



27th September 2026
17th Sunday After Trinity

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Charity register number: 1128877

Celebrants Today

8.00 am The Rev'd Jo Stobart

10.00 am Fr Martin Poolton

Preacher at the Parish Eucharist

Fr Brian Tubbs

Notices

Harvest Supper This Saturday

Doors will open at 6.30 pm. Tickets £12, from Gary Patch.

Vision Meeting

Hosted by Archdeacon Andrew Beane, this will take place in the evening on Thursday 15th October. It would be wonderful to see as many people as possible at this important step in the journey to finding a new Rector.

Thank You

Carole Parsons would like to thank everyone for all the much-appreciated cards, messages and prayers during these last few weeks.

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 28th September Luke 9: 46–50

7.00 pm Choir practice

Tue 29th September John 1: 47–51

7.30 pm PCC meets

Wed 30th September Luke 9: 57–62

12.00 noon Eucharist

Thu 1st October Luke 10: 1–12

Fri 2nd October Luke 10: 13–16

2.00 pm Craft group

Sat 3rd October Luke 10: 17–24

7.00 pm Harvest supper

Next Sunday: 4th October

Harvest Thanksgiving

Luke 12: 16–30

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist

4.00 pm Celebrate Together

6.00 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction

Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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.

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

10.00 am Music

Music Setting: Inwood et al.

Processional hymn 701

We Have a Gospel to Proclaim

Offertory hymn 630

The Head That Once Was Crowned With Thorns

Recessional hymn 552

Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens, Adore Him

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

Psalm 25: 1-8

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me. Let none who look to you be put to shame, but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated. Make me to know your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you have I hoped all the day long. Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions, but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love. Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore shall he teach sinners in the way. He will guide the humble in doing right and teach his way to the lowly.

Reading: Philippians 2: 1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21: 23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.'

