**Sunday 17th August 2025 9th Sunday after Trinity**

*Collect:* Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church:open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Jeremiah 23.23–29**

23 Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? 24 Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. 25 I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ 26 How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back – those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? 27 They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. 28 Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. 29 Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

**Psalm 82**

R **Arise, O God, and rule the earth.**

1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven;

he gives judgement in the midst of the gods:

2 ‘How long will you judge unjustly,

and show favour to the wicked? R

3 Save the weak and the orphan;

defend the humble and needy;

4 Rescue the weak and the poor

deliver them from the power of the wicked. R

5 They do not know, neither do they understand;

they go about in darkness;

all the foundations of the earth are shaken. R

6 Now I say to you, “You are gods,

and all of you children of the Most High;

7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,

and fall like any prince.”’

8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth,

for you shall take all nations for you own. R

**Hebrews 11.29 – 12.2**

29 By faith the people passed of Israel through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. 31 By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. 32 And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets 33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, 34 quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. 35 Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. 36 Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented 38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. 39 Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40 since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Luke 12.49–56**

Jesus said to his disciples:

49 ‘I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! 50 I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! 51 Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! 52 From now on five in one household will be divided, 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 her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’ 54 He also said to the crowds, ‘When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, “It is going to rain”; and so it happens. 55 And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, “There will be scorching heat”; and it happens. 56 You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?’

Post Communion PrayerHoly Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Sonto 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 languageto share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**THE HAVEN BENEFICE OF SEAVIEW,** **ST HELEN’S,** **BRADING And YAVERLAND**

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**Sunday 17th August**

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

09.30 Sung Eucharist, St Mary’s (Patronal Festival)

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

**Tuesday 2nd September**

10.00 Morning Worship, St Catherine’s

**Wednesday 3rd September**

10.00 Morning Worship, St Mary’s

11.00 Prayer Circle, St Peter’s

**Sunday 7th September**

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 Sung Eucharist, St Catherine’s

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**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!

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 at St Mary’s Church, Brading at 4pm.

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.