



**CELEBRATE, SHARE AND GROW IN CHRIST**

**14th September 2025 Trinity 13**

**Exodus 32.7-14; 1 Timothy 1.12-17; Luke 15.1-10**

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ **FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM** ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Hello!

It's been such a joy to come back to work this past week and see your lovely faces! I look forward to catching up with more of you in the weeks to come. Today's reading from 1 Timothy is a pastoral letter from the Apostle Paul, to Timothy. A significant element of this passage is Paul explaining his own sin. He doesn't shy away from his past, instead he reminds Timothy that he was 'a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence'. But through the grace and mercy that can be found in Christ Jesus, he was transformed.

So, what does this mean? We know that Jesus paid the ultimate price for our sins and God's abundant grace has the power to transform the hearts and minds of even the worst sinners. This freedom from sin is available to us. Through belief in Jesus and true repentance, He wipes the slate clean. He carries the cost of our sins and bares our shame. We are forgiven. The King of Kings calls us His own. He is our Living Hope.

We are also reminded of sin in our Gospel reading. Jesus welcomed in the sinners and sat and ate with them, much to the dismay of the Pharisees and scribes. He didn't care about being liked, he cared about the sinners. Jesus sees our true inner self and we are all welcomed by Christ. But because we are all welcomed by Christ, we have to honour Him in that, confess our sins and work to always be in relationship with him.

My prayer for you all for this week is that you don't feel weighed down by your sin - past or present - but that you take it to the foot of the Cross. That you leave it at the feet of Jesus and remember just how great the love of God is.

Luke 15:7 - 'I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance'.

