

Holsworthy Benefice

Aug News Sheet

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	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
27th July	11am All Age Eucharist		11am Cafe style Church 3pm LYCIG	9.30am All Age Service	9.30am Morning Prayer
3 rd Aug	11am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Mass	9.30am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Family Service
10 th Aug	11am Morning Prayer	3pm Evensong	11am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Sung Eucharist
17 th Aug		9.30am Mass	11am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Sung Eucharist
24 th Aug	11am All Age Eucharist		11am Cafe style Church	9.30am All Age Service	9.30am Morning Prayer
31 st Aug	10am United Benefice Eucharist – Bridgerule				
7 th Sept	11am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Mass	9.30am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Family Service
14 th Sept	11am Morning Prayer	3pm Harvest Evensong	11am Sung Eucharist		9.30am Sung Eucharist
21 st Sept		9.30am Mass	11am Harvest Eucharist		9.30am Sung Eucharist
28 th Sept	11am All Age Harvest Festival		11am Cafe style Church	9.30am All Age Harvest Service	9.30am Morning Prayer

Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek
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Dear Friends

At commencement of the school summer holidays I am reminded of the advice given in Psalm 127:

It is in vain that you rise up early
and go late to rest,
eating the bread of anxious toil;
for he gives sleep to his beloved.

My lazy translation is: *'It is useless getting up early and going to bed late in order to get all the work done – for God gives rest to his children.'* I like to take this advice to heart and make the most of long summer days – not to get more work done, but to take time to rest and enjoy the best of what summer has to offer. We need not feel guilty about this, for when we give our time to God, trusting in his goodness, we learn the truth of the opening words of this Psalm:

Unless the LORD builds the house,
those who build it labour in vain.

We need to let God do his work! Are you trying to do things in your own strength? Are you working hard but getting no where? This Psalm reminds us to put everything into God's hands, trusting him with building his people, his Church, and taking on those light and easy tasks which he puts into our hands to do.

I pray you have a good summer filled with both time to rest and time to give thanks to God for his goodness towards us.

God bless,

Alison

Notices

The winners of the St Peter's Monthly Jackpot Draw drawn in Aug were:

1st Prize, £17.50 – ticket number 114, Andrew

2nd Prize, £3.50 – ticket number 182, Maggie

If you would like to purchase tickets for the next Jackpot Draw, or know anyone who might wish to support Holsworthy Parish Church in this way, please contact the Treasurer on 07790 380119

In May, St Pancras Church at Pancrasweek celebrated their patronal Festival with a gift day and Songs of Praise service with refreshments. The local community were very generous with their gifts and St Pancras Church raised a fantastic £1561.50.

Also a big thank you to all who contributed to Pancrasweek Village Hall Coffee Social Morning in June, raising a fantastic £258.00, this money will be allocated to the restoration and repairs of St Pancras Church Church Bells.

10.30am – 4pm every Wednesday in August: Free Summer Holiday Activities in St Peter & Paul's for all the family, please book to ensure a place: Rhyme Time; Try the Choir; Crafts; Gardening; Sketching; Picnic Lunch; Banner Making; Activity Trails. Contact Libby to book

9th August Hollacombe Cream Tea 2.30– 4.30pm – visit by car, cycle or on foot and enjoy the warmth and hospitality of tea and cakes

15th August 12noon VJ Day at Holsworthy Parish Church War Memorial – National Act of Remembrance to commemorate the end of WWII

28th August Holsworthy Agricultural Show – plenty for all the family

30th August Bridgerule Parish Church Gift Day 2.30 – 4pm

BIRDLIFE TALK

at

Bridgerule Church



FRIDAY 8 AUGUST
7.30PM

**A FASCINATING TALK
ABOUT THE UNIQUE
BIRDLIFE FOUND IN
BRIDGERULE CHURCHYARD**



**With published ornithologist Dr Paul Fitzpatrick,
and also Mr Gordon Millar, bird enthusiast.**





For the Church of England

Devon & Cornwall Region

OPEN STUDIO

Navigating Identity:

Growing up gay in a conservative evangelical church

Vivien Southall

Vivien will discuss the experiences of her two daughters as they transitioned from their upbringing in a conservative evangelical church to coming out as gay in their thirties. She will reflect on her own challenges as she journeyed with them.

