**Sunday 20th July 2025 5th Sunday after Trinity**

*Collect:* Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amos 8.1–12**

1 This is what the Lord GOD showed me – a basket of summer fruit. 2 He said, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A basket of summer fruit.’ Then the LORD said to me, ‘The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. 3 The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day,’ says the Lord GOD; ‘the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!’ 4 Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, 5 saying, ‘When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances, 6 buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.’ 7 The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. 8 Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt? 9 On that day, says the Lord GOD, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. 10 I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day. 11 The time is surely coming, says the Lord GOD, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD. 12 They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it.

**Psalm 52**

R **You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness?**

1 You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness against the godly all day long?

2 You plot ruin; your tongue is like a sharpened razor, O worker of deception.

3 You love evil more than good and lying more than speaking the truth.

4 You love all words that hurt, O you deceitful tongue. R

5 O that God would demolish you utterly, topple you and snatch you from your dwelling and root you out of the land of the living!

6 The righteous shall see and tremble, and they shall laugh, saying,

7 ‘This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, but trusted in great wealth and relied upon wickedness.’ R

8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God;

I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

9 I will give you thanks for what you have done and declare the goodness of your name in the presence of the godly. R

**Colossians 1.15–28**

15 Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. 21 And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him – 23 provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel. 24 I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. 25 I became its servant according to God’s commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, 26 the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. 27 To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. 28 It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

**Luke 10.38–42**

38 Now as Jesus and his disciples went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. 39 She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to what he was saying. 40 But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to Jesus and asked, ‘Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.’ 41 But the Lord answered her, ‘Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; 42 there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.’

*Post Communion Prayer* Grant, O Lord, we beseech you,

that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**Sunday 20th July**

08.00 Said BCP Holy Communion Service, St John’s

09.30 Sung Eucharist, St Mary’s

11.00 Sung Eucharist St Peter’s

**Wednesday 23rd July**

10.00 Morning Worship, St Mary’s

11.00 Prayer Circle, St Peter’s

**Sunday 27th July**

09.30 Sung Eucharist, St Helen’s

09.30 Service of the Word, St Mary’s

11.00 Sung Eucharist, St John’s

11.00 Matins St Peter’s

**Wednesday 30th July**

10.00 Morning Worship, St Mary’s

11.00 Prayer Circle, St Peter’s

**Sunday 3rd August**

08.00 Said BCP Holy Communion Service, St John’s

09.30 Sung Eucharist, St Mary’s

11.00 Sung Eucharist, St Peter’s

18.00 Service of the Word, St Catherine’s

**Tuesday 5th August**

10.00 Morning Worship, St Catherine’s

**Wednesday 6th August**

10.00 Morning Worship, St Mary’s

**Thursday 7th August**

11.00 Prayer Circle, St Peter’s

**Sunday 10th August**

09.30 Sung Eucharist, St Helen’s

09.30 Service of the Word, St Mary’s

11.00 Sung Eucharist, St John’s

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The Brading bellringers are holding a **Teddy Bear\* Parachute jump** from the Church tower and a **Zip wire** in Church on TODAY (Sunday 20th July) starting at 2pm. £2 for 2 jumps / zips or £3 for both. Refreshments will be available. Prizes for the fastest – and slowest bears. \*Other brave cuddly toys are welcome (do bring an adult)

**Intercessions Preparation Session** led by Revd Karen. Saturday 20th September at 10am at The Vicarage: Intercessions are a vital part of many church services, offering an opportunity to bring the needs of the world, the church and individuals before God in prayer. For those tasked with leading these prayers, crafting meaningful and relevant intercessions can be both a privilege and a challenge. This session aims to equip intercession leaders with the tools and inspiration to write their own prayers. Refreshments provided.

The **Together in Prayer** group meets on Zoom each **Thursday from 6.30pm** for half an hour to pray for the world, the church and each other. For the Zoom code or to be prayed for please email Rev Bevaly.

## **Summer Prayers**

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!
Thank you for the warmth of the sun
and the increased daylight.
Thank You for the beauty I see all around me
and for the opportunity to be outside

and enjoy Your creation.
Thank You for the increased time I have

to be with my friends and family,
and for the more casual pace of the summer season.
Draw me closer to You this summer.
Teach me how I can pray
no matter where I am or what I am doing.
Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence
and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.
As I enjoy Your creation, create in me
a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.

- Author Unknown

Long warm days...
The pace of life slows...
A time for picnics and rest in the shade...
Lord, help me to rest awhile
in the cooling shade of your presence.
Slow down my restless heart

And fill me with
gentle compassion for all your people.

- Author Unknown