

# Eighth Sunday after Trinity

10<sup>th</sup> August 2025



## Collect

Lord God,

your Son left the riches of heaven

and became poor for our sake:

when we prosper save us from pride,

when we are needy save us from despair,

that we may trust in you alone;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Post Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord,

the hands that have taken holy things;

may the ears which have heard your word

be deaf to clamour and dispute;

may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;

may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love

shine with the light of hope;

and may the bodies which have been fed with your body

be refreshed with the fullness of your life;

glory to you for ever.

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## **Genesis 15: 1-6**

**Jacqui**

15 After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield,

your very great reward.”

<sup>2</sup> But Abram said, “Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

<sup>4</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” <sup>5</sup> He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

<sup>6</sup> Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

## **Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16**

**Pauline**

11 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. <sup>2</sup> This is what the ancients were commended for.

<sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

<sup>10</sup> For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. <sup>12</sup> And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

<sup>13</sup> All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting

that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. <sup>14</sup> People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

### **Luke 12: 32-40**

**Fr Alex**

32 “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

35 “Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, 36 like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. 37 It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. 38 It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. 39 But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. 40 You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

## Music

## Complete Anglican

Processional	King of glory, King of peace	375
Kyrie		962
Gloria		Murray
Gradual	Glorious things of thee are spoken	205
Offertory	Immortal, invisible, God only wise	314
Communion	Take my life, and let it be	625
Recessional	O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder	511

## Notices

## Fire escape

In case there is a need to evacuate church, please make yourself familiar with the fire exit routes before the service starts.

## Compline

Compline on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at 9.30pm. The Zoom details for which are  
Meeting ID: 848 0981 2495 Passcode: 464983

## Quiet Morning – 13<sup>th</sup> September

Please make note of the date of the Oversight area quiet morning at St Edburgh's church from 9am until 1pm. More details in due course.

### Dates for your diary

Harvest supper at St Michael & All Angels church on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October.

Christmas Fayre at St Michael & All Angels church on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

### **Stay and Play scheme at St Benedict's church**

St Benedict's church are starting a Stay and Play scheme in September and are gathering together the resources that they need. Do you have any toys suitable for under 4's at home that you don't need anymore? If you have anything which is in good condition, please do bring it in.

### **Saying goodbye to Fr Wayne**

There will be a reception to formally say thank you to Fr Wayne on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August from 11am until 1pm, at St Benedict's church. This will be a bring and share cake or savoury nibbles event so please come armed! **Today** is the final date to donate towards buying a gift for Fr Wayne. If you would like to contribute towards this, please put your offering in an envelope clearly marked Fr Wayne, placing it on the offertory plate.

### **Prayers**

#### **Saint Benedict's, Saint Cyprian's and Saint Michael & All Angels church**

In all the mixed emotions that moving brings - excitement, anticipation and trepidation we pray for Father Wayne. May he know the love in which he is held and grasp a vision of the future which you bless all who follow you with. May the transition be stress free and may the affection which will shape our goodbye also shape the welcome that he receives. We thank you gracious Lord for all the blessings that we have received from the ministry of Fr Wayne.

#### **Saint Mary's church**

Help all who are working to improve our carbon footprint and beautify the graveyard, for all who visit there. Thank you for the friendships we share together in your name Lord.

### **Prayers at St Cyprian's church**

**We pray for all those who are in need at this time, for ....**

Ollie, Beryl, Clarice, Harold, Maureen, Irene Abbots, Floyd, Norma Pinnock, Andy Newman and Kerry.

**We remember those who have died in faith... Ozzy Osbourne, Annette Brown,**

**Lawrence Dolby and Martin Dutton and for those whose years mind is in August ...**

**George Thorpe, Gertrude Thorpe, Dennis Ryder, Hilda Williams, Arnold Bellamy, Dora Taylor, Rita Spalding, Muriel Burley and Maureen Mason.**