

# Holsworthy Benefice

## Sept News Sheet

Holsworthy Benefice					
	Bridgerule	Hollacombe	Holsworthy	Pancrasweek	Pyworthy
<b>31<sup>st</sup> Aug</b>	<b>10am United Benefice Eucharist – Bridgerule</b>				
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>11am Sung Eucharist</b>	<b>9.30am Mass</b>	<b>9.30am Sung Eucharist</b>		<b>9.30am Family Service</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>11am Morning Prayer</b>	<b>3pm Harvest Evensong</b>	<b>11am Sung Eucharist</b>		<b>9.30am Sung Eucharist</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup> Sept</b>		<b>9.30am Mass</b>	<b>11am Harvest Eucharist</b>		<b>9.30am Sung Eucharist</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>11am All Age Harvest Festival</b>		<b>11am Cafe style Church</b>	<b>9.30am All Age Harvest Service</b>	<b>9.30am Morning Prayer</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>11am Sung Eucharist</b>	<b>9.30am Mass</b>	<b>9.30am Sung Eucharist</b>		<b>3pm Harvest Service</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>11am Morning Prayer</b>	<b>3pm Evensong</b>	<b>11am Sung Eucharist</b>		<b>9.30am Sung Eucharist</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>11am Bridgerule Methodist Church</b>	<b>9.30am Mass</b>	<b>11am Sung Eucharist</b>		<b>9.30am Sung Eucharist</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>11am All Age Eucharist</b>		<b>11am Cafe Church</b>	<b>9.30am All Age Family Service</b>	<b>9.30am Morning Prayer</b>

**Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy and Pyworthy with Pancrasweek**  
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Dear Friends

In some of our churches we display a Mothers' Union banner in the Lady Chapel. Do you have memories of Mothers' Union? Branches were scattered across Devon until fairly recently yet the organisation began in 1876 when Mary Sumner called a meeting to unite mothers of all classes in the aim of bringing up children in the Christian faith.

Her principles included:

That the prosperity of a nation springs from the family life of the homes

That family life is the greatest institution in the world for the formation of the character of children.

That character is formed during the first ten years of life by the example and habits of the home.

That example is stronger than precept, and parents therefore must be themselves what they want their children to be.

That the training of children is a profession

That it needs faith, love, patience, method, self-control, and some knowledge of the principles of character-training

That every baptized child should be taught the Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments and all other things which a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health.



Mothers' Union has grown since that first meeting. It continues to uphold the value of family life and has spread internationally across the globe. Activities today include faith in the home, grants to support children and families, youth & student services, campaigning and much more. One important aspect of MU includes raising awareness and fighting injustices such as modern day slavery and domestic abuse. Each year there is a particular focus on social issues through the '16 Days of Activism.' For this year's events the Diocesan MU Trustees have submitted a plea to knitters, please see the article in this newsletter.

A representative from Mothers' Union will be attending our united benefice service on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November at Pyworthy. I am delighted that Nikki Sweatman, Exeter Diocesan President of the MU, has agreed to speak at the service. Nikki will introduce us to the work of the Mothers' Union in Devon today and explain how we may, in the words of MU, '**Join Us** and **Join In**'.

Yours in Christ  
Alison

#### Time away

Please note, I am away from 5<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> September. The Revd Jane Bradbury has kindly agreed to take the church services on the morning of Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>: 9.30am at Holsworthy & 11am at Bridgerule.

# #NoMore1in3

Mothers' UNION

End abuse and violence now

A plea to all who knit to become part of a 'Chain' reaction to highlight the growing number of incidents related to domestic violence being reported across the county of Devon in the past few years. Every link in the chain represents a victim of domestic abuse.

All that is required is to create these knitted chains is to 'cast on 60 stitches, knit 6 rows and then cast off' [size 8 or 4mm needles]. Then arrange for your completed knitted chains to be delivered to Pyworthy Church before 25<sup>th</sup> November, allowing time for them to be added together into one large chain.

