**Sunday 10th August 2025 8th Sunday after Trinity**

Collect:Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; 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.

**Isaiah 1.1, 10–20**

1 The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

10 Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! 11 What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt-offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. 12 When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; 13 bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation – I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. 14 Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. 15 When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. 16 Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, 17 learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. 18 Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. 19 If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; 20 but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

**Psalm 50.1–8, 23–24**

R **Our God will come, and will not keep silence.**

1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,

God reveals himself in glory. R

3 Our God will come and will not keep silence;

before him there is a consuming flame,

and round about him a raging storm.

4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above

to witness the judgement of his people. R

5 ‘Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.’

6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause;

for God himself is judge. R

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak: ‘O Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.

8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;

your offerings are always before me. R

23 Consider this well, you who forget God,

lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honours

me; but to those who keep in my way

will I show the salvation of God.’ R

**Hebrews 11.1–3, 8–16**

1 Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11 By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’ 13 All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, 14 for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15 If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

**Luke 12.32–40**

Jesus said to his disciples, 32 ‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 35 Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; 36 be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. 37 Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. 38 If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 39 But know 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, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

*Post Communion* Prayer: 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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**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

**Wednesday 13th August**

10.00 Morning Worship, St Mary’s

11.00 Prayer Circle, St Peter’s

**Thursday 14th August**

10.00 MU Communion Service, St Peter’s

**Sunday 17th August**

NB **NO** Said BCP Holy Communion Service, St John’s

09.30 Sung Eucharist, St Mary’s

11.00 Sung Eucharist St Peter’s

17.30 Sung Evensong, St John’s

**Tuesday 19th August**

10.00 Morning Worship, St Catherine’s

**Wednesday 20th August**

10.00 Morning Worship, St Mary’s

11.00 Prayer Circle, St Peter’s

**Sunday 24th August**

09.30 Sung Eucharist, St Helen’s

09.30 Service of the Word, St Mary’s

10.00 Regatta Service St Peter’s

11.00 Sung Eucharist, St John’s

**Wednesday 27th August**

10.00 Morning Worship, St Mary’s

11.00 Prayer Circle, St Peter’s

**Sunday 31st August Creation Tide**

10.00 Benefice Service, St Helen’s

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A **VJ Day Service of Remembrance** will be held at 6pm on August 15th in the garden. of St Peter’s Church. All are welcome.

Do join us for **Sung Evensong** at St John’s Church, Yaverland on Sunday 17th August at 5.30pm.

**Scarecrow Building:** Brading is hosting its 10th annual scarecrow festival from 22nd – 31st August. If you would like to help St Mary’s build theirs, please come to the De Aula Chapel on Thursday 21st August at 2pm. If anyone has any cuddly lions that would be most helpful!

The **Nettlestone and Seaview Village Fete** in partnership with St Peter’s Church is on 16th August at the Seagrove Recreation Ground from 1-4pm. Family fun, stalls, games, dog show, refreshments, and more. There will be a small admission charge.

St Peter’s are holding a **Coffee Morning** on Saturday 6th September from 10am in the church hall. All are welcome for coffee, cakes and a chat.

The next **Jumble Sale** at St Mary’s is on Saturday 6th Sept from 2pm. Jumble can be left from 11am. There will also be refreshments, cakes and a raffle. Entry 20p.

**Confirmation preparation:** Rev Karen and Rev Bevaly are leading a day of preparation for confirmation on Sat 13th September in St Mary’s Church hall. If you are interested and would like to know more please contact either one for more information. The Confirmation service is set for 19th October with the venue TBC.

Revd. Karen is leading an **Intercessions Preparation Session** on Saturday 20th September at 10am at The Vicarage: This will equip intercession leaders with the tools and inspiration to write and deliver those prayers.

A **session for all who currently read, or are interested in reading, during services** will be held on September 20th at 2pm in St Helen’s Church. It will provide valuable guidance on vocal projection, pacing, understanding the text, and conveying its meaning with appropriate emotion, all to the glory of God and the enrichment of the worshipping community.

There will be a **Joint benefice PCC meeting** on Thurs. 18th September 2025 at 6pm in St Mary’s church hall

Also a **Ministry Team/CW meeting to finalize Advent and Christmas Worship Rota** onWednesday 24th September at 2pm in St Catherine’s Chapel

**Do you volunteer for any of our Haven Benefice Churches?** Rev Karen warmly invites you to a **‘Thank You’** for our church Volunteers, however you give your time, on Saturday 4th October at 10am in St Mary’s Church Hall, Brading. There will be tea, coffee and cake.

**The winners of the 8 Bell Club** for July are 1st No.30 Diana Hetherington, 2nd No 75 Douglas Ware and 3rd No.34 Glenys Edwards. Thank you to everyone who supports the 8 Bell Club.