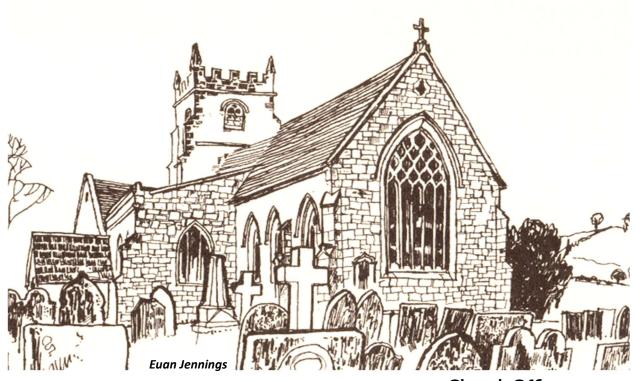
Pew Sheet

Sunday 19 October 2025

11am Parish Eucharist

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity



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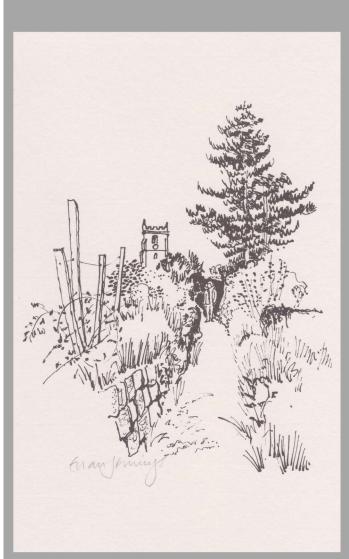


Welcome!

It's wonderful to have you with us this morning, as we gather to worship together in this beautiful parish church. Please don't hesitate to speak to our sidesperson if there is anything you need.

Please do come and join us in the Choir House for refreshments after the service.

History & Points of Interest



Our church dates back to the late 12th century and was built using local Cheddleton stone.

The Sanctuary refurbishment and re-ordering of much of the church was undertaken in the late 1860s largely supervised by the churchwarden of the time, Sir Thomas Wardle, and his wife, Lady Elizabeth. Sir Thomas enjoyed a close collaboration with William Morris, which resulted in the large number of beautiful treasures that we hold, including most of the stained-glass windows.

The triptych behind the altar is of special interest and was loaned to the Victoria and Albert Museum for six months.

During the 1972 renovations of the sanctuary, two lead coffins, believed to contain monks from Dieulacres, were discovered and remain there today.

The belfry contains six bells, dating from 1632 to 1864. Tours of the church and tower are available by appointment.

A loop system is installed in Church. If you wear a hearing aid, please tune it to 'T'.

If you need gluten free communion wafers, please make yourself known to the vicar, a churchwarden or any church officials.

Hymns

Mission Praise

Opening Hymn
Let All the World in Every Corner Sing

Gradual Hymn
Bind Us Together, Lord

Offertory Hymn
In Heavenly Love Abiding

Communion Hymn
Ubi caritas

Recessional Hymn
Lord, for the Years

Communion Hymn

Ubi caritas

Lyrics - Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas Deus ibi est. (repeated)

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.

Readings

Genesis

32.22-31

The same night Jacob 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.

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Readings continued

Psalm 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not suffer your foot to stumble; he who watches over you will not sleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.
 - 5 The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, neither the moon by night.
 - 7 The Lord shall keep you from all evil; it is he who shall keep your soul.
- 8 The Lord shall keep watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

Readings continued

2 Timothy 3.14-4.5

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.

Readings continued

Luke

18.1-8

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. Glory to you, 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 to you, O Christ.

Thoughts & Prayers

Kindly remember in your prayers the school and their families, and the wider school community.

Prayers have also been asked for Mollie, Jean, Barbara, Andrew P, Hannah, Sheila, Andrew, Karen, Sylvia Goodliffe and Ester Young.

We pray for Hannah and Simon who were married here on Thursday.

Prayer Requests

If you know of anyone in need of prayer, please let the vicar or any church officials know, so that they can be included in our prayers.

Post Communion Prayer

Amen.

Today's Team

President & Preacher Rev'd Henry Readers Sandie & Grant

Organist Ellie
Duty Warden Mary
Server Sandie
Sidesperson Agnes
Intercessions Agnes

Thanks also to our wonderful bellringers.

What's On

Monday
20 October

No Morning Prayer

Tuesday
21 October

No Morning Prayer

Wednesday No Morning Prayer
22 October Bell Ringing Practice 7:15pm

Thursday
23 October
Choir Practice 7pm

Friday No Morning Prayer
24 October No Holy Communion

Sunday Parish Eucharist 11am

Sunday Joint Choral Eucharist 11am **at All Saints**2 November *followed by luncheon at Royal Oak, Rushton Spencer*

Sunday Remembrance Sunday 10am 9 November (followed by Act of Remembrance and refreshments)

Sunday Team Confirmation Service 10.30am **at All Saints**16 November Memorial Service 5pm

Remembrance Service Refreshments

After the Act of Remembrance on Sunday, 9 November, we will be offering refreshments at the community centre. We are looking for some tasty treats (cakes!) to offer please, as well as some help on the day, even if it's just for a short time.

There is a signup sheet at the back of the church if you would like to contribute.

Poppies - Saturday 25 October 10:30am

We are meeting on Saturday, 25 October, from 10:30am onwards to attach the poppies to the gate and tie on the new poppies to the large wreath for the War Memorial Gate. Do join us if you can!

Would anyone who has knitted poppies this year please bring them into the choir house starting Thursday, 23 October.

Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed to this project.

All Saints Day Luncheon

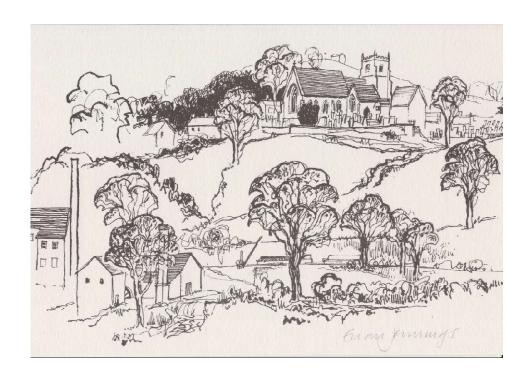
On Sunday, 2 November (11am), we will be joining our friends at All Saints for the celebration of their patronal festival. This year, we will be heading out to the Royal Oak at Ruston Spencer for a celebratory luncheon after the service. Please sign-up on the sheet at the back of church by Wednesday, 29 October, and indicate your meal choices!

Christmas Fayre - Save the Date

On Wednesday, 3 December (3pm—6:30pm), the Church will be hosting a Christmas Fayre, with a number of local artisans and companies selling some fantastic gifts.

We very much hope to see you there!





Thank you for joining us today; we look forward to seeing you again soon.

A list of forthcoming services can be found on page 9.

Donations towards the upkeep of our beautiful church and our work among the community can be made online: https://givealittle.co/c/stedwards



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