



## **Pew Sheet for 17 August 2025**

*A warm welcome to everyone attending the 9.30am service*

## **The Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

*Please come into the hall for refreshments after the 09:30 service.*

### **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.

### **Hymns:**

- 558** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
- 368** All my hope on God is founded
- 393** Brother, sister, let me serve you
- 96** Jesu, lover of my soul
- 609** To God be the glory! Great things he has done

Although there is no formal collection during the offertory hymn, please feel free to make a contribution to the work of St. Mary's either in the Treasury box at the back of church, or using the card reader, also at the back of church. Thank you.

## Readings:

### Hebrews 11:29 - 12:2

#### The Faith of Other Israelite Heroes

<sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, <sup>[a]</sup> because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup> 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— <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup> Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, <sup>[b]</sup> they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— <sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup> Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

#### The Example of Jesus

**12** 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, <sup>[c]</sup> and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of <sup>[d]</sup> 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 the Cause of Division**

<sup>49</sup> 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup> I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup> Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup> From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup> 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.'

### **Interpreting the Time**

<sup>54</sup> 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. <sup>55</sup> And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. <sup>56</sup> 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 prayer:**

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.

## Dates for your diary

**THURSDAY 21st August we meet again at 2.30pm** to enjoy a sing-a-long with our favourite guitarist, Brian. Refreshments included!. Everybody is very welcome. Any queries contact Judith via the Parish Office.

**September Knit and Natter dates - Monday 1st September 7.30pm, Wednesday 10th September 10.30am** in the Leverton Room. Enquiries Kate Nowak.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September** the annual Church barbecue will be held at 12 after the morning service. If you would like to attend, then please pay £5 on the day. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church for contributions to the barbecue. Salads and puddings are most welcome! Enquiries Sara Tomlin

**Saturday 13th September is HERITAGE OPEN DAY** from 11am to 5pm. We will be offering refreshments to visitors, including cyclists and walkers participating in Surrey Churches Preservation Trust's annual 'Ride and Stride'. There are just two one-hour slots to fill; if you can help it would be most appreciated. Please sign the sheet at the back of church or speak to Christine Clarke.

We are planning an exhibition marking 130 years of St Mary's and a small display about local architecture. Please invite friends and neighbours, and do come along and enjoy the displays, to the accompaniment of some organ music. Enquiries to David Rymill.

**Sunday 14th September – 3pm.** Join us for a special **Thanksgiving Service for our Pets and their friendship to us** here at **St Mary's Church, Cuddington.** Bring your beloved pets - great and small - for a joyful time of thanksgiving, prayer, and blessing. This family-friendly service celebrates God's creation and our companionship with animals. If you are coming along with pets, please keep them with you all the time. All are very welcome.

**The social committee has also planned the below – please put this very popular event in your diary**

Quiz Night - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October **Enquiries: Sara & Daphne**