



## **Pew Sheet for 7 September 2025**

*A warm welcome to everyone attending the 9.30am service*

### **The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

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

#### **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.

#### **Hymns:**

- 202** Holy Holy Holy Lord God Almighty
- 449** God of Grace and God of Glory
- 390** Blessed Assurance Jesus is mine
- 538** O Jesus I have promised to serve
- 386** Be Though my Vision

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:

## Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to  
Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

## **Luke 14:25-33**

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

### **Post-communion prayer:**

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.

## Dates for your diary

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

From this month there will be an **8am service on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month**

**September Knit and Natter dates - Wednesday 10th September**  
10.30am in the Leverton Room. Enquiries Kate Nowak.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September** the annual Church barbecue will be held at 12 after the morning service. If you would like to attend, then please pay £5 on the day. Salads and puddings are most welcome! Enquiries Sara Tomlin

**Saturday 13th September - HERITAGE OPEN DAY**, 11am-5pm. Displays about 130 years of St Mary's, local birds, architecture and WP Athletic Club; organ music. Enquiries David Rymill

**Sunday 14th September - 3pm. Thanksgiving Service for our Pets.** If you are coming along with pets, please keep them with you all the time. All are very welcome.

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September - 1pm service to Celebrate the Life for John Richardson**  
Any enquiries re photo or food contributions please speak to or contact sarablairtomlin@gmail.com

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Festival - 9.30am followed by** a Bring and Share Harvest Lunch at 12pm. Enquiries to Sara Tomlin

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October - Civic Service - 9.30am** with the Mayor of Epsom & Ewell

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - 11am** Christmas Homemade Sunday.  
Enquiries to Sara Tomlin

**The social committee has also planned the below –**  
Quiz Night - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October ***Enquiries: Sara & Daphne***