supported by a Safeguarding Panel who are Neil Cape, Christine Jackson and Margaret Webster.

It isn't up to the Safeguarding Coordinator or the Safeguarding Panel to investigate allegations of abuse or harm. Instead, they're to gather basic information, principally who, what, where and when. Then, it's the role of the police or social work to investigate if there's any evidence to support this or not.

Safeguarding is always an item on the agenda of all Kirk Session and Presbytery meetings. Joan Cape is the Safeguarding Contact at Presbytery.

Safeguarding is not just about child protection; it's about ensuring all members of the church and the community are safe from all forms of harm: physical, emotional, psychological, sexual, financial and spiritual.

Spiritual abuse can be committed by people in positions of power in any religion or denomination --and also by others, such as family and friends, who use religious texts, beliefs and practices to exert control over others.

Statistics help to show where abuse can happen. For example, 1 in 3 women will experience domestic abuse or sexual violence in their lifetime. In 2018, the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act criminalised 'controlling and coercive behaviour'.

Here's another example: in 2020, 76% of children aged 9 and 10 in Scotland had a mobile phone. The fastest growing type of child abuse in the UK is 'self-generated child sexual abuse', where a child is led to livestream themselves carrying out sexual acts.

Later in the service, we will pray for all involved in safeguarding and protecting people from harm and for those who have been hurt or harmed by others.

BIBLE READINGS**Reader: Fiona Hutcheson****Genesis 1: 26-31****(CEB)**

Then God said, "Let us make humanity in our image to resemble us so that they may take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and all the crawling things on earth."

God created humanity in God's own image,
in the divine image God created them,
male and female God created them.

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and master it. Take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, and everything crawling on the ground." Then God said, "I now give to you all the plants on the earth that yield seeds and all the trees whose fruit produces its seeds within it. These will be your food. To all wildlife, to all the birds in the sky, and to everything crawling on the ground—to everything that breathes—I give all the green grasses for food." And that's what happened. God saw everything he had made: it was supremely good.

There was evening and there was morning: the sixth day.

Proverbs 31: 1, 8-9**(CEB)**

[From] the words of King Lemuel of Massa, which his mother taught him:

Speak out on behalf of the voiceless,
and for the rights of all who are vulnerable.

Speak out in order to judge with righteousness
and to defend the needy and the poor.

Matthew 18: 1-5, 10**(CEB)**

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

Then he called a little child over to sit among the disciples, and said, "I assure you that if you don't turn your lives around and become like this little child, you will definitely not enter the kingdom of heaven. Those who humble themselves like this little child will be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me...."

"Be careful that you don't look down on one of these little ones. I say to you that their angels in heaven are always looking into the face of my Father who is in heaven."

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SHORT ADDRESS**VIDEO: In conversation, Sheila Anderson and Joan Cape**

HYMN: God of the Poor (Beauty for Brokenness)

Watch video <https://youtu.be/3kVHKuldZyw>

Beauty for brokenness

Hope for despair

Lord, in your suffering

This is our prayer

Bread for the children

Justice, joy, peace

Sunrise to sunset

Your kingdom increase!

Shelter for fragile lives

Cures for their ills

Work for the craftsman

Trade for their skills

Land for the dispossessed

Rights for the weak

Voices to plead the cause

Of those who can't speak

God of the poor

Friend of the weak

Give us compassion we pray

Melt our cold hearts

Let tears fall like rain

Come, change our love

From a spark to a flame

Refuge from cruel wars

Havens from fear

Cities for sanctuary

Freedoms to share

Peace to the killing-fields

Scorched earth to green

Christ for the bitterness

His cross for the pain

Rest for the ravaged earth

Oceans and streams

Plundered and poisoned

Our future, our dreams

Lord, end our madness

Carelessness, greed

Make us content with

The things that we need.

*God of the poor
Friend of the weak
Give us compassion we pray
Melt our cold hearts
Let tears fall like rain
Come, change our love
From a spark to a flame*

Lighten our darkness
Breathe on this flame
Until your justice
Burns brightly again
Until the nations
Learn of your ways
Seek your salvation
And bring you their praise

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PRAYERS FOR OTHER PEOPLE AND OURSELVES

Father, your son, Jesus, showed your compassion for people.

Help us to become more compassionate,
better able to respond in love to each person we meet.

We remember a time when we were scared by the actions of someone else,
and pray for every victim and survivor of abuse, bullying and coercion.

We think of the women and girls in our lives, whom we know and love,
and pray for the too-many who face domestic violence or sexual assault.

We remember how our actions had an impact on another person,
and pray for ex-offenders who desperately want to make a new life for themselves.

May they all know your love, grace, care and protection.

Grant us the patience to be alongside them, the calm endurance to be available
and the perseverance not to walk away.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy, **All: hear our prayer.**

We call to mind those who love us deeply,
all who nurtured and cared for us at different times in our lives.

We call to mind those who have taught us well,
particularly those who encouraged us in faith and wisdom.

We call to mind those who tenderly challenge us,
who hold us to account and call us to work for justice.

We thank you for their love, care, teaching and challenge.

Guide our feet in the paths of righteousness for your own name's sake.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy, **All: hear our prayer.**

We thank you for our personal journeys of safety and growth,
we pause to acknowledge with gratitude the many people we do not know
who work hard to ensure a safe church for all.

We thank you for the professionalism of our Safeguarding Service,
the dedication of the many trainers and coordinators across the church,
and all who give their time to improve the lives of the most vulnerable.

And we give you thanks for the people in our own congregation
who work hard on our behalf, to keep us all safe.

Bless all of them with wisdom, strength, understanding, and courage,
that they would be equipped with all that is necessary
to continue to do this work for you.

Leader: Lord, in your mercy, **All: hear our prayer.**

All our prayers we ask in Jesus' name, using the prayer he taught his followers:

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.

Adapted from a prayer by the Church of Scotland's National Safeguarding Committee

HYMN: Lean hard (Everlasting Arms)

Watch video at: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1U5YsJ-FLSADlelvqaMKYel5sxl_1VRDf/view?usp=sharing

He lavishes grace as our burdens grow greater.

He sends us more strength as our labours increase.

To added afflictions, He offers more mercy.

To multiplied trials, He multiplies peace.

When we have exhausted our store of endurance,

when our strength has failed and the day is half done,

when we've reached the end of our earthly resources,

our Father's full giving is only begun...

our Father's full giving is only begun.

So lean hard, lean hard, lean on the everlasting arms.

Lean hard, lean hard, lean on the everlasting arms.

Lean on the everlasting arms.

His love has no limits, His grace has no measure,
His power has no boundary that's known unto men,
for out of His infinite riches in Jesus
he giveth and giveth, and giveth again...
he giveth and giveth, and giveth again.

So lean hard, lean hard, lean on the everlasting arms.

Lean hard, lean hard, lean on the everlasting arms.

Lean on the everlasting arms.

You lead me beside still waters.
Your goodness restores my soul.
I know that You'll never leave me.
I know that You won't let go.

You lead me beside still waters.
Your goodness restores my soul.
I know that You'll never leave me.
I know that You won't let go.

So lean hard..

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THE BLESSING

May the blessing of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you. **Amen**

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Next week:

31 October - Holy Communion

7 November – Joint churches KiP service