An abundance of blessings, **Emily**

~~~~~ **SERVICES IN THE TEAM FOR THIS WEEK** ~~~~~

**SUNDAY**

8:00 am BCP HOLY COMMUNION, St John's Epping  
9:20 am ALL-AGE SERVICE, St John's Epping  
11:10 am MORNING WORSHIP, St Alban's Coopersale  
11:10 am MORNING WORSHIP, All Saints Epping Upland  
6:00 pm CHORAL EVENSONG, St John's Epping

**MONDAY**

8:45 am MORNING PRAYER, St John's Epping

**TUESDAY**

8:45 am MORNING PRAYER, St John's Epping  
9:30 am HOLY COMMUNION, St John's Epping

**THURSDAY**

10:00 am CHURCH MICE, St John's Epping

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**FRIDAY**

9:30 am MORNING PRAYER, St Alban's Coopersale

**ST JOHN'S IS OPEN DAILY FOR PRIVATE PRAYER,**  
except Bank Holidays or other specific occasions.

**READINGS NEXT WEEK, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025 Trinity 14**

**Amos 8.4-7; 1 Timothy 2.1-7; Luke 16.1-13**

**CHILDRENS' GROUPS IN ST JOHN'S from September**, we will slightly change the age ranges for the groups, as follows:

Little Lambs – Babies to Reception  
Sunday School – Year 1 to Year 5  
Go Gen – Year 6 to Year 10  
All groups will return on 21<sup>st</sup> September.

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ **READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY** ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

**1 Timothy 1, 12 - 17**

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**LUKE 15, 1 - 10**

All the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near Jesus to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

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~ ~ ~ ~ ~ **FOR OUR PRAYERS DURING THE WEEK** ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

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| <b>Monday</b>    | For the congregation and parish of <b>St John's Epping</b> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | For anyone who is physically or mentally disabled and those who care for them.                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | For those who have found safety from war, oppression and natural disaster.                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | For all pupils and teachers of Coopersale Primary School.                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Friday</b>    | For the Ministry Team, especially for our Rector and Liz Gloyn (who is about to join the team); for all who contribute to, or lead, our services: for those who lead our meetings, those who carry out 'behind the scenes' activities and those who help fundraising in the Team. |

**Those who are sick and for whom prayers have been asked:**

Graham, June, Caroline, Harriet Breen, David, Jean Goldsmith.

Please note that names will appear here for a short time only, unless the request to the Team Office is repeated.

**Those who have died recently, their family and friends:**

Grace Gough, Alicia Heard.

**Those whose anniversary of death occurs during this week:**

14<sup>th</sup> September, Herbert Creed, Francis Sampson, Charles Toseland, Norman Lansdown-Davis; 15<sup>th</sup>, Norman Saville, John Mynott, Edith Luck, Paul beard, Kathleen Cook; 16<sup>th</sup>, Daphne Corbyn, Iris Silwood, John Edwards; 17<sup>th</sup>, Emma Walker, Dennis Tyson, Maurice Williams; 18<sup>th</sup>, Harriet Cumber, Nellie Booth, John Haywood, Edward Fenner, Kathleen Loy; 19<sup>th</sup>, Vincent Smith; 20<sup>th</sup>, Christopher Morris, Gerald Tyson.

**COLLECT for this Sunday.**

Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace:  
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake;  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

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----- **FOR YOUR INFORMATION** -----

**PRAYER FOR THE HEART OF EPPING PROJECT.** The PCC of St John's Epping will be meeting on 13th October to consider the next steps in the Heart of Epping project. Our Team Rector has written a prayer, please consider using this daily between now and then as our leaders in Christ seek to discern God's call for the church.

**Almighty God; who gave to George Bodley a vision to design a church building for Epping which proclaimed your glory, give to your people who worship You at St John's the faith to build on what has gone before, the wisdom to discern Your will for the future and the boldness to bring it to good effect. on the One foundation, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**MINDFUL ART** A free painting session in **St John's** church from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month.

**CRAFT GROUP** will meet in **St John's** on **24<sup>th</sup> September**, 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

**MAINTENANCE MORNING IN ST JOHN'S CHURCH** The next session is planned for Saturday **4<sup>th</sup> October 2025**, from 9:30 am to lunchtime. Thanks to all those who helped last week when an enormous amount of work was done, saving the church approximately £225.

**FOODBANK COLLECTION POINT in St John's.** There is a **desperate need** of items to give our support to those that are in need and use the Epping service. Ask Roger Lowry for the list of '**URGENT most needed**' shopping.

**UNPLEASANT ODOUR IN ST JOHN'S CHURCH.** Despite efforts checking possible sources, there is still an occasional unpleasant odour in the church. If you smell it, please let a member of the Fabric Committee, or a Church Warden, know where and when in the church it was.

**HEATERS FOR SALE as used in St John's.** Some electric heaters are for sale. The black patio heaters are £9.77 each (4 available) and the fan heaters are £22.50 each (5 available). See Nick Wold.

**FUN DOG SHOW. All Saints Epping Upland** are holding their annual event on **TODAY** at 3:00 pm. Refreshments (especially their renowned cakes) will be available in the church.

**FORGET- ME - NOT Songs of Praise** with Light Refreshments , on the 5<sup>th</sup> October in St. John's Church, Epping at 3:00 pm. This event is for everyone so please do come and join us.

**BRING-A-BOTTLE Sundays** will be held in **St John's** this month as we prepare for the **Christmas Tree Festival**. Please bring a bottle or something else for the Tombola and place it in the box by the Font. Thanks, Kate and Cathy

**ROAD WORKS** Essential road works are taking place in Epping at Bakers Lane and Cottis Lane from 8<sup>th</sup> September for approximately 16 weeks.

**FUNERAL at All Saints.** Grace Gough's funeral will take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 11:00 am

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~ ~ ~ ~ ~ **FROM THE TEAM RECTOR** ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

**SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025 Trinity 14**

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP) at **St John's** Epping

9:20 am Sung Communion at **St John's** Epping

11:10 am Holy Communion at **All Saints** Epping Upland

11:10 am Holy Communion at **St Alban's** Coopersale

6:00 pm Evening Service with Steve and Diana at **St John's** Epping

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION** The next opportunity for Confirmation is this autumn. This service invites people to affirm promises made on their behalf when they were a child. The preparation course for adults will run for 6 weeks on Monday evenings at 5:30 pm in St John's House from

**22<sup>nd</sup> September.** The course will explore the basics of Christian belief and is open to all, even if you decide not to be confirmed at this time. Please book with Lisa in the Team Office (email address on the back page), Arrangements for teenagers will be published later. Please contact the clergy team if you have any questions.

**LIZ GLOYN, our new Curate**, will be ordained Deacon in Chelmsford Cathedral **TODAY** at 11:00 am. Please pray for her and her family.

**PIERS NORTHAM (a previous member of St John's)** is to be ordained as a priest on **Saturday 27th September** at St Mary-the-Virgin, Newport at 10:00 am. He will preside at the Eucharist for the first time at 5:00 pm on Sunday **28th September** at St Mary-at-Latton, Harlow.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL** services will be held in the churches of the Epping on:

**Sunday 28th September**, 11:10am at Epping Upland

**Sunday 5th October**, 11:10am at St Alban's Coopersale

**Sunday 12th October**, 9:20am at St John's Epping - with church parade.

In each church the collections will go to the Epping Food Bank to support their provision of food to those in poverty locally. Donations can be such as dried/tinned foods and toiletries (but no fresh produce).

**SUPPORTING THOSE LIVING IN THE BELL.** The local Care4Calais group are extremely grateful for the clothes donated to give to the residents at the Bell Hotel, and also for some items better suited for the families and children at the Phoenix in North Weald. As you know, the hotel is remaining open for some time yet and you may also have noticed that autumn has arrived. Any further donations of clothing, in particular small and medium sized items, will be most welcome. The collection box for donations remains in St John's Church. John Fry

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## ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ PLEDGED GIVING AND COLLECTIONS ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

There are many ways to financially support the mission and ministry of the parishes. We are grateful for the many ways and forms of giving which express our shared worship of Christ.

**COLLECTIONS IN SUNDAY SERVICES:** A cash collection is taken at Sunday and midweek services. Please don't feel any embarrassment to let it pass you by.

**PARISH GIVING SCHEME (PGS):** Similar to direct debit payments but set up an account by calling PGS on 0333 002 1271 providing your bank details plus your church PGS code which is:

Epping Upland, All Saints-0806-08029

Epping, St John the Baptist-0806-08028

Coopersale, St Alban the Martyr-0806-08027

**BACS** You can give to church by bank transfer; the sort codes and account numbers are listed here:

**St Alban's** 20-29-86, Account: 50776459

**St John's** 20-29-86, Account: 50357219, Epping PCC

**All Saints** 20-29-86, Account: 60359106, Epping Upland PCC

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**Please send us any prayer requests, or if you would like  
someone to pray for you.**

**St John's** has a 'T' loop: please ask for help if you need it.

**MOBILITY AIDS** are at the back of **St John's** for use in church.

You can follow **St John's**, **All Saints** and **St Alban's** on  
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