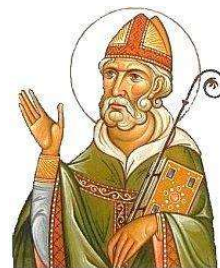


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SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2025

HARVEST THANKSGIVING (14TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY)

Sunday 21st	08:00 Holy Communion
Harvest Thanksgiving	10:30 Coffee in the Committee Room
Trinity 14	11:15 Parish Eucharist
Monday 22nd	09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham)
St Matthew	
Tuesday 23rd	18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)
	19:00 Tuesday@7 (Pagham)
Wednesday 24th	18:00 Evening Prayer (Pagham)
Thursday 25th	09:00 Morning Prayer (Pagham)
Lancelot Andrewes	10:00 Holy Communion (Pagham)
Friday 26th	No public worship today
Saturday 27th	No public worship today
Vincent de Paul	10:30-12:00 Coffee, cake & conversation (Mosse Hall)
	18:00-21:00 Quiz Night (Mosse Hall)
Sunday 28th	08:00 Holy Communion
Trinity 15	10:30 Coffee in the Mosse Hall
	11:15 Parish Eucharist

The Church is open for private prayer Monday – Saturday 10.00-4.00 and until 4.00 on Sunday

The Collection plate - If you would like to make an offering, please use the contactless Payaz machine or the collection plate, both of which can be found by the door. Thank you for your generosity.

Hymns

Introit: 259 Come, ye thankful people come

Gradual: (Sheet) Great is thy faithfulness

Offertory: 263 All creatures of our God and King (omit * verses)

Final: 262 We plough the fields, and scatter the good seed on the land

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for Harvest Thanksgiving

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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.

Amen

Old Testament reading: Joel 2: 21-27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Psalm 126 Response: The Lord has done great things for us and we are glad indeed



When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter and our tongue with songs of joy. Then said they among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.' **{Response}** The Lord has indeed done great things for us, and therefore we rejoiced. Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, as the river beds of the desert. **{Response}** Those who sow in tears shall reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, will come back with shouts of joy, bearing their sheaves with them. **{Response}**

New Testament Reading: The 1st Letter of Paul to Timothy 6: 6-10

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.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6: 25-33

Jesus said, Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Prayers of Intercession

The sick and those who care for them: Janet Lock, Jayne Foulks, Peter Dickinson, Sue and family, Edna Nolson, Don Durrant, Rev'd James Cooper, Betty Kernan, Angela Wallis.

Recently departed:

Anniversary of death: Hastings Edwards (21st); Violet Crompton (24th).

We pray for and with the people of Ukraine; for the people of Israel, Gaza and the West Bank; for peace of the Holy Land; and for those who will weep, and fear, and die this day.

We pray for our vacancies - Parish Safeguarding Officer, PCC Secretary, Electoral Roll Officer.

Post Communion Prayer:

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Next week's readings (Trinity 15)

Amos 6: 1a, 4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6: 6-19; Luke 16: 19-end

PCC vacancies

We are currently looking to fill the posts of Parish Safeguarding Officer, PCC Secretary and Electoral Roll officer. If you may be interested, please contact Revd Julian or one of the churchwardens. Training will be offered.

If you have a **Children's Society collection box** please could you return it to Jane Harmsworth, or leave it at the back of the Church, as soon as possible? Many thanks.

Parish Giving Scheme: if you subscribe to this scheme and also use their website, please note that the website will be taken offline from 3pm Monday 13 October until a new, updated system launches on Thursday 30 October. This will not affect your existing contributions, but it will not be possible for you to make any changes to your contributions or personal details during this period.

Community Groups and Events

Harvest Festival donations: There is a volunteer at St Thomas à Beckett who kindly collects our regular donations from the back of church and takes them to the Food Bank. He is unable to take our harvest festival donations. If you would be able to collect them from the church (after the service or early next week) and deliver them to the foodbank, please contact Mike or Angela or email the Parish mailbox: strichardsaldwick@gmail.com

Coffee, Cake & Conversation: Saturday 27th September, 10.30am–12 noon in the Mosse Hall. We look forward to seeing you there for yummy cake and convivial conversation. We're looking for volunteers to run future events. If you would be willing, please contact Jayne Foulks: 07890 266404. It only takes one or two people, and full training can be provided on the coffee machine!

Quiz Night: Saturday 27th September, 6 for 6.30pm to 9.30pm in the Mosse Hall. £10 per person to include supper, though please feel free to bring your own drinks and snacks. Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church, or email the Parish mailbox: strichardsaldwick@gmail.com

A talk by Rev Celia Woodruff: Tuesday 7th October, 7.30pm, in the Mosse Hall. Celia worked at a senior level in the Home Office immigration department before she was ordained as a priest. She is going to share a taste of that work with us. All are welcome. It would be great to give Celia lots of support for this talk, especially after all the support she gave us during our interregnum. This will be hosted by the Mothers' Union.

Lunch on Sunday: The next Lunch on Sunday will be on **October 5th at 12.45pm**, following the Parish Family Eucharist. If you would be willing to organise this lunch, or any future lunches, with a friend or two, please have a word with Angela Purser or email the Parish mailbox strichardsaldwick@gmail.com

Knitted poppies: Thank you very much to everyone who has already knitted poppies and dropped them off. These will all be used for the Mothers' Union project to put on a big display in November, in the 80th anniversary year of peace in Europe and Japan. Barbara Cotton has begun putting together her creations from them. Please do keep going with more poppies to make decorations/hangings for inside and outside the church. If you haven't knitted any yet, but would like to, a pattern is available at the back of the church, or please contact Carole via email: carole.matthews@jrmail.co.uk

eBay and easyfundraising have teamed up to launch the £5,000 Big Give. They will donate ten £500 micro grants this autumn – and churches are eligible. We could automatically get a chance to receive £500 in extra funding if any of us buys from eBay via the easyfundraising website or app **during September. There are only a few days left!** To sign up to easyfundraising go to:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/strichardsaldwick/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1

SUPPORT FOR THE FOODBANK IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER.



Urgently needed this week: Tinned fruit, tinned meat, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, tinned/packet soup. We have plenty of: pulses.