6pm-7.30pm

An evening of discussion and shared stories exploring struggles and joys

The Studio, Higher Mill, Exeter EX5 5LL

Directions: Following post code EX5 5LL will bring you through Thorverton and a terrible local lane and so recommend you use post code for Bickleigh Castle which is EX16 8RP. If coming from south, follow the A396 all the way to Bickleigh Bridge and then A3072 for just a few hundred yards and turn off signed Bickleigh Castle. Continue 1 mile beyond the castle itself heading south and Higher Mill is 1st house on left. Ignore 1st entrance at brow of hill and continue down the road past the house and into 2nd entrance on left where there is gravel parking. Parking is tight so share cars if you can and be prepared to be blocked in as we must stack the parking.

RSVP and for more information, please contact:

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HOLSWORTHY REMEMBERS



**VJ'80
DAY**
15th AUG 1945

Marking the end of World War II

**Join us at the War Memorial
next to St Peter & St Paul's Church,
Holsworthy**

11.55am Friday 15th August

**Act of Remembrance
& National two minutes silence**



Christians Together

in Holsworthy & District

**At the Holsworthy
and Stratton**

Agricultural Show

Come and visit us at Pitch 10



On Thursday, 28th August, 2025



**All are
welcome**

**Free refreshments
and a place to rest**

What's on details: see over



Find out more about.....

Your Parish Church Welcome to your local parish church. Your church belongs to you - to those who live in its parish. It is here for you through all of life: for christenings, weddings and funerals as well as on Sundays.

Weddings

Do you know that you can marry in your local church whether or not you are Christened or go to church? Talk to your vicar who will explain how to book in a wedding. The church also offers pre and post-marriage courses and church blessings, the renewal of vows and the blessing of wedding rings at anytime before or after your wedding.

Funerals

Your church is here for you and your family whenever you need us, offering friendship, support and prayers. If you are bereaved, or have recently lost loved ones, our prayers are with you. If you would like to use our church premises for a funeral, memorial or burial please do contact us. If you would like to talk with someone either before or after a death we will arrange a meeting with one of the church members or your vicar.

Christening / Baptism

A Christening or Baptism marks the beginning of the Christian life. You don't need to know anything about the Christian faith to be baptised (though it helps), and you are encouraged to grow as a Christian through learning to follow Jesus' teachings. A Christening takes place at the church font which is usually placed near the door of the church building. This is to remind us that baptism is often the entry point to the Christian faith.

Booking To book in a wedding, a christening or a funeral, or for anything else, please contact

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Readings for August and September

3rd Aug- Green

Seventh Sunday after Trinity –
Ecclesiastes 1:2. 12-14: 2: 18-23
Hosea 11: 1-11
Psalm 49: 1-12 (49: 1-9)
Colossians 3: 1-11
Gospel Luke 12: 13-21

10rd Aug-Green

Eight Sunday after Trinity –
Genesis 15: 1-6
Isaiah 1: 1. 10-20
Psalm 33: 12-end (33: 12-21)
Hebrews 11: 1-3. 8-16
Gospel Luke 12: 32-40

17rd Aug-Green

Ninth Sunday after Trinity –
Jeremiah 23: 23-29
Isaiah 5: 1- 7
Psalm 82
Hebrews 11: 29 -12: 2
Gospel Luke 12: 49-56

24rd Aug-Green

Tenth Sunday after Trinity –
Isaiah 58: 9b-end
Jeremiah 1: 4-10
Psalm 103: 1-8
Hebrews 12: 18-end
Gospel Luke 13: 10-17

31st Aug-Green

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity –
Ecclesiasticus 10:12-18
Proverbs 25: 6-7
Jeremiah 2: 4-13
Psalm 112
Hebrews 13: 1-8. 15-16
Gospel Luke 14: 1. 7-14

7th Sept-Green

Twelfth day after Trinity –
Deuteronomy 30: 15-end
Jeremiah 18: 1-11
Psalm 1
Philemon 1-21
Gospel Luke 14: 25-33

14th Sept-Green

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity –
Exodus 32: 7-14
Jeremiah 4: 11-12. 22-28
Psalm 51: 1-11
1 Timothy 1: 12-17
Gospel Luke 15: 1-10