You can **Join Us** and **Join In** alongside Mothers' Union members, who have been knitting chains to be used in displays in different locations during the 16 Days of Activism which runs from the 25th November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, through to 5th December, Human Rights Day, to highlight the appalling statistics as they join the Campaign for #NoMore1in3 to end abuse and violence now. Thank you.



**Please leave any chains at Bridgerule, Hollacombe, Holsworthy, Pyworthy or Pancrasweek Church. Any Problems contact Libby on [holsworthybenefice@icloud.com](mailto:holsworthybenefice@icloud.com) or 07717750198. Many Thanks for you support.**

## **Can you Help?**

Pyworthy Church celebrate Christingle on 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025 at 4pm, St Swithuns Church, Pyworthy. Its a family focus service, where lots of the local children attend and take part in. During the service the congregation can offer wrapped toy donation, these don't have to be brand new, as long as they are clean and not missing parts or broken. These gifts are passed to a Devon Women's Refuge for the children who get caught up in domestic violence to open on Christmas Day. These children leave their homes with very little, or often nothing, just to be safe.

If you would like to help we ask that each gift is wrapped with a label suggestion age/gender appropriate. If unable to make the Christingle Service, the gifts can be left in Pyworthy church from 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2025. If you are having problems getting the gifts to the church please email Libby on [holsworthybenefice@icloud.com](mailto:holsworthybenefice@icloud.com)

Thank you for your support.

## **Notices for September**

**Tuesdays:** Home Group on Tuesdays at the Rectory 7-9pm. All welcome.

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup>** Holsworthy Town Band concert in St Peter & Paul, 7-9pm

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>** Family History Day & photographic exhibition

On 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> September, Bridgerule Church will host a special Family History weekend, featuring an engaging exhibition of old photographs and videos capturing the village's past.

Have you considered delving into your family's history but aren't sure where to begin? Or perhaps you've started researching your family tree and have encountered difficulties? Throughout the day, experts from both the Devon and Cornwall family history societies will be available to assist with your family history questions. They will have access to a wide variety of databases and can help answer your queries on the spot, while also guiding you on how to continue your research independently.

To help with tracing your family members bring as much information as you can – names, dates, locations – they've got access to records from across the Country not just Devon & Cornwall.

Alongside the family history day there will be a captivating exhibition of historic village photographs and videos. Take this opportunity to discover how the village has evolved over time, and to reflect on what has remained unchanged. Special thanks go to Mrs Hitchings and Mrs Brock for generously sharing their remarkable collection of village photographs and videos.

The Family History Societies will be on hand from 11-5 on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Refreshments will be available.

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>** Autumn Discipleship: The Romans Course 7-9pm at the Rectory. The 10-week course takes us step by step through the book of Romans by likening the book to a mountain range which we are invited to climb. Full of mountaineering anecdotes, alongside short film presentations, Romans is broken down into accessible chunks to illustrate salvation, God's invitation and the outworking of our faith. Open to all

## **Harvest Thanksgivings in the Benefice**

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Hollacombe 3pm, with guest preacher Fr Alex Honey

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Holsworthy followed by harvest lunch

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Pancrasweek 9.30am & Bridgerule 11am

October 5<sup>th</sup> Pyworthy 3pm

## **Holsworthy & Stratton Show 2025 - Christians Together in Holsworthy & District**

### **Volunteers would be welcomed at the Christians Together Tent:**

Are you going to the show this year? If so, might you be willing to volunteer for an hour to help with the following roles:

- Serving teas and coffees
- Welcoming visitors
- Dismantling the marquee at the end of the day (there is free entry after 5.00pm if you were not planning to be at the show but might be willing to help with this - it is a sizeable construction and many hands make light work, especially at the end of a long day)

Donations of bakes - sweet and savoury are always welcome and any donations received will go to the work of the Rural Support Worker - Andy Jerrard

To volunteer or for more information please contact Sue Banks (07779 560083) or Ros Watson (Email: [roswatson@gmail.com](mailto:roswatson@gmail.com) or 07772 440029) or Libbi Cullimore ([holsworthybenefice@icloud.com](mailto:holsworthybenefice@icloud.com) or 07717 750198)

### **Thank you Helen!**

Helen Young has stepped back with immediate effect from her various church & deanery based roles due to illness. We give thanks to Helen for her many years of support to the church of St Peter & Paul and her roles in the Deanery as both Lay Chair and Diocesan Representative. Helen is an inspiration and support to so many. We hold Helen, Roger and Becky in our prayers.

