

# Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

31<sup>st</sup> August 2025



## Collect

God of glory,  
the end of our searching,  
help us to lay aside  
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,  
and to give all that we have  
to gain the pearl beyond all price,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

## Post Communion

Lord of all mercy,  
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice  
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:  
by our communion  
keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel  
and preserve us from all sin;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## **Jeremiah 2: 4-13**

**Paul**

Hear the word of the Lord, you descendants of Jacob,  
all you clans of Israel.

5 This is what the Lord says:

“What fault did your ancestors find in me,  
that they strayed so far from me?

They followed worthless idols  
and became worthless themselves.

6 They did not ask, ‘Where is the Lord,  
who brought us up out of Egypt  
and led us through the barren wilderness,  
through a land of deserts and ravines,  
a land of drought and utter darkness,  
a land where no one travels and no one lives?’

7 I brought you into a fertile land  
to eat its fruit and rich produce.  
But you came and defiled my land  
and made my inheritance detestable.

8 The priests did not ask,  
‘Where is the Lord?’  
Those who deal with the law did not know me;  
the leaders rebelled against me.

The prophets prophesied by Baal,  
following worthless idols.

9 “Therefore I bring charges against you again,”  
declares the Lord.

“And I will bring charges against your children’s children.

10 Cross over to the coasts of Cyprus and look,  
send to Kedar and observe closely;  
see if there has ever been anything like this:

11 Has a nation ever changed its gods?

(Yet they are not gods at all.)

But my people have exchanged their glorious God  
for worthless idols.

12 Be appalled at this, you heavens,  
and shudder with great horror,”  
declares the Lord.

13 “My people have committed two sins:  
They have forsaken me,  
the spring of living water,  
and have dug their own cisterns,  
broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

### **Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16**      **Jeanne**

13 Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. <sup>2</sup> Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

<sup>4</sup> Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you;  
never will I forsake you.”

<sup>6</sup> So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.  
What can mere mortals do to me?”

<sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

<sup>15</sup> Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. <sup>16</sup> And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

### **Luke 14: 1, 7-14**

**Fr Alex**

14 One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honour at the table, he told them this parable: <sup>8</sup> “When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honour, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. <sup>9</sup> If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honoured in the presence of all the other guests. <sup>11</sup> For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup> Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbours; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup> and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

## Music

### *Complete Anglican*

Processional	Through all the changing scenes of life	686
Kyrie		962
Gloria		Murray
Gradual	Take this moment, sign and space	Sheet
Offertory	Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father	249
Communion	How sweet the name of Jesus sounds	297
Recessional	Your hand O God has guided	Sheet

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> September 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 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 27<sup>th</sup> September 11am at St Michael and All Angels church.

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.

### Meal out

It's been a while since we had a meal out. If you would like to come along to one (possibility on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September at The Crane) please let Fr Alex or Jeanne know your availability.

### **Prayer list**

The list has been refreshed. If you would like any names to continue on the list or indeed to add any new names, please let either Jeanne or Fr Alex know.

### **Advent course**

More details in due course but make a note of the dates of an Advent course exploring the theology/doctrine in some popular advent hymns. Each Monday starting on the 24<sup>th</sup> November and finishing on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 10.30am (for around 75 minutes) at St Michael & All Angels church.

### **PCC meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> September**

PCC members please take the papers which are available at the back of church.

### **Harvest Festival**

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October and will be taking a collection of dried food products offered during the service to support the work of Birmingham City Mission's food bank.

### **Creationtide 2025**

The church annually sets aside a period of time which is dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. This year Creationtide runs from the 1<sup>st</sup> September until the 4<sup>th</sup> October. There is a simple prayer activity available at the back of church to help us enter more fully into this important season. Please take one, stick it on your fridge ticking off the prayers as you complete them.

Thank you

Father Wayne writes.....



*Dear my Sisters and Brothers,*

*Thank you very much for this gift. It is constant reminder that prayer is the core of my ministry and thank you for reminding me that I cant do anything without being in daily communication with the God who loves and sustains me. My prayers are always with you.*

## **Prayers**

### **Saint Benedict's church**

Thank you, Lord, for all who contribute towards the turning of your church in Bordesley. Empower and strengthen us by your Spirit that we may find ways of using the gifts that you have blessed each of us with for the dawning of your Kingdom.

### **Saint Cyprian's church**

Thank you, Lord, for all who have formed the PCC over the years, for the work that they undertook and the prayers that they offered. Continue to open the hearts of us all so that we may discern your will for us as your body in Hay Mill.

### **Saint Michael & All Angels church**

Thank you, Lord, for the renovation work that has been undertaken on the hall floor. For the skill and care that Simon and Matt took in undertaking the repairs and for the blessing of the resources that we have to cover its cost.

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

Help all who are returning to work, school colleges and universities, especially for those who may be taking a further step in their life story. Give them confidence and protection wherever life may lead them.

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

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

Ollie, Beryl, Clarice, Harold, Maureen, Andy Newman.

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



## Take this moment, sign and space

1. Take this moment, sign and space;  
Take my friends around;  
Here among us make the place  
Where your love is found.

2. Take the time to call my name,  
Take the time to mend  
Who I am and what I've been,  
All I've failed to tend.

3. Take the tiredness of my days,  
Take my past regret,  
Letting your forgiveness touch  
All I can't forget

4. Take the little child in me  
Scared of growing old;  
Help me here to find my worth  
Made in God's own mould.

5. Take my talents, take my skills,  
Take what's yet to be;  
Let my life be yours, and yet  
Let it still be me.

## Your hand, O God, has guided

1 Your hand, O God, has guided  
your flock from age to age;  
your faithfulness is written  
on history's open page.  
Our fathers owned your goodness,  
and we their deeds record;  
and both to this bear witness:  
one church, one faith, one Lord!

2 Your heralds brought the gospel  
to greatest and the least;  
they summoned men and women  
to share the great King's feast.  
And this was all their teaching  
in ev'ry deed and word,  
to all alike proclaiming:  
one church, one faith, one Lord!

3 Through many a day of darkness,  
through many a scene of strife,  
the faithful few fought bravely  
to guard the nation's life.  
Their gospel of redemption,  
sin pardoned, man restored,  
was all in this enfolded:  
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.

4 Your mercy will not fail us  
nor leave your work undone;  
with your right hand to help us  
the vict'ry shall be won.  
And then by earth and heaven  
your name shall be adored;  
and this shall be our anthem:  
one church, one faith, one Lord!

# Join Us!

St Paul's Church,  
Bordesley Green,  
Thursdays 7-9pm  
from October 2nd.

JOINING  
-THE-  
*family*

Today growing numbers of Muslims are choosing to follow Jesus Christ. We need to understand their needs, care for them and help them grow in Christ, and we want to learn from them.

## How to be family for Christ's followers of Muslim background

Joining the Family is a discussion course on how we can be family for Christ's followers of Muslim background. Whether your church community already welcomes believers from a Muslim background or is praying towards such a day, this course is designed to help us learn how to understand the issues that believers of Muslim background face and be equipped to build strong friendships and grow in Christ together.

- Six sessions - **October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, November 6<sup>th</sup>, and 13<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm**
- Video clips and testimonies with extra reading suggestions
- Time to reflect and pray for your own friends, church, and community

St Paul's Church, 405B Belchers Lane, B9 5SY  
**Register** interest with Matt or Andrea Vaughan  
andrea.jvaughan@gmail.com or matt.jvaughan@gmail.com

Feel free to invite others along, but due to the nature of the course, please do not share in public spaces.