

# Saint Columba's Scottish Episcopal Church, Largs

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**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

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