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

**1st Prize, £17.50 - ticket number 164, Helen**

**2nd Prize, £3.50 - ticket number 188, Jenny**

**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**





# 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**



# WHAT'S ON AT HOLSWORTHY LIBRARY – SEPTEMBER 2025

- **Lloyds Bank Community Banking**, Monday 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> – 2:00pm–4:00pm.
- **Bounce & Rhyme**, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> – 2:15pm–2:45pm
- Come along and speak to the **Healthwatch Devon Champions** for support and guidance on local health and social care and to share your experiences with them, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – 2:00pm–3:30pm
- **Ruby Country Creative Writing Group**, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am–12:00pm Places limited so please book with library staff.
- **Gardening Cuppa & Chat**, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> – 2:00pm–3:00pm. Everyone welcome.
- **Digital Skills with Learn Devon: Downloading Apps on Your Mobile Device**, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – 2:30pm–3:30pm. Free but places are limited. Please book via Learn Devon (library staff can help with booking if you require assistance).
- **Lego and games** for children. Every Saturday – 10:00am–12:00.

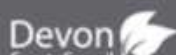
**Free hot drinks available during opening hours.**  
**Most events are free but, donations always welcome**  
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# Family History Day & Photo Exhibition



## **BRIDGERULE CHURCH** **Saturday 13 September 11-5**

A display of old photos and  
videos of Bridgerule

(display also open Sunday 2-5)

Research your family history with  
the help of experts from Devon and  
Cornwall family history societies.







# **HOLSWORTHY TOWN BAND**



## **In Concert.**

**At:**

**St. Peter & St. Paul Church**

**1 North Road**

**Holsworthy, EX22 6EJ**

**On Friday 12th September 2025**

**At 7:30pm**

**FREE ENTRY**

**Come and join us for our:**

**“End of Summer Season Concert.”**

**Donations gratefully accepted on exit will  
go towards the running of the band.**

**We look forward to seeing you there.**



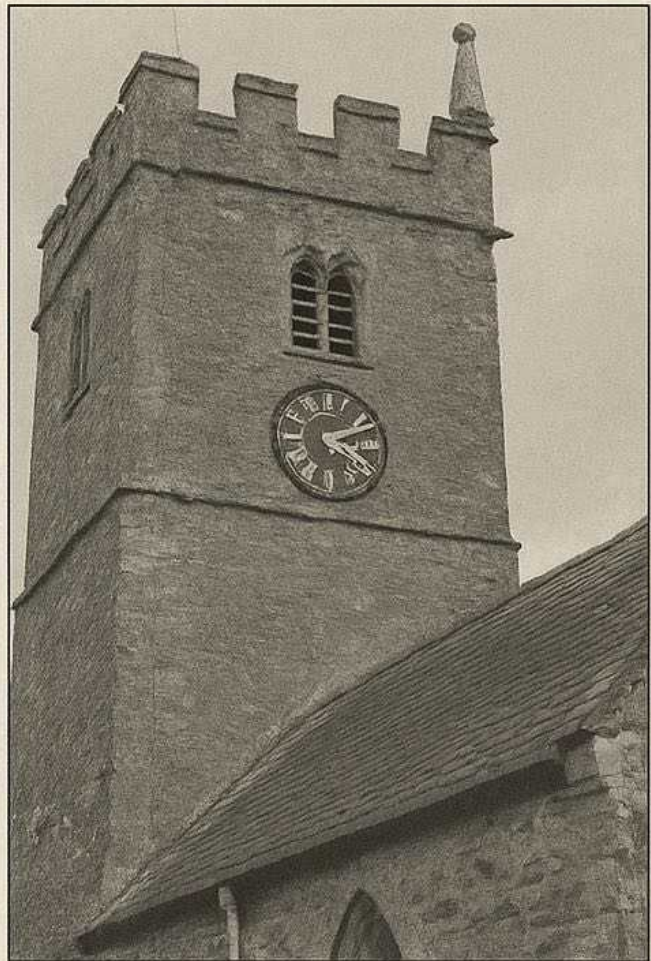
# **SAVE OUR CHURCH CLOCK**

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St Swithun's has a 14th century tower, part of a 13th century church. The last major restoration was in 1880.

