

**Parish Eucharist**

**Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**19 October 2025**

Welcome to our services of Holy Communion today. Revd Dr Tati Gutteridge, Curate, is presiding and preaching at 8am and 10am. We will all sing the Kyrie (on page 2 of this sheet) in the 10am service.

**Readings**

Genesis 32: 22-31

Psalm 121

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

Luke 18: 1-8

**Hymns**

207 Praise to the Lord, the almighty

In heavenly love abiding (on page 6 of this sheet)

422 Tell out my soul

What a friend we have in Jesus (on page 7 of this sheet)

**Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith

that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments

and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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. **Amen**

**Prayer after Communion**

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:

for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen**

**Kyrie**

Please join in singing the *Kyrie* from Schubert’s German Mass.

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**Old Testament Reading**

**Genesis 32: 22-31**

A reading from the book of Genesis

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, ‘Let me go, for the day is breaking.’ But Jacob said, ‘I will not let you go, unless you bless me.’ So he said to him, ‘What is your name?’ And he said, ‘Jacob.’ Then the man said, ‘You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.’ Then Jacob asked him, ‘Please tell me your name.’ But he said, ‘Why is it that you ask my name?’ And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, ‘For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.’ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 121**

*Levavi oculos*

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills : from whence cometh my help.

2 My help cometh even from the Lord : who hath made heaven and earth.

3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved : and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel : shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The Lord himself is thy keeper : the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

6 So that the sun shall not burn thee by day : neither the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil : yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in : from this time forth for evermore.

**New Testament Reading**

**2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5**

A reading from the second letter to Timothy

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Gradual Hymn**

**In heavenly love abiding,
no change my heart shall fear;
and safe is such confiding,
for nothing changes here.
The storm may roar without me,
my heart may low be laid;
but God is round about me,
and can I be dismayed?**

**Wherever he may guide me,
no want shall turn me back;
my Shepherd is beside me,
and nothing can I lack.**

**His wisdom ever waketh,
his sight is never dim,
he knows the way he taketh,
and I will walk with him.**

**Green pastures are before me,
which yet I have not seen;
bright skies will soon be o'er me,
where darkest clouds have been.
My hope I cannot measure,
my path to life is free;
my Saviour has my treasure,
and he will walk with me.**

Words: Anna Laetitia Waring (1820-1910) based on Psalm 23

Melody: David Jenkins (1848-1915)

**Gospel**

**Luke 18: 1-8**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**Glory be to thee, O Lord**

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, ‘In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, “Grant me justice against my opponent.” For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, “Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.”’ And the Lord said, ‘Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise be to thee, O Christ**

**Offertory Hymn**

**What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to him in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness -
take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Jesus only is our refuge,
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee,
thou wilt find a solace there.**

Words: Joseph Medlicott Scriven (1819-1886)

Melody: Charles Crozat Converse (1832-1918)

**Today’s Music**

**Mass setting**

***Missa misericordias Domini* – Josef ced Rheinberger**

**Psalm 121**

You can find the words on page 4 of this sheet.

**Anthem**

***Hear my prayer, O Lord* – Henry Purcell**

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my crying come unto Thee. *Psalm 102: 1*

**Communion**

***Agnus Dei* from *Missa misericordias Domini* - Rheinberger**

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| ***O salutaris Hostia* – Gioachino Rossini**O salutaris hostia, quae coeli pandis ostium, Bella premunt hostilia, Da robur fer auxilium, uni trinoque Dominosit sempiterna Gloriaqui vitam sine termino,Nobis donet in patria.O saving sacrifice [victim], who opens wide the gates of heaven: our foes press on to war, give us strength when we ask for help. One God in Three, in everlasting glory, who lives forever, grant us our true home. |  |

**Organ Postlude**

***Prelude and Fugue in G Minor,* WoO 10– Johannes Brahms**

**Prayers for the week**

We pray for those in need: Aminta and Anthony, Fran Barlow, Ian Clark, Steve Dagg, Helen and Dan Delap, Jo Fortheringham, Karen Hansen, Hessie and Nick Hervey, Glynne and Nancy John, Lena Kimming, James Markham, Lylian Meira, Tony Othen, Vinubhai Patel, Eva Preisich, Jessica Springbett, Jean Smith, Tina Stanley, Sabrina Unold, George Voelker, Drew Webster, Pauline Youll, and Joshua Zitha.

We remember those who have died recently, including Michael Almond, Gordon Anderson, Jill Hughes, Martin Burgess, Victoria Jane Ripley, Fred Silvester, Catherine Varney, and Barbara Veale. We ask God’s blessing and comfort on all mourning the loss of loved ones.

**To include names of loved ones on the prayer list, please contact David McEvoy** **dmcevoy@btinternet.com**

**A prayer for the Holy Land**

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: In your mercy, provide for all those in Gaza and beyond who suffer from hunger and starvation, that they may be given both physical bread to nourish their bodies and heavenly bread to sustain their souls. By the power of your Spirit, bring a speedy end to this cruel war, the release of all captives, care for the sick and wounded, comfort for those who have lost loved-ones, and the opening of a pathway for a just and lasting peace here in the very homeland where your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ministered during his earthly life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*The Most Reverend Dr Hosam E. Naoum, Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, August, 2025*

**Clocks change 26 October**

Please remember that the clocks go back one hour in the early hours of Sunday 26 October.

**All Saints and All Souls Service 2 November at 10am**

We will remember departed loved ones at our service on Sunday 2 November at 10am. If you would like names of loved ones read out in the service, please write the names clearly on the sheets on the welcome desk or email: dmcevoy@btinternet.com. Please do this by Sunday 26 October.

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**Services this week**

**Today, Sunday 19 October *Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity***

8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10.00am Sung Eucharist

 **Monday 20 October**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Tuesday 21 October**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Wednesday 22 October**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Thursday 23 October**

8.00am Holy Communion

**Sunday 26 October *Bible Sunday with Baptism***

*Clocks go back one hour this morning*

8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10.00am Sung Eucharist

6.30pm Choral Evensong

**Walk-In Wednesdays**

Every Wednesday 10am-12noon in the Frank Smith Room in the hall.

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