

**SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER, TRINITY 13**

**8.30am** BCP Holy Communion  
**10am** Holy Communion  
**6pm** Evensong, at St Andrew's Grantchester

We welcome The Revd Sarah Atkins, Dean of Chapel at Magdalene College, who is leading our services.

**COLLECT**

Almighty God, You search us and know us:  
May we rely on you in strength and rest on you in  
weakness, now and in all our days;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**READINGS (in pew bibles)**

NT 1 Timothy 1. 12-17 (p.223)  
GOSPEL Luke 15. 1-10 (p.83)

**NEXT WEEK:**

**8.30am** BCP Holy Communion  
**10am** All Age Communion

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**CONTACTS**

**CHURCH WEBSITE** [www.trumpington.church](http://www.trumpington.church)

The church is now in Vacancy, please refer any queries to the Churchwardens and, during office hours, to Emma.

**CHURCHWARDENS**

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**CHURCH OFFICE – OPENING TIMES**

9am-1pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday  
Emma's email address is: [admin@trumpington.church](mailto:admin@trumpington.church)

Organist – Geoff Symon [organist@trumpington.church](mailto:organist@trumpington.church)  
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*If you want to put a note in the pewsheets, please contact Emma in the office, no later than 9am Wednesday if the note is intended for the forthcoming Sunday. Thank you.*

**NOTICES**

**Please see the North Chapel notice board for What's On.**

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

If you would be interested in helping to get church ready for services, to assist in their smooth running and to pack away afterwards, might you consider becoming a Duty Warden?  
This is a vital but unsung ministry and may well suit people who wish to help out but are not sure how they might do so. To find out more, talk to Gareth Atkins, Sheila Betts or Edmund Brookes.

**SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER – HARVEST SERVICE FOLLOWED BY BRING & SHARE LUNCH IN CHURCH**

- Tickets for the lunch are available today at the churchwarden's pew, suggested donation £5 per ticket; all proceeds to charity (pay with cash or card).
- If you plan to come to the lunch please see the sign-up list for suggested food items to bring.
- We shall have a raffle – could you offer a prize?
- If you can help the afternoon before with setting up, or on the day serving and clearing away please come and speak to Sheila Betts after the service.

**GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY AT HARVEST – GET INVOLVED!**

Junior Church are collecting non-perishable food items to make up a hamper, which they will then take to the Pavilion for the Fairbite Food Club. Please leave your donations in the box that will be by the font in the lead up to Harvest. **Please give generously!**  
Do contact Donna with any questions: [donrose1@sky.com](mailto:donrose1@sky.com) the group leader.

**GIVING**

If you would like to make a donation in support of the life and ministry of our church, you can:

- Leave a cash donation in the plate provided
- Make a contactless donation using the GoodBox
- Use a yellow envelope. If you pay tax we can claim the Gift Aid, but only if you fill out your details.
- Please speak to Edmund about making a regular electronic gift and the best way to do this.  
*Everything helps – thank you!*

**ECO CHURCH MEETING**

**21 SEPTEMBER 11.30AM, IN CHURCH**

Are you interested in biodiversity and making our churchyard welcoming to wildlife? Come along to a meeting next week – all welcome. *Please contact Stephen Reynolds if you would like to get involved:*  
[stephen@reynoldsfamily.co.uk](mailto:stephen@reynoldsfamily.co.uk)

**CHURCHYARD WORKING DAY**

**18 OCTOBER 9am to 3pm**

In preparation for the day and to work towards some Eco Church targets, we are asking for donations of: daffodil bulbs, wild flowers, bird feeders of various types, bird baths, or other water-holding features.  
All are welcome, come and join us! There is lots of planting and preparation for next spring. A box by the west door under the tower is available for donations, or speak to Stephen Reynolds.

**BIBLE STUDY**

Please contact one of the Churchwardens if you would like to join a group (Tuesday evening online or alternate Wednesday evenings in person) and they will put you in touch with the group leader.

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL, 13 & 14 DECEMBER**

Would you like to be involved this year and join a small team to help organise different elements: crafts, refreshments, possible concerts, and other activity ideas. Please email Sheila Betts: [warden@trumpington.church](mailto:warden@trumpington.church)

# Getting lost

Julian Smith *reflects on* 1 Timothy 1:12-17 and Luke 15:1-10

It's hard to believe, but the renowned cellist Yo Yo Ma once left his cello in a New York taxi cab. The story has a happy ending, as the two were soon reunited, but he must have suffered some agonising moments until that happened.

Was the cello lost, or simply misplaced? Being lost is the thread from which today's Bible readings hang. Paul was a lost sinner whom Jesus found, forgave and entrusted with a mission to the world. In Luke's Gospel Jesus tells stories of a lost sheep and a lost coin.

Jesus describes the risks the shepherd takes to look for the lost sheep. He leaves the flock unattended to find it. He also describes the tenacity of the woman in her search for the coin and her joy in finding it. Later in Luke's Gospel (19:10), Jesus says, "The Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

The world is full of the lost and Jesus longs to be beside them all. If Teresa of Ávila is right when she says that: "Christ has no body now on earth but ours," he can only do it through us. Our readings tell us that no one is lost to God – our experience tells us that many are mislaid by the Church. ☺

**Lord Jesus, you came to seek and save those who are lost. Thank you for finding me and calling me to walk with you. Help me to share your love with those who are lost, lonely and vulnerable, and never to forget your grace. Amen.**

## How to keep faith in a wobbling world

### *Part 2 – embrace uncertainty*

by Caroline Hodgson

Standing before God in the burning bush, Moses queried the mission he was given, to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. What shall I say, he asked, "If... they ask me, 'What is his name?'"

The Bible is full of examples of people who hesitated to trust God. From Adam and Eve (Genesis 3), Moses (Exodus 3:2-14) and Jonah (chapters 1 – 3) in the Old Testament, to Thomas (John 20:24-29), Peter (Luke 22:54-62) and even

John the Baptist (Matthew 11:2-3) in the New Testament.

In times of uncertainty, when the world feels wobbly and we're struggling to stay grounded, these are good passages to read, slowly and prayerfully. Does the story resonate with my experience? Is there a message here for me? Can I take comfort from the examples of these great people of faith? Then meditate on the words that God said to Moses all those years ago: "I am who I am," and take comfort that our God watches over us in our wobbling world. ☺



## Finding God on the smallholding

by Jeni Parsons

On our smallholding we don't plough the fields and scatter. Instead we graze the fields and plant the polytunnel. The harvest is different from what the hymn describes but no less hard work. This is our concentrated harvesting time, from gathering windfall apples to feed the pigs, through picking and freezing tomatoes, gathering plums, slaughtering the spare drakes and finally the pigs for the

freezer. Then there's packing the meat and labelling it, making pâté from livers and cooking up any scraps for the dogs.

There's not much romance to harvesting, though it has lovely moments. It's basic hard work for surviving the winter and into spring. Climate change makes it more urgent. God is in there somewhere I know but I can't quite put my finger on it. Does that matter? Actually no, since God is through all and in all. We give thanks! ☺

“Pray as you can, and do not try to pray as you can't.”

Dom John Chapman OSB (1865-1933) English Roman Catholic priest