The clock, repaired 50 years ago, has now seized.

**PLEASE HELP  
RESTORE  
OUR CLOCK**



We are raising funds for the repair of our church. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.



**[gofundme.com/f/  
help-restore-our-clock](https://gofundme.com/f/help-restore-our-clock)**

# Readings for September and October

## 7<sup>th</sup> Sept-Green

Twelfth day after Trinity –

Deuteronomy 30: 15-end

Jeremiah 18: 1-11

Psalms 1

Philemon 1-21

Gospel Luke 14: 25-33

## 14<sup>th</sup> Sept-Green

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity –

Exodus 32: 7-14

Jeremiah 4: 11-12. 22-28

Psalms 51: 1-11

1 Timothy 1: 12-17

Gospel Luke 15: 1-10

## 21<sup>st</sup> Sept-Green

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity –

Amos 8: 4-7

Jeremiah 8: 19 – 9:1

Psalms 113

1 Timothy 2: 1-7

Gospel Luke 16: 1-13

## 28<sup>th</sup> Sept-Green

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity –

Amos 6: 1a. 4-7

Jeremiah 32: 1-3a. 6-15

Psalms 146

1 Timothy 6: 6-19

Gospel Luke 16: 19-end

## 5<sup>th</sup> Oct-Green

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity –

Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2: 1-4

Psalms 37: 1-9

2 Timothy 1: 1-14

Gospel Luke 17: 5-10

## 12<sup>th</sup> Oct-Green

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity –

2 Kings 5: 1-3. 7-15c

Psalms 111

2 Timothy 2: 8-15

Gospel Luke 17: 11-19

## 19<sup>th</sup> Oct-Green

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity –

Genesis 32: 22-31

Psalms 121

2 Timothy 3: 14- 4:5

Gospel Luke 18: 1-8

## 26<sup>th</sup> Oct-Green

Bible Sunday –

Isaiah 45:22-end

Psalms 119: 129-136

Romans 15: 1-6

Gospel Luke 4: 16-24

## Harvest Readings:

Deuteronomy 26.1-11

Psalms 100

Philippians 4.4-9 or

Revelation 14.14-18

John 6.25-35



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## **Pancrasweek Safeguarding Lead**

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## **Holsworthy Foodbank**

**Samaritans**

**Age UK -**

**Domestic Abuse – Womens Aid**

**Domestic Abuse – Mens Advice Line**

**Childline**

**01271 377077**

**116 123**

**0808 055 6112**

**0808 2000 247**

**0808 8010 327**

**0800 111**

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



# Sunday

7 September 2025 Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

## COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you are always more ready to hear than  
we to pray  
and to give more than either we desire or  
deserve:  
pour down upon us the abundance of  
your mercy,  
forgiving us those things of which our  
conscience is afraid  
and giving us those good things which we  
are not worthy to ask  
but through the merits and mediation  
of 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

### Deuteronomy 30:15-end

*A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.*

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Or **Jeremiah 18:11**

## PSALM Psalm 1

**R** The Lord knows the way of the righteous.

Blessed are they who have not walked  
in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.

Their delight is in the law of the Lord  
and they meditate on his law day and  
night. **R**

Like a tree planted by streams of water  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves  
that do not wither,  
whatever they do, it shall prosper.  
As for the wicked, it is not so with them;  
they are like chaff which the wind blows  
away. **R**

Therefore the wicked shall not be able to  
stand in the judgement,  
nor the sinner in the congregation of the  
righteous.  
For the Lord knows the way of the  
righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall perish. **R**

## SECOND READING Philemon 1-21

*A reading from the letter of Paul to Philemon.*

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love – and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary

and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother – especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

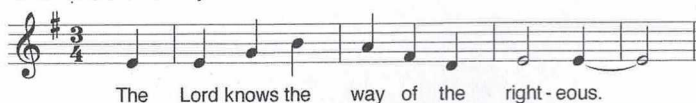
## GOSPEL Luke 14:25-33

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

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

## POST COMMUNION

God of all mercy,  
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins  
and given us your healing:  
grant that we who are made whole in Christ  
may bring that healing to this broken  
world,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.