21st Sept-Green

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity –
Amos 8: 4-7
Jeremiah 8: 19 – 9:1
Psalm 113
1 Timothy 2: 1-7
Gospel Luke 16: 1-13

28th Sept-Green

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity –
Amos 6: 1a. 4-7
Jeremiah 32: 1-3a. 6-15
Psalm 146
1 Timothy 6: 6-19
Gospel Luke 16: 19-end

Harvest Readings:

Deuteronomy 26.1-11
Psalm 100
Philippians 4.4-9 or Revelation 14.14-18
John 6.25-35

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If you wish to advertise in upcoming news sheet please contact the benefice administrator by 20th Aug

Summer Holiday in St Peter & Paul's

Wednesday August 6th; 13th; 20; & 27th

10.30am - 4pm

Programme of activities

10.30am Registration & Refreshments (please note, all children to be accompanied by a named adult)

Workshops (Please tick your choices)

11 – 11.30am Rhyme time for 0-5s
or Church Activity Trail

11.45 – 12.45pm Outdoor Sketching Session 1
or Crafts in the Church

1 – 1.30pm picnic lunch (lunch will be provided if pre-booked)

1.30 – 2.30pm Outdoor Sketching Session 2
or Banner Making in the Church

2.45 – 4pm Community Gardening in the Churchyard
or Have a go Choir singing

Registration Form

(Please return to Libby at holsworthybenefice@icloud.com)

Full name of child _____

Date of birth / age _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Emergency mobile contact _____

Email address of adult _____

GP's contact details _____

Known allergies/conditions _____

Are you staying for the picnic lunch? _____ How many: _____

Dietary requirements _____

Other important information about your child:

My child will be attending on the following days (please tick)

6th [☐] 13th [☐] 20th [☐] 27th [☐] August

Name of accompanying adult _____

Signature of parent/guardian _____

Date _____

Adult's name printed _____

In the unlikely event of illness or accident I give permission for any necessary medical treatment to be given by the nominated first aider. In an emergency, and if I am not contactable, I am willing for my child to receive hospital treatment, including anaesthetic.

Signature of parent/guardian

Date

Sunday

3 August 2025

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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.


FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2. 12-14; 2:18-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.

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.

Or **Hosea 11:1-11**

PSALM Psalm 49:1-12 [or 49:1-9] 

R *Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord.*

Hear this, all you peoples;
listen, all you that dwell in the world,
You of low or high degree,
both rich and poor together. **R**



Bless-ed is the one who trusts in the Lord.

My mouth shall speak of wisdom
and my heart shall meditate on
understanding.
I will incline my ear to a parable;
I will unfold my riddle with the lyre. **R**

Why should I fear in evil days,
when the malice of my foes surrounds
me,
Such as trust in their goods
and glory in the abundance of their
riches?

For no one can indeed ransom another
or pay to God the price of deliverance. **R**

To ransom a soul is too costly;
there is no price one could pay for it,
So that they might live for ever,
and never see the grave.

For we see that the wise die also;
with the foolish and ignorant they
perish
and leave their riches to others. **R**

Their tomb is their home for ever,
their dwelling through all generations,
though they call their lands after their
own names.

Those who have honour, but lack
understanding,
are like the beasts that perish. **R**

SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-11
A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

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 Luke 12:13-21

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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 the crowd, "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

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.

Sunday

10 August 2025

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and
govern both our hearts and
bodies
in the ways of your laws and the works of
your commandments;
that through your most mighty
protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus
Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING Genesis 15:1-6

A reading from the book of Genesis.

The word of the LORD came to Abram
in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I
am your shield; your reward shall be very
great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD,
what will you give me, for I continue
childless, and the heir of my house is
Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said,
"You have given me no offspring, and
so a slave born in my house is to be my
heir." But the word of the LORD came
to him, "This man shall not be your heir;
no one but your very own issue shall be
your heir." The Lord brought Abraham
outside and said, "Look toward heaven
and count the stars, if you are able
to count them." Then he said to him,
"So shall your descendants be." And
he believed the LORD; and the LORD
reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Or Isaiah 1:1. 10-20

PSALM Psalm 33:12-end [or 33:12-21]

R *The earth is full of the loving-kindness
of the Lord.*

Happy the nation whose God is the Lord
and the people he has chosen for his
own.

