

**Parish Eucharist**

**Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**5 October 2025**

Welcome to our services of Holy Communion today. Revd Simon Winn, Vicar, is presiding and preaching at 8am and 10am. We will all sing the Kyrie (on page 2 of this sheet) in the 10am service. Revd Tati Gutteridge leads Children's Church in a celebration of Holy Communion in the hall at 10am.

**Readings**

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Psalm 37: 1-9

2 Timothy 1: 1-14

Luke 17: 5-10

**Hymns**

118 Firmly I believe and truly

240 Teach me, my God and King

I cannot tell (tune: Londonderry Air) (on page 6 of this sheet)

421 Strengthen for service (tune: Ach Gott und Herr)

**Collect**

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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**

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Kyrie**

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

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**Old Testament Reading**

**Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4**

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
    and you will not listen?
Or cry to you ‘Violence!’
    and you will not save?
Why do you make me see wrongdoing
    and look at trouble?
Destruction and violence are before me;
    strife and contention arise.
So the law becomes slack
    and justice never prevails.
The wicked surround the righteous—
    therefore judgement comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watch-post,
    and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
    and what he will answer concerning my complaint.
Then the Lord answered me and said:
Write the vision;
    make it plain on tablets,
    so that a runner may read it.
For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
    it speaks of the end, and does not lie.
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
    it will surely come, it will not delay.
Look at the proud!
    Their spirit is not right in them,
    but the righteous live by their faith.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 37: 1-9**

*Noli aemulari*

Fret not thyself because of the ungodly : neither be thou envious against the evil-doers.

2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass : and be withered even as the green herb.

3 Put thou thy trust in the Lord, and be doing good : dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

4 Delight thou in the Lord : and he shall give thee thy heart's desire.

5 Commit thy way unto the Lord, and put thy trust in him : and he shall bring it to pass.

6 He shall make thy righteousness as clear as the light : and thy just dealing as the noon-day.

7 Hold thee still in the Lord, and abide patiently upon him : but grieve not thyself at him whose way doth prosper, against the man that doeth after evil counsels.

8 Leave off from wrath, and let go displeasure : fret not thyself, else shalt thou be moved to do evil.

9 Wicked doers shall be rooted out : and they that patiently abide the Lord, those shall inherit the land.

**New Testament Reading**

**2 Timothy 1: 1-14**

A reading from the second letter to Timothy

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel**

**Luke 17: 5-10**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**Glory be to thee, O Lord**

The apostles said to Jesus, ‘Increase our faith!’ The Lord replied, ‘If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea”, and it would obey you.

‘Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, “Come here at once and take your place at the table”? Would you not rather say to him, “Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink”? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, “We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!”’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise be to thee, O Christ**

**Offertory Hymn**

**I cannot tell how he whom angels worship
should stoop to love the peoples of the earth,
or why as shepherd he should seek the wand'rer
with his mysterious promise of new birth.
But this I know, that he was born of Mary
when Bethl'em's manger was his only home,
and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.**

**I cannot tell how silently he suffered,
as with his peace he graced this place of tears,
or how his heart upon the cross was broken,
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted,
and stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
for still the Saviour, Saviour of the world is here.**

**I cannot tell how he will win the nations,
how he will claim his earthly heritage,
how satisfy the needs and aspirations
of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,
and he shall reap the harvest he has sown,
and some glad day his sun will shine in splendour
when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.**

**I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
when, at his bidding, ev'ry storm is stilled,
or who can say how great the jubilation
when ev'ry heart with perfect love is filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
and myriad, myriad human voices sing,
and earth to heav'n and heav'n to earth, will answer:
'At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!'**

Melody: Traditional Irish Melody (“Londonderry Air”) transcribed by Jane Ross (1810-1879). Words: William Young Fulleton (1857-1932)

**Today’s Music**

**Mass setting**

***Missa Breve No. 7 in C –* Charles Gounod**

**Psalm 37: 1-9**

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

**Anthem**

***Bring us, O Lord God –* William Harris**

Bring us, o Lord God, at our last awakening

into the house and gate of Heaven,

to enter into that gate and dwell in that house,

where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light;

no noise nor silence, but one equal music;

no fears or hopes, but one equal possession;

no ends or beginnings, but one equal eternity,

in the habitations of thy glory and dominion,

world without end.

*Words: John Donne*

**Communion**

***Agnus Dei* from *Missa Breve No. 7 in C –* Charles Gounod**

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| ***Ave verum corpus* – W.A. Mozart***Ave verum corpus, natumde Maria Virgine,vere passum, immolatumin cruce pro hominecuius latus perforatumfluxit aqua et sanguine:esto nobis prægustatumin mortis examine.**O Iesu dulcis, O Iesu pieO Iesu, fili Mariae.Miserere mei. Amen.*Hail, true Body, bornof the Virgin Mary,truly suffered, sacrificedon the cross for mankind,from whose pierced sideflowed water and blood:Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet]in the trial of death!O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,O Jesus, son of Mary,have mercy on me. Amen,*Medieval Latin hymn* |  |

**Organ Postlude**

***Alla Marcia* – John Ireland**

**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 Hervey, Nick Hervey, Glynne and Nancy John, Lena Kimming, James Markham, Tony Othen, Vinubhai Patel, Jessica Springbett, Jean Smith, Tina Stanley, Sabrina Unold, George Voelker, Drew Webster, and Pauline Youll.

We remember those who have died recently, including Michael Almond, Gordon Anderson, Jill Hughes, Martin Burgess, Anthony Oriakhi, Fred Silvester, Catherine Varney, and Barbara Veale. We also remember Phyllis Belton and Ross Wilson on their year’s minds. 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: I n 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*

The flowers today are in loving memory of Phyllis Belton.

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**Services this week**

**Today, Sunday 5 October *Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity***

8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10.00am Sung Eucharist

5.30pm *Abide*, a meditative service with music from the *Taizé tradition*

 **Monday 6 October**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Tuesday 7 October**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Wednesday 8 October**

8.30am Morning Prayer

**Thursday 9 October**

8.00am Holy Communion

**Sunday 12 October *Creation Sunday***

8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10.00am Sung Eucharist for Creation Sunday

**Walk-In Wednesdays**

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

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