**Sunday 7th September 2025 12th Sunday after Trinity**

**Collect:** Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 18.1–11**

1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: 2 ‘Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.’ 3 So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. 4 The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. 5 Then the word of the LORD came to me: 6 Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. 7 At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, 8 but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. 9 And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, 10 but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. 11 Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

**Psalm 139.1–5, 12–17**

R You, O Lord, created my inward parts.

1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways. R

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it. R

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

13 I will thank you because I am marvellously made; your works are wonderful and I know it well. R

14 My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the

womb; all of them were written in your book; they were

fashioned day by day,

when as yet there was none of them. R

16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! how great is the sum of them!

17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours. R

**Deuteronomy 30.15–20**

15 See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. 16 If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. 17 But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, 18 I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. 19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, 20 loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

**Luke 14.25–33**

25 Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, 26 ‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? 29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, 30 saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” 31 Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. 33 So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.’

**Post Communion:**God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**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

**Wednesday 10th August**

10.00 Morning Worship, St Mary’s

11.00 Prayer Circle, St Peter’s

**Thursday 11th September**

10am MU Said Eucharist, St Peter’s

**Sunday 14th September**

09.30 Sung Eucharist, St Helen’s

09.30 Service of the Word, St Mary’s

11.00 Sung Eucharist, St John’s

**Tuesday 16th September**

10.00 Morning Worship, St Catherine’s

**Wednesday 17th September**

10.00 Morning Worship, St Mary’s

11.00 Prayer Circle, St Peter’s

**Sunday 21st September**

08.00 Said BCP Holy Communion Service, St John’s

09.30 Sung Eucharist, St Mary’s (Harvest)

11.00 Sung Eucharist St Peter’s (Harvest)

**Wednesday 24th September**

10.00 Morning Worship, St Mary’s

11.00 Prayer Circle, St Peter’s

**Sunday 28th September**

09.30 Sung Eucharist, St Helen’s (Harvest)

09.30 Service of the Word St Mary’s

11.00 Sung Eucharist St John’s (Harvest)

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**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.

On Saturday 13th September the **Brading Bellringers** are holding a **Barbecue** at St. Mary's Church Hall, starting at 5pm. Adults £7 under 16's £4. Please contact Marghanita at bradingbells@hotmail.com to book. On Saturday 27th Sept **Vectis Brass are in concert at St. Mary's starting at 7.30pm**, refreshments and raffle during the interval and retiring collection in aid of Bell Restoration Appeal.

A reminder of dates: - Saturday 20th September at 10am at The Vicarage: **Intercessions Preparation Session** for those who lead intercessions.

* Saturday September 20th at 2pm in St Helen’s Church: A **session for all who currently read, or are interested in reading, during services**
* Thurs. 18th September 2025 at 6pm in St Mary’s church hall : **Joint benefice PCC meeting**
* Wednesday 24th September at 2pm in St Catherine’s Chapel: **Ministry Team/CW meeting to finalize Advent and Christmas Worship Rota**

You are invited to join our **Harvest lunch at St. Peter’s** on Sunday 21st September at 12.30pm. £10 payable at the door. Good old harvest food and apple crumble! Bring your own wine!

**Church Volunteers,** however you give your time, Rev Karen warmly invites you to a **‘Thank You’** on Saturday 4th October at 10am in St Mary’s Church Hall, Brading. There will be tea, coffee and cake.

The September issue of our parish magazine **'What's On'** is now out, and copies are at the back of church, price 60p. For a subscription of just £6 p.a. it can be delivered to your door, thanks to our amazing band of volunteers! Contact Paul or Mary Jackson on 872326 to get set up.

As you can see from the service list **Harvest Festival** is almost upon us. Do make a note in your diaries! We will be collecting **dried/tinned foods and toiletries** (with suitable ‘use by’ dates) to donate to the Food Banks so please bring these with you on the day. **Donations for flowers** to decorate the churches would also be welcome -please see your church warden or ‘flowers person’

Greville has taken the decision to step back from leading the Matins service of worship at St Peter’s Church for personal reasons. We would like to present a **gift & card to Greville** in gratitude for his many years of ministry. If you would like to donate towards the gift please use the special donation box at the back of St Peter’s Church or contact Peter Gowers petergowers595@btinternet.com or Revd Karen.