

COLLECT

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy scriptures
to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and
inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the
comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever
hold fast the hope of
everlasting life,
which you have given us in our
Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with
you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 45:22-end

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD: Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return: "To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear." Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; all who were incensed against him shall come to him and be ashamed. In the LORD all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory.

PSALM Psalm 119:129-136

R *When your word goes forth it gives light.*

Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with all
my heart.
When your word goes forth it
gives light;
it gives understanding to the
simple. **R**

I open my mouth and pant;
I long for your commandments.
Turn to me in mercy,

as you always do to those who
love your name. **R**

Steady my footsteps in your
word;
let no iniquity have dominion
over me.

Rescue me from those who
oppress me,
and I will keep your
commandments. **R**

Let your countenance shine
upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.
My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep
your law. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 15:1-6

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbour for the good purpose of building up the neighbour. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL Luke 4:16-24

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

When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his

custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town."

POST COMMUNION

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the
hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your
heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and
living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now
and for ever.

October 26th 2025 – Last Sunday after Trinity

Parish of the Harwich Peninsula

LLM: Local Licensed Ministers in the diocese of Chelmsford are likely to lead worship and preach; they may teach and encourage other lay ministers; they pay attention to the connections between faith and daily life; they are expected to minister beyond their parish boundaries, and they commit to serving for 5 years. In 2026 Julie Teatheredge and Liz McLeod will both be training for this ministry. Do pray for them as they study and prepare.

Local Ministry and the Parish Share 2026: Parish Share is the amount the diocese of Chelmsford seek from us for the ministry we get each year; that includes 2 priests with their housing, stipends and all the support the diocese give with safeguarding, training, etc. In 2024 the amount requested was £50,832, we paid £44,224. For 2025 the request is £56,010. By September this year we had paid £6,600. In 2026 the request is £58,290. That may seem a lot but the actual cost is £202,258, meaning we will get a subsidy of £143,968. A leaflet from the diocese explaining the figures is in each church this Sunday. Clearly what we pay and what we get are getting further apart.

Remembrance Sunday: there is no 10.30am service at All Saints on Sunday the 9th November as the service takes place at the Dovercourt War Memorial. Then 3pm at St Nicholas.

Salvation Army Foodbank: are desperate for plastic bags for people to use when collecting food. You are welcome to put them in the collection box in each church.

Shanty Festival: there were 90 people at the new service and £223 was collected. Over 3000 people came through the doors of St Nicholas over the weekend.

All Saints 900: the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, the Rt. Rev. and Rt. Hon. Guli Francis-Dehqani will preside and preach on Sunday 2nd November at 10.30am. There will be light refreshments after the service with sandwiches, nibbles and cakes, together with tea and coffee. Then at 3pm there is a special concert with 'Choral Tradition and the Harwich Village Band': A celebration of Nine Centuries in music and spoken word. Free. See the posters for more information.

Advent Calendars: there is an Advent Calendar that is specifically Christian from the Meaningful Chocolate Company. They are £5 each and can be ordered from Ian.

The Rev. Kirsty Emerson: is taking 27th October - 3rd November as leave.

Leading Your Church Into Growth (LYCIG): over the next few weeks you may hear members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and the Ministry Team talk about LYCIG. Both have had an introduction to it and we will share with the congregations. It involves us growing in 3 dimensions – numerically, spiritually and in service of the community. It seeks to do this by Prayer; Presence (being where things are happening already); Persuasion (helping people understand the Christian faith; Proclamation (evangelism) and Perk, making what we already do a little better and more explicitly Christian.

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

Married in October: Our next weddings are in November

Departed in September/October: Peter Oakley; Sheila Honeywood

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 Saturday of every month (except August and December): Messy Church in the Esplanade Hall from 2-4pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, please visit our social media:

www.harwichparish.co.uk or www.achurchnearyou.com or our Facebook pages.

<https://www.facebook.com/> All Saints Church Dovercourt or St Nicholas Church Harwich or St Michael's Church Ramsey or Messy Church at the Esplanade Hall