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# Sunday

14 September 2025 Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
who called your Church to bear witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the  
world to yourself:  
help us to proclaim the good news of  
your love,  
that all who hear it may be drawn to  
you;  
through him who was lifted up on the  
cross,  
and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## FIRST READING Exodus 32:7-14

*A reading from the book of Exodus.*

At the top of Mount Sinai, the LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Or **Jeremiah 4:11-12. 22-28**

## PSALM Psalm 51:1-11

**R** *The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit.*

Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness;  
according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences.  
Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness  
and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I acknowledge my faults  
and my sin is ever before me. **R**

Against you only have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
So that you are justified in your sentence  
and righteous in your judgement.  
I have been wicked even from my birth,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.  
Behold, you desire truth deep within me  
and shall make me understand wisdom  
in the depths of my heart. **R**

Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean;  
wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Make me hear of joy and gladness,  
that the bones you have broken may rejoice.  
Turn your face from my sins  
and blot out all my misdeeds.  
Make me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me. **R**

## SECOND READING 1 Timothy 1:12-17

*A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.*

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord,  
who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the

utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## GOSPEL Luke 15:1-10

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

All the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

## POST COMMUNION

God our creator,  
you feed your children with the true  
manna,  
the living bread from heaven:  
let this holy food sustain us through our  
earthly pilgrimage  
until we come to that place where  
hunger and thirst are no more;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.





# Sunday

21 September 2025

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your  
presence:  
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
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 Amos 8:4-7

*A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.*

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Or **Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:1**

## PSALM Psalm 113

**R** *From the rising of the sun to its setting  
let the name of the Lord be praised.*

Alleluia.

Give praise, you servants of the Lord,  
O praise the name of the Lord.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
from this time forth and for  
evermore. **R**

From the rising of the sun to its  
setting  
let the name of the Lord be praised.  
The Lord is high above all nations  
and his glory above the heavens.  
Who is like the Lord our God,  
that has his throne so high,

yet humbles himself to behold  
the things of heaven and earth? **R**  
He raises the poor from the dust  
and lifts the needy from the ashes,  
To set them with princes,  
with the princes of his people.  
He gives the barren woman a place in  
the house  
and makes her a joyful mother of  
children.  
Alleluia. **R**

## SECOND READING 1 Timothy 2:1-7

*A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.*

My dearly beloved, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all – this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

## GOSPEL Luke 16:1-13

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from

me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

## POST COMMUNION

Lord God, the source of truth and  
love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles'  
teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of  
bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.



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# Sunday

28 September 2025 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

## COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 Amos 6:1a. 4-7

*A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.*

Thus says the LORD, the God of hosts: Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria! Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

*Or Jeremiah 32:1-3a. 6-15*

## PSALM Psalm 146

**R** *The Lord shall reign for ever.*

Alleluia.

Praise the Lord, O my soul: while I live will I praise the Lord; as long as I have any being, I will sing praises to my God. Put not your trust in princes, nor in any human power, for there is no help in them. When their breath goes forth, they return to the earth; on that day all their thoughts perish. **R**

Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God; Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever; Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong and bread to those who hunger. **R**

The Lord looses those that are bound; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous; **R** The Lord watches over the stranger in the land; he upholds the orphan and widow; but the way of the wicked he turns upside down. The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Alleluia. **R**

## SECOND READING 1 Timothy 6:6-19

*A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.*

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time – he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

## GOSPEL Luke 16:19-end

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

Jesus told this parable to those among the Pharisees who loved money: "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' The man who had been rich said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house – for I have five brothers – that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' Abraham said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

## POST COMMUNION

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



The Lord shall reign for ever.

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