The Lord looks down from heaven
and beholds all the children of earth. **R**

From where he sits enthroned he turns
his gaze
on all who dwell on the earth.
He fashions all the hearts of them
and understands all their works. **R**

No king is saved by the might of his
host;

no warrior delivered by his great
strength.

A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;
for all its strength it cannot save. **R**

Behold, the eye of the Lord
is upon those who fear him,
on those who wait in hope for his
steadfast love,
To deliver their soul from death
and to feed them in time of famine. **R**

Our soul waits longingly for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.
Indeed, our heart rejoices in him;
in his holy name have we put our trust.
Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be
upon us,
as we have set our hope on you. **R**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-3. 8-16

*A reading from the letter to the
Hebrews.*

Faith is the assurance of things hoped
for, the conviction of things not seen.
Indeed, by faith our ancestors received
approval. By faith we understand that
the worlds were prepared by the word
of God, so that what is seen was made
from things that are not visible. By faith
Abraham obeyed when he was called to
set out for a place that he was to receive
as an inheritance; and he set out, not
knowing where he was going. By faith he
stayed for a time in the land he had been
promised, as in a foreign land, living in
tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were
heirs with him of the same promise. For
he looked forward to the city that has
foundations, whose architect and builder
is God. By faith he received power of
procreation, even though he was too
old – and Sarah herself was barren –
because he considered him faithful
who had promised. Therefore from one
person, and this one as good as dead,
descendants were born, "as many as the
stars of heaven and as the innumerable
grains of sand by the seashore." All
of these died in faith without having
received the promises, but from a
distance they saw and greeted them.
They confessed that they were strangers
and foreigners on the earth, for people
who speak in this way make it clear
that they are seeking a homeland. If
they had been thinking of the land that

they had left behind, they would have
had opportunity to return. But as it is,
they desire a better country, that is,
a heavenly one. Therefore God is not
ashamed to be called their God; indeed,
he has prepared a city for them.

GOSPEL Luke 12:32-40

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.*

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be
afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's
good pleasure to give you the kingdom.
Sell your possessions, and give alms.
Make purses for yourselves that do not
wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven,
where no thief comes near and no moth
destroys. For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also. Be dressed
for action and have your lamps lit; be like
those who are waiting for their master
to return from the wedding banquet, so
that they may open the door for him as
soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed
are those slaves whom the master finds
alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he
will fasten his belt and have them sit
down to eat, and he will come and serve
them. If he comes during the middle of
the night, or near dawn, and finds them
so, blessed are those slaves. But know
this: if the owner of the house had known
at what hour the thief was coming, he
would not have let his house be broken
into. You also must be ready, for the
Son of Man is coming at an unexpected
hour."

POST COMMUNION

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your
word be deaf to clamour and
dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your
praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens
of your love shine with the
light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed
with your body be refreshed
with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.



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COLLECT

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your
grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the
Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:23-29

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

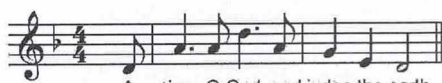
Am I a God near by, says the LORD,
and not a God far off? Who can hide
in secret places so that I cannot see
them? says the LORD. Do I not fill
heaven and earth? says the LORD. I
have heard what the prophets have
said who prophesy lies in my name,
saying, "I have dreamed, I have
dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts
of the prophets ever turn back – those
who prophesy lies, and who prophesy
the deceit of their own heart? They
plan to make my people forget my
name by their dreams that they tell one
another, just as their ancestors forgot
my name for Baal. Let the prophet who
has a dream tell the dream, but let the
one who has my word speak my word
faithfully. What has straw in common
with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my
word like fire, says the LORD, and like
a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Or **Isaiah 5:1-7**

PSALM Psalm 82

R Arise, O God, and judge the earth.

God has taken his stand in the council of
heaven;
in the midst of the gods he gives
judgement:
"How long will you judge unjustly
and show such favour to the wicked? **R**
"You were to judge the weak and the
orphan;
defend the right of the humble and
needy;
"Rescue the weak and the poor;
deliver them from the hand of the
wicked. **R**



A - rise, O God, and judge the earth.

"They have no knowledge or wisdom;
they walk on still in darkness:
all the foundations of the earth are
shaken.

