

Sunday

5 October 2025 Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear
the prayers of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

FIRST READING

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

A reading from the book of the prophet Habakkuk.

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous – therefore judgement comes forth perverted. I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

PSALM Psalm 37:1-9

R Put your trust in the Lord,
take your delight in him.

or

R Wait patiently for the Lord.

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
For they shall soon wither like the grass,

and like the green grass fade away.
Put your trust in the Lord and do good;
dwell in the land and feed on its riches. **R**

Take delight in the Lord,
and he shall give you your heart's desire.
Commit your way to the Lord
and put your trust in him,
and he will bring it to pass.
He will make your righteousness as clear as the light
and your just dealing as the noonday. **R**

Be still before the Lord
and wait patiently for him.
Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers,
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land. **R**

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God – whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did – when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who

saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

GOSPEL Luke 17:5-10

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

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

POST COMMUNION

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Parish of the Harwich Peninsula

Harvest Thanksgiving: each church will mark Harvest Thanksgiving today. The donations of food will all be going to the Salvation Army Foodbank in town.

Homeless Sunday: today is Homeless Sunday. The increase in homelessness is 63% over 10 years, from just over 8000 to just over 13,000. The average age at death for homeless men is 47 and for women 43. A prayer you can say:

We pray today for all women and men who are homeless this day.

For those sleeping under bridges, on park benches, in doorways or bus stations outside high street shops and many other inappropriate places.

For those who can only find shelter for the night but must wander in the daytime.

For lives broken apart because they cannot afford to pay the rent.

For those who have no relatives or friends who can take them in.

For those who have no place to keep possessions that remind them who they are.

For those who are afraid and hopeless.

For those who have been let down and cast out.

For all these people, we pray that you will provide shelter, security and hope.

Help us not to fall into complacency and forgetfulness.

Jesus, help us to see your face in the eyes of every person experiencing homelessness who we meet. So that we may be empowered through word and deed, and by your grace, to bring justice and peace to those who are homeless. Amen.

Parish Giving: if you are currently giving to a specific church that continues, but any new regular, bank giving started, we encourage into the Parish account.

Shanty Festival: on Sunday October 12th there will be a Maritime Service at 10am at St Nicholas. This will be part of the festival and something different.

All Saints 900: we look forward to welcoming the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, the Rt. Rev. and Rt. Hon. Guli Francis-Dehqani on Sunday 2nd November at 10.30am to preside and preach. Joan Hurst will be interested in hearing your views on making more of the refreshments after the service and she has a plan!

Facebook: St Michael's has 184 followers, All Saints 500 and St Nicholas 350. Have you clicked on us to say you are following? We give regular updates there.

Little Saints: the wonderful toddler group at St Michael's in the Millennium Room restarted. It is 9.30am – 11am and support volunteers to be with our amazing Children and Families Worker, Tracey Tyrrell are always welcome.

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

Married in September: Henry Austin Somervell and Jo Anne Frances Bowen; Simon Christopher Day and Helen Louise Benham

Departed in September: Anne Roberts; Fraser James Morrison

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, November and December): Messy Church in the Esplanade Hall from 2-4pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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