

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your
presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast
wills
to worship you in spirit and in
truth;
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.

FIRST READING Amos 8:4-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Or **Jeremiah 8:18 – 9:1**

PSALM Psalm 113

R Give praise to the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Alleluia!

Give praise, you servants of the Lord;
praise the name of the Lord.
Let the name of the Lord be blessed,
from this time forth for evermore. **R**
From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the name of the Lord be praised.
The Lord is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens. **R**
Who is like the Lord our God,
who sits enthroned on high,

but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

He takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes. **R**

He sets them with the princes,
with the princes of his people.
He makes the woman of a childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-7

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.

My dearly beloved, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all – this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

GOSPEL Luke 16:1-13

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Jesus said to the disciples,
"There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from

me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

POST COMMUNION

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

September 21st 2025 – Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Parish of the Harwich Peninsula

Questionnaire: results from the questionnaire will be in the Peninsula Post issue 5.

Harvest Thanksgiving: each church will mark Harvest on Sunday 5th October. Please use the shopping list in the Peninsula Post as we will be giving to the Salvation Army Foodbank. In addition to the Peninsula Post list they are looking for: Noodles and Breakfast Cereal

Messy Church: restarts on Saturday 27th September in the Esplanade Hall at 2pm

Parish Giving Scheme: We are delighted that we are now successfully registered with the Parish Giving Scheme. If you wish to give you are now able to set up a regular Direct Debit by following the link below which will take you directly to the parish page,

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/harwich-peninsula-harwich/>

Shanty Festival: on Sunday October 12th there will be a Maritime Service at 10am at St Nicholas, this replaces the usual 10.30am service that day to accommodate all the activities in the building on that Sunday.

Bingo at St Michaels: The session held on the 12th made £198.50 and we hope to hold another one at Christmas Time. Watch this space. Thanks, Dilly.

Holiday: Please note the Team Rector is on holiday until the 4th October.

Numbers 11.29: you might need reminding of the verse; it comes after the people of God were grumbling again; having left Egypt and on their way to the promised land. There were complaints people other than Moses were speaking and Moses said: 'Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!' We are blessed beyond measure in having a number of people learning to speak in God's name (preach) and the congregations can help them as they improve their preaching skills by giving good feedback. The team had an evening session on preaching with the Team Rector. Those training as Authorised Lay Preacher's share their sermons before delivering with Ian. As a ministry team we will keep exploring both the content and the delivery of the messages (that includes can we be heard; do we talk too fast). The congregations have a role in helping develop our preachers – new and experienced – by offering constructive feedback. And pray for the ministry team: Janet Goodall, Liz McLeod, Becky and Chris Wallace as Authorised Lay Preachers; John Wallace and Sioux Thorpe as Licensed Lay Ministers and Julie Teatheredge in training as LLM; Dawn Wallace, now training towards ordination in 2027; Kirsty as Team Vicar and Pioneer Minister and Ian Smith as Team Rector.

Baptised in September: Max Peter Timothy Davis. **Thanksgiving in October:** Theodore William Morrison

Married in September: Henry Austin Somervell and Jo Anne Frances Bowen; Simon Christopher Day and Helen Louise Benham

Departed in August: June Ann Wingfield.

St Michael's worship 9am each Sunday (Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays)

All Saints worship 10.30am each Sunday (Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays)

St Nicholas worship 10.30am each Sunday (Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays)

You should be able to access the hearing loop in each building – please let us know if you cannot

1st Sunday of every month: Prayer Book Evensong at St Nicholas at 5pm

3rd Sunday of every month: Prayer and Praise at St Michael's at 5pm

4th Sunday of every month (except August and December): Messy Church in

the Esplanade Hall from 2-4pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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