"Therefore I say that though you are
gods
and all of you children of the Most
High, **R**

"Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals
and fall like one of their princes."
Arise, O God and judge the earth,
for it is you that shall take all nations for
your possession. **R**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

By faith the people of Israel passed
through the Red Sea as if it were
dry land, but when the Egyptians
attempted to do so they were
drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho
fell after they had been encircled
for seven days. By faith Rahab the
prostitute did not perish with those
who were disobedient, because she
had received the spies in peace.
And what more should I say? For
time would fail me to tell of Gideon,
Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David
and Samuel and the prophets – who
through faith conquered kingdoms,
administered justice, obtained
promises, shut the mouths of lions,
quenched raging fire, escaped the
edge of the sword, won strength out
of weakness, became mighty in war,
put foreign armies to flight. Women
received their dead by resurrection.
Others were tortured, refusing to
accept release, in order to obtain a
better resurrection. Others suffered
mocking and flogging, and even
chains and imprisonment. They were
stoned to death, they were sawn in
two, they were killed by the sword;
they went about in skins of sheep
and goats, destitute, persecuted,
tormented – of whom the world was
not worthy. They wandered in deserts
and mountains, and in caves and holes
in the ground. Yet all these, though
they were commended for their faith,
did not receive what was promised,
since God had provided something
better so that they would not, apart
from us, be made perfect. Therefore,

since we are surrounded by so great
a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay
aside every weight and the sin that
clings so closely, and let us run with
perseverance the race that is set before
us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and
perfecter of our faith, who for the sake
of the joy that was set before him
endured the cross, disregarding its
shame, and has taken his seat at the
right hand of the throne of God.

GOSPEL Luke 12:49-56

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples: "I came to
bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it
were already kindled! I have a baptism
with which to be baptised, and what
stress I am under until it is completed!
Do you think that I have come to bring
peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but
rather division! From now on five in
one household will be divided, three
against two and two against three;
they will be divided: father against son
and son against father, mother against
daughter and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-
in-law and daughter-in-law against
mother-in-law." He also said to the
crowds, "When you see a cloud rising
in the west, you immediately say, 'It is
going to rain'; and so it happens. And
when you see the south wind blowing,
you say, 'There will be scorching heat';
and it happens. You hypocrites! You
know how to interpret the appearance
of earth and sky, but why do you not
know how to interpret the present
time?"

POST COMMUNION

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table
of your Son
to share this meal with the whole
household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the
fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and
language to share in the eternal
banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday

24 August 2025

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble
servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall
please you;
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.

FIRST READING Isaiah 58:9b-end

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

You shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honourable; if you honour it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Or Jeremiah 1:4-10

PSALM Psalm 103:1-8

R The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits;
Who forgives all your sins
and heals all your infirmities;
Who redeems your life from the Pit
and crowns you with faithful love and compassion; **R**

Who satisfies you with good things,
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

The Lord executes righteousness
and judgement for all who are
oppressed.

He made his ways known to Moses
and his works to the children of Israel.
The Lord is full of compassion and
mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness. **R**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:18-end

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet

once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken – that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

GOSPEL Luke 13:10-17

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

POST COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust
in you:

look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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Sunday

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COLLECT

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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.

FIRST READING

Either **Ecclesiasticus 10:12-18**

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

Or **Proverbs 25:6-7**

A reading from the book of Proverbs.

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Or **Jeremiah 2:4-13**

PSALM Psalm 112

R *The righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance.*

Alleluia.

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments.

Their descendants will be mighty in the land, a generation of the faithful that will be blest. **R**

Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness endures for ever. Light shines in the darkness for the upright; gracious and full of compassion are the righteous. **R**

It goes well with those who are generous in lending and order their affairs with justice, For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance. They will not be afraid of any evil tidings; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord. **R**

Their heart is sustained and will not fear, until they see the downfall of their foes. They have given freely to the poor; their righteousness stands fast for ever; their head will be exalted with honour. The wicked shall see it and be angry; they shall gnash their teeth in despair; the desire of the wicked shall perish. **R**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually

offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

GOSPEL Luke 14:1, 7-14

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

POST COMMUNION

Lord of all mercy,
we your faithful people have celebrated
that one true sacrifice
which takes away our sins and brings
pardon and peace:
by our communion
keep us firm on the foundation of the
gospel
and preserve us from all sin;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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