

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

7th September 2025



A service using Reserved Sacrament

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.

Post Communion

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.

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Jeremiah 18: 1-11

Jacqui

18 This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: ² “Go down to the potter’s house, and there I will give you my message.” ³ So I went down to the potter’s house, and I saw him working at the wheel. ⁴ But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.

⁵ Then the word of the Lord came to me. ⁶ He said, “Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?” declares the Lord. “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel. ⁷ If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, ⁸ and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. ⁹ And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, ¹⁰ and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it.

¹¹ “Now therefore say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, ‘This is what the Lord says: Look! I am preparing a disaster for you and devising a plan against you. So turn from your evil ways, each one of you, and reform your ways and your actions.’

Philemon 1-21

Pauline

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker— ² also to Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier—and to the church that meets in your home:

³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. ⁷ Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord’s people.

⁸ Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, ⁹ yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus— ¹⁰ that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus,^[b] who became my son while I was in chains. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

¹² I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. ¹³ I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. ¹⁴ But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favour you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. ¹⁵ Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever— ¹⁶ no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. ²⁰ I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

Luke 14: 25-33

Paul

²⁵ Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ²⁶ “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

²⁸ “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹ For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰ saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

³¹ “Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³ In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

Music

Complete Anglican

Processional	Amazing grace how sweet the sound	29
Kyrie		962
Gloria		Murray
Gradual	God is love, let heaven adore him	217
Offertory	Lord of all hopefulness	413
Communion	Spirit of the living God	615
Recessional	O Jesus, I have promised	503

Notices

Fire escape

In case there is a need to evacuate church, please make yourself familiar with the fire exit routes before the service starts.

Compline

There won't be a Compline service for the next three weeks. We will begin again on Wednesday 1st October.

Quiet Morning – 13th September

A last call if you would like to attend next Saturday. Please let Fr Alex know today.

Dates for your diary

MacMillian Coffee Morning 27th September 11am at St Michael and All Angels church.

Harvest supper at St Michael & All Angels church on Saturday 4th October.

Christmas Fayre at St Michael & All Angels church on Saturday 22nd November.

Advent course

More details in due course but make a note of the dates of an Advent course exploring the theology/doctrine in some popular advent hymns. Each Monday starting on the 24th November and finishing on the 22nd December 10.30am (for around 75 minutes) at St Michael & All Angels church.

Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival on Sunday 5th October and will be taking a collection of dried food products offered during the service to support the work of Birmingham City Mission's food bank.

Creationtide 2025

The church annually sets aside a period of time which is dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. This year Creationtide runs from the 1st September until the 4th October. There is a simple prayer activity available at the back of church to help us enter more fully into this important season. Please take one, stick it on your fridge ticking off the prayers as you complete them.

Prayers

Saint Benedict's church

Lord, you work through all things for good. We hold before you our funding bid to conduct a feasibility study on the church hall. May the deliberations and outcome enable us to do your will more fully, serving more deeply those who live in Bordesley.

Saint Cyprian's church

Thank you for the blessings that flow through the buildings that we have access to. Clear our sight and build up our will so that we may both see and commit to all that you would have happen with the Memorial Hall.

Saint Michael & All Angels church

As Harvey Road pre-school return after a summer break, we pray for those children who will come to pre-school for the first time and for the new staff that they may find the change freeing and inspiring.

Saint Mary's church

As The new initiative of Bishops Michael and Esther begin, may we all take time to pray and particular hold five people in those prayers, that we know need your loving support.

Prayers at St Cyprian's church

We pray for all those who are in need at this time, for

Ollie, Beryl, Clarice, Harold, Maureen, Andy Newman.

We remember those who have died in faith... Irene Abbots and for those whose years mind is in September ... Alice Ryder, Caroline Briggs, Betty Saunders, Mabel Saunders, Colin Bentley, Linda Partridge