

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

17th August 2025



Collect

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Isaiah 5: 1-7

Jeanne

5 I will sing for the one I love

a song about his vineyard:

My loved one had a vineyard

on a fertile hillside.

² He dug it up and cleared it of stones

and planted it with the choicest vines.

He built a watchtower in it

and cut out a winepress as well.

Then he looked for a crop of good grapes,

but it yielded only bad fruit.

³ “Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah,

judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴ What more could have been done for my vineyard

than I have done for it?

When I looked for good grapes,

why did it yield only bad?

⁵ Now I will tell you

what I am going to do to my vineyard:

I will take away its hedge,

and it will be destroyed;

I will break down its wall,

and it will be trampled.

⁶ I will make it a wasteland,

neither pruned nor cultivated,

and briars and thorns will grow there.

I will command the clouds

not to rain on it.”

⁷ The vineyard of the Lord Almighty

is the nation of Israel,

and the people of Judah

are the vines he delighted in.

And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed;
for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

Hebrews 11: 29 – 12:2 Paul

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days.

³¹ By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

³² And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. ³⁵ Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. ³⁶ Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— ³⁸ the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ⁴⁰ since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and

perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Luke 12: 49-56

Fr Wayne

⁴⁹ “I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed!

⁵¹ Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵² From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴ He said to the crowd: “When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, ‘It’s going to rain,’ and it does. ⁵⁵ And when the south wind blows, you say, ‘It’s going to be hot,’ and it is. ⁵⁶ Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don’t know how to interpret this present time?

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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 20th August 2025 at 9.30pm. The Zoom details for which are
Meeting ID: 848 0981 2495 Passcode: 464983

Quiet Morning – 13th September

Please make note of the information on the flyer below, letting Fr Alex know if you would like to attend or have any questions.

Dates for your diary

MacMillian Coffee Morning 27th September 11am at St Michael and All Angels church.
Harvest supper at St Michael & All Angels church on Saturday 4th October.
Christmas Fayre at St Michael & All Angels church on Saturday 22nd 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.

Father Wayne

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards and supported Fr Wayne's leaving do yesterday. As Fr Wayne has now left his post within the diocese, he no longer has a pastoral or liturgical role amongst us. We continue to hold him in our thoughts and prayers as he begins his new role within the Diocese of Leeds.

Prayers

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

As the future bites into the reality of today with plans becoming a reality, we pray for Fr Wayne. May he sense your loving support during this time of geographical, emotional and spiritual movement. In the goodbyes and hellos, we pray that the light, truth and mercy of your Kingdom continues to shine brightly.

Saint Mary's church

We ask your blessings on our sister churches in the Swan Group, as they say goodbye to Fr Wayne. May he find a true fellowship, as he moves away from Birmingham to new challenges on his journey with you 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, Floyd, Norma Pinnock, Andy Newman and Kerry.

We remember those who have died in faith... Irene Abbots, 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.