

Sunday 19th October 2025

18th Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00 a.m. BCOP Communion
10.00 a.m. Morning Worship with Children's Church
4.00 p.m. St Luke's Day Service of Wholeness and Healing
5.30 p.m. Youth Group

Collect for Today

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Service Readings

Genesis 32:22-31 (*p.31*), 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 (*p.210*) and Luke 18:1-8 (*p.78*)

Please pray for

... Sylvia Holdsworth, Mark & Jan Knott, Jenny Powell and Becki & Jonathan Salmon.
... the family and friends of James Ellis whose anniversary of death is at this.
... those who live and work in West Meads, Wilderness Court, Wilderness Road and Windsor Close.
... the Koens family in Papua New Guinea supporting the work of Bible translation through vehicle maintenance, teaching, missionary care.

Post Communion Prayer

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.**

Financial Giving

We take a collection during our services. If you don't give regularly by standing order or the envelope scheme, please put your donation in the bag, tap the card reader on your way out, or use the QR code on the back of this news-sheet. Thank you.

Dear Friends

All our readings from the Bible for today are an encouragement to persevere, to be persistent – not just in human activities, but in our spiritual lives. The first is a rather remarkable passage from the book of Genesis, and one of the earliest scriptural texts we have. It's the account of Jacob's wrestling with God; and it happens on his journey home, to meet his estranged brother Esau. You may remember that Jacob had cheated his brother out of his father's blessing, as the eldest son, and had had to flee to save his life. Now he is returning, to try and put things right. And on the way he has a physical encounter with God, in which he wrestles with him through the night. The struggle continues and Jacob refuses to give in, to let go unless the Lord blesses him. The outcome is that Jacob comes through the struggle, and his name is changed from Jacob to Israel.

Our reading from the epistles, the New Testament letters, carries a similar message. Here Paul is writing to his young disciple Timothy, teaching him to live as a follower of Jesus, and to be a leader in the Church. Paul writes, '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' (2 Tim. 3:14-15). Again, there's an encouragement to persevere, to be persistent in the life of faith.

And our Gospel reading focusses on Jesus' parable of the Persistent Widow (Luke 18:1-8). Here the emphasis is on persistence in prayer - continuing and not giving up. As we look at the world around us, prayer is a gift that draws us close to God, transforms us, and brings hope. As we look at these passages together I pray that we'll be encouraged to renew our commitment to the life of faith once again.

Beverly

Mission Focus for October: Church Mission Society (CMS)

This month's focus is the 200+ year old CMS, whose focus continues to be sharing the hope of Jesus 'at the edges', including 'the edges' of: existing church, society, our comfort zones and at the margins that are often 'written off', both in the UK and overseas. CMS recognise 'God is already at work in these spaces and our task is to join in'. To support them through prayer, fundraising, or taking part in projects, visit churchmissionsociety.org, or speak to a member of the All Saints' Mission Vision Group.

Notices

St Luke's Day Service of Wholeness & Healing: TODAY at 4pm in the Reading Room. We'll be offering an opportunity for individual prayer for health and wellbeing as we remember Luke the physician.

Bonfire & Fireworks: This very popular event will be held on Saturday 8th November at 6pm. There are about 60 tickets (of the 499) left so if you plan to come, PLEASE book soon! Book online at allsaints.short.gy/bonfire25

Orchard Volunteer Morning: Saturday 25th October, 10.30am-1.00pm. We will be cutting back overgrowth along the paths, tidying up the raised beds, and putting down more wood chip. Meet by the metal shed (bring suitable tools you can use and gardening gloves).

Church Work Morning: Also on Saturday 25th October, 9.30am-1.00pm. We'd love it if you could spare a bit of time to help us with a few things that need doing in and around church. You don't need to be here for 3 hours – just whatever time you can spare. There will be coffee and cake!

Hear Here Clinic: The clinic meets again tomorrow, Monday 20th, in the Reading Room from 2pm to 3pm. No need to book, just come along and see Sue and Rosemary for help with your hearing aid and to enjoy a cup of tea!

Deanery Confirmation Service, 26th October, 6pm at St John's Stoke: Please come and support Ivy as she takes this step of faith.

All Saints' Patronal Festival Sunday 2nd November:

- ✙ At our 10am Café-style Altogether Worship service we'll be remembering the Saints of old and thinking about living as disciples of Jesus today.
- ✙ At 6pm our choir will be leading us in a special Choral Evensong for All Saints' Day. There will be refreshments after the service.

Remembrance Sunday 9th November:

- ☉ At 10am, we'll be welcoming our uniformed organisations to join us in worship. We'll be remembering those who gave their lives for the freedoms that we enjoy today. There will be a cake sale afterwards in support of The Royal British Legion.
- ☉ At 4pm we'll be holding a Service of Thanksgiving for the Bereaved. At this service we remember those we love but no longer see. Please give names of those to be remembered to Trish.

Diary for the Coming Week

Morning prayer Mon, Tues and Weds 9.15am in the Reading Room and on Zoom. Thurs Holy Communion at 9.30am in the Reading Room.

Mon 20 th	Women's Bible Study, 16 West Meads, 12.30pm Finance Vision Group, Vicarage, 1.30pm Hear Here Clinic, Reading Room, 2.00-3.00pm Worship Vision Group, Vicarage, 5.30pm
Tues 21 st	Men's Wellbeing Social, Vicarage, 7.30pm
Weds 22 nd	Central Team Meeting, Vicarage, 10.00am Sharing & Learning Group, 5 Elmside, 7.45pm
Thurs 23 rd	Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am Choir Rehearsal, Church, 8.00pm
Fri 24 th	Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 10.00am
Sat 25 th	Church Work Morning, 9.30am-1.00pm Orchard Volunteer Morning, 10.30am
Sun 26 th	<i>Clocks go back!</i> Church Family Communion with Children's Church, 10.00am Tea-time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

Mon 20 th	Ps. 80, 2 Chronicles 17:1-12, Mark 15:1-15
Tues 21 st	Ps. 89:1-18, 2 Chronicles 18:1-27, Mark 15:16-32
Weds 22 nd	Ps. 119:105-128, 2 Chronicles 18:28-end of 19, Mark 15:33-41
Thurs 23 rd	Ps. 92, 2 Chronicles 20:1-23, Mark 15:42-end
Fri 24 th	Ps. 88, 2 Chronicles 22:10-end of 23, Mark 16:1-8
Sat 25 th	Ps. 97, 2 Chronicles 24:1-22, Mark 16:9-end

Service Readings for Sunday 26th October: last after Trinity

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-end; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 and Luke 18:9-14

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