



26th October 2025

19th Sunday after Trinity

In here you'll find today's hymns and readings, and this week's notices to use alongside the Ordinary Time Holy Communion order of service.

Opening Hymn: God of mercy God of grace

God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of thy face.
Shine upon us, Savior, shine,
fill thy Church with light divine,
and thy saving health extend
unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;
be by all that live adored.
Let the nations shout and sing
glory to their Saviour King;
at thy feet their tribute pay,
and thy holy will obey.

Let the people praise thee, Lord;
earth shall then her fruits afford;
God to us a blessing give,
We to God devoted live;
all below, and all above,
one in joy, and light, and love.

*Collect*¹

God, be merciful to us sinners.
We cannot easily stand and claim
That we are better or purer than anyone else.
We are much reduced as people,
having spent our lives in point-scoring and resentment.
Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you will erase the record.
In your protest against piety,
you pour down your torrents of goodness
on those who stand far off in humility to pray.
Amen.

¹ Graham Turner, *Alternative Collects: Prayers to a Disruptive & Compassionate God*, Sacristy Press, 2018, page 101

First Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8

⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Gradual hymn: Just as I am

Number 308 in Common Praise

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:9-14

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰ ‘Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, “God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.” ¹³ But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.’

Offertory Hymn: Love divine, all loves excelling
Number 516 in Common Praise

Communion hymn: Breathe on me breath of God
Number 174 in Common praise.

Final hymn: Blessed assurance
Number 39 in Common praise.

NEWS AND NOTICES

UPCOMING SERVICES

Wednesday 29 th October 10am:	Holy Communion
Sunday 2 nd November 10:30am:	Holy Communion, All Saints
Sunday 2 nd November 6:30pm:	All Souls Commemoration
Wednesday 5 th November 10am:	Holy Communion
Sunday 9 th November 10:30am:	Family Remembrance Sunday

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers this week are the gift of Mrs L Farrier and Mrs R Clee.

PCC TREASURER NEEDED – URGENT

We urgently need someone to take on the role of Treasurer. This is an important role in the life of the church. You do not need to be an expert in finances, just a willingness to learn and computer literacy. Terry Daniels, our interim treasurer will work with you to ensure a handover and you will have the support of the Wardens and PCC. As a PCC member you will need to complete some Safeguarding modules and have an enhanced DBS. Please speak to Jenni or Terry if you think you may be able to take on this role.

HOLY COMMUNION SERVER(S) NEEDED

We are seeking a new member (or perhaps members!) to join our team of Holy Communion servers. This role includes assisting with the preparation of the altar, helping with the distribution of Holy Communion and clearing at the end of the service. Due to the nature of our building Servers need to be able to use stairs. Full training will be given, including Basic Awareness Safeguarding which is imperative for any volunteer role in the church. Please speak to Jenni or Ian if this interests you.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED: PARISH SAFEGUARDING COORDINATOR (PSC)

After over a decade in this role Anne Harris intends to step down at the next APCM. We are seeking to recruit in time for a smooth handover from Anne and for the next PSC to work alongside Mike Baynham as part of a team.

This role is; to work with the incumbent and PCC in promoting safeguarding within the parish, and to ensure that church leaders are implementing the Church of England's safeguarding guidance. The Parish Safeguarding Coordinator is the key link person between the parish and the Diocesan Safeguarding Team.

This role requires an enhanced DBS and completion of several training modules offered by the Diocese. Good computer literacy is essential for this as it includes working with a database.

If you think this might be something you would be interested in and God is calling you to consider it, please speak to Anne Harris or Jenni Crewes. We can offer you a more detailed role description.

Please pray for the right person to be recruited for this essential aspect of parish life.

St Hilda's Apple Chutney

You may have spotted some Apple Chutney at the recent bring-and-share lunch — made using apples from the tree outside the front of church.

If you missed it, good news: James has made another 19 jars! If you'd like one, please feel free to take a jar and leave a suggested donation

of £3 in the wall safe in the porch. James would also be happy to re-use the jars if returned to church.

CONSERVATOIRE CONCERTS

We have a full programme of concerts by students of the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, with lunchtime concerts at 1.00pm on the second Friday of the month, and evening concerts at 7.30pm mostly on the fourth Saturday of the month.

The programme this quarter is;

Friday 14th November 13.00, Mimi Raleigh, pianist

Saturday 29th November 19.30, String Quartet

Friday 12th December 13.00 Brass Quartet

Light refreshments are available after each concert, and there is usually an opportunity to talk with the performer(s). The concerts are free, but donations for church funds are welcome. Why not come along and join us, and please spread the information to anyone else who may be interested? More details are available from sthildasconcerts@gmail.com Angela, Terry and Marian.

PONDERING FAITH AND IDENTITY: SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER **10:30AM**

An opportunity to learn together over hot drinks and pastries as we consider what it means to follow Jesus. This session will give us a chance to explore how faith and national identity coexist and as we learn together from 10:30am until about 11:45am in the choir vestry.

ALL SOULS

Our All Souls Service will take place on **Sunday 2nd November at 6:30pm**. If you would like the name of a loved one read during the service email Jenni, or add their name to the list in the porch.

Parish Litter Pick - Thursday 30 October, 11am-12pm

All are welcome to join in with the litter pick as we continue our journey around the parish boundary. We will meet outside

Thimblemill Library. We have a limited number of litter pickers and high-vis vests available, bring your own if you have them. Please bring gloves!

This week please pray for;

- Sarah and Lee as they get married.
- Diane and Jenni as they offer chaplaincy at Cygnet hospital.
- All who mourn, especially those who are attending our All Souls Service.
- Our parish litter pick.
- All who find the school holidays difficult.



PARISH LITTER PICK

Put on your gloves and join us for litter picking as we help to make our community cleaner and greener.
Come along and make a difference!

Thursday 30 October 2025

11am - 12 noon

Meet outside Thimblemill Library



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<u>Safeguarding information</u> 1. Never promise to keep a secret. 2. Assure the person that what they say will be taken seriously. 3. You might say "I will have to talk about what you have told me to the Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator or the Vicar or the Bishop's Safeguarding Advisor, and this will be with as much confidentiality as is possible". http://www.sainthildawarleywoods.co.uk/SAFEGUARDING.html		

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