



Pew Sheet for 28 September 2025

A warm welcome to everyone attending the 9.30am service

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

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

Collect:

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns:

CP89	O Worship the Lord
CP470	I the Lord of Sea and Sky
CP538	O Jesus I have promised
Taize	Bless the Lord My Soul
CP362	Tell Out my Soul

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:

1 Timothy 6.6-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that* we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made* the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Luke 16.19-end

‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham.* The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.* He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us

a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.” ’

Post-communion prayer:

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dates for your diary

Please join us for **Morning Prayers each weekday at 9am** - all are welcome.

8am service in October will be held on the 1st and 2nd Sunday of the month - 5th and 12th October.

Wednesday 1st October - 10.30am, Monday 6th October - 7.30pm Knit and Natter - both in The Leverton Room.

Sunday 5th October - Harvest Festival - 9.30am followed by a Bring-and-Share lunch. Please could you write down what you are bringing to share, so that we don't have 50 puddings and no main courses or salads! Also, could people sign up for help in setting up, clearing away and washing up. There are two sign-up sheets at the back of the Church.

At Harvest Festival, Dafne Castro e Lemos will talk about the work of the Epsom & Ewell Foodbank, where our harvest gifts will be sent to this year - a list of items they are desperate for is at the back of the church on the table to the left of the exit.

Sunday 12th October - Civic Service - 9.30am with the Mayor of Epsom & Ewell

Saturday 25th October - Quiz Night – 7pm. Tickets for the quiz night are now on sale and can be bought from Annie, Daphne or Sara. They are £10 each and this includes a quiz and a meal. Please bring your own drinks and glasses to the event.

We hope to hold a raffle at this event, so if you have any new and unused gifts that you can donate, please put them in the box under the table at the back of the Church.

Sunday 23rd November - 11am Christmas Homemade Sunday.
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