

Sunday September 7th
(Theme: Blessedness, Proper 18, Lectionary Year C)

COLLECT

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PSALM 32

- 1 Happy the one whose transgression is forgiven, and whose sin is covered.
- 2 Happy the one to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile.
- 3 For I held my tongue; my bones wasted away through my groaning all the day long.
- 4 Your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up like the drought in summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you and my iniquity I did not hide.
- 6 I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' and you forgave the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore let all the faithful make their prayers to you in time of trouble; in the great water flood, it shall not reach them.
- 8 You are a place for me to hide in; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with songs of deliverance.
- 9 'I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 'Be not like horse and mule which have no understanding; whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.'
- 11 Great tribulations remain for the wicked, but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

ACTS 20:28-35

(A reading from the Acts of the Apostles)

Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after I have gone, savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Some even from your own group will come distorting the truth in order to entice the disciples to follow them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to warn everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or clothing. You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions. In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

GOSPEL: LUKE 1:46-55

Mary said,
"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour on the lowly state of his servant.
Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed,
for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name;
indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.
He has come to the aid of his child Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 5:1-12

(Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

(This is the Gospel of the Lord)

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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. Amen

NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 7th September 2025

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP for Sunday 14th September (Boasting)

9.30am Boylestone Morning Worship (Marie)

9.30am Hatton Morning Worship (Vickie)

11.00am Church Broughton Holy Communion (Rev Ken)

11.00am Hilton Morning Worship (Vickie)

READINGS: Psalm 34:1-10, 17-18, 22, Romans 5:1-8, John 3:13-17

EVENTS AND SERVICES FOR WEEK OF THE 7th SEPTEMBER

- Wednesday 6.00pm: Hatton PCC Meeting
- Friday 10.00am – 2.00pm: Hub Community Café at All Saints' Jubilee Hall, Station Road, Hatton
- Saturday 10.00am – 4.00pm: Church Broughton, Quirky Produce Show

APPLETREE CHURCHES MORNING PRAYER

There is usually Zoom morning prayer each weekday morning at 8am.

The Zoom link can be found in the Teamup entry for Morning Prayer, or contact Vickie for the link, or if you would like help with setting up Zoom for Morning Prayer, contact Vickie:

vickie@appletreechurches.org / 07977 067 585. All are welcome to join.

CHURCH BROUGHTON QUIRKY PRODUCE SHOW - SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13th

Last year the fun Produce Show at Church Broughton was such a success that there will be another on Saturday 13th September at Church Broughton Church.

Everyone is welcome to enter, it is only for fun!! Schedules are available in the church. Do come and see the quirky, wonky vegetables and fruit. Tea and cakes will be served between 2.00pm and 4.00pm at the same time as the judging.

DERBY DIOCESE – WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

The Diocese are asking everyone to take part in a survey to help shape communications. You can complete the survey online or request a paper copy.

To complete the online survey, visit: <https://bit.ly/Snapshot2025>

Or you can scan the QR code:



If you'd like a paper copy of the survey, there will be a couple of copies left in each church.

ST MARY'S CHURCH HILTON WITH MARSTON ON DOVE HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

St Mary's Church is open on the weekend of the 20th and 21st September as part of the Heritage Open Days 2025 on Saturday from 11am to 4pm, and Sunday 12.30pm to 3.00pm.




Explore Hilton with Marston on Dove's 800 year old church as part of the Heritage Open Days

OPEN CHURCH

ST MARY'S CHURCH, HILTON WITH MARSTON ON DOVE

- Explore the heritage, history and architecture of St Mary's Church and view records and artefacts
- Enjoy a walk around the peaceful churchyard
- Climb the bell tower* and look out at the views across Marston and Hilton (20th September only)

Saturday 20th September from 11am to 4pm

Sunday 21st September from 12.30pm to 3pm

No need to book and free of charge

For more details contact 01283 808 408 or office@appletreechurches.co.uk

*age & height restrictions apply: children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.



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DERBY DIOCESE VOCATIONS EXPLORATION DAY 18th OCTOBER

Derby Diocese invites you to a Vocations Exploration Day on Saturday 18th October 2025 at St Helen's Church Hall, Darley Dale, Matlock, DE4 2GL, 10am to 3pm.

Vocation means discovering what God has called you to be and do, asking the question “What is God’s plan for my life?”.

To begin a conversation about what this might look like for you, we recommend you speak first to your Incumbent (Rev Ed).

The Vocations Exploration Day is an opportunity to explore leadership in the Church of England either as a lay or ordained minister. We will help you explore your gifts and how you might use them, and look at what the next steps might be for you.

This event is open to anyone interested in learning more.

Refreshments and lunch will be provided. To book your place, please contact the vocations team at the Diocese using the contact details below.

vocations@derby.anglican.org
01332 278172

GIVING THROUGH THE PARISH GIVING SCHEME

You can make a donation to any of the Appletree Churches using the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). The PGS is an established, secure and free service to manage giving to support church buildings and to fund mission and ministry. You can give a one-off donation, or set up monthly, quarterly or annual donations, using the following links:

For St Mary's, Hilton with Marston on Dove:

parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/marston-on-dove-hilton-st-mary-derby/

For St John the Baptist, Boylestone:

parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/boylestone-st-john-the-baptist-derby/

For All Saints', Hatton:

parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/hatton-all-saints-derby/

For St Michael and All Angels, Church Broughton

parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/church-broughton-st-michael-derby/

Alternatively, you can give a one-off donation or set up regular giving by phone by calling Parish Giving directly on 0333 002 1271, Monday to Friday, 9 – 5.

Please make sure you are clear about the church name and location when giving by phone.

The Parish Giving Scheme enables you to:

- Give One-Off amounts by Credit/Debit cards and Apple/Google pay wallets
- Give monthly, quarterly or annually by Direct Debit
- Sign up to inflation-linked giving annually
- Enhance your gift by having Gift Aid at 25% added to your giving
- Give securely and donate anonymously, if you prefer

If you have any questions regarding the Parish Giving Scheme, contact Vickie (office@appletrchurches.org) or your PCC Treasurer.

DATE FOR DIARY - AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP GROUP

The next meeting of the afternoon fellowship group will be held on Wednesday 15th October, 1pm at All Saints' Church.

PRAYERS

Please pray for the family and friends of the late Ian Nash, whose cremated remains will be buried at Church Broughton on Friday 12th September.

VISITING PARISHIONERS

Do you know anyone who would like a visit from Rev Ed? If yes, please can you let Rev Ed know. Ed's contact details are at the top of the page.