

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is
before,
we may run the way of your
commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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 Genesis 32:22-31

A reading from the book of Genesis.

At night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

PSALM Psalm 121

R *My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.*

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth. **R**

He will not let your foot be moved
and he who watches over you will
not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch
over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep; **R**

The Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your
right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike
you by day,
nor the moon by night. **R**

The Lord shall preserve you from
all evil;
it is he who shall keep you safe.
The Lord shall watch over your
going out
and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore. **R**

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from

listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

GOSPEL Luke 18:1-8

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

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

POST COMMUNION

We praise and thank you, O Christ,
for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is
renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is
given,
when we shall feast at that table
where you reign
with all your saints for ever.

October 19th 2025 – Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Parish of the Harwich Peninsula

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. Up to the end of September this year we had paid £6,600. In 2026 the request is £58,290. While that may seem a lot 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. But clearly what we pay in and what we get are now getting further apart.

Clocks: go back one hour, ready for Winter, on the evening of the 25th October.

Harvest Thanksgiving: it is wonderful that each church marked Harvest Thanksgiving last Sunday with donations of food going to the Salvation Army Foodbank in town. Debbie Tubby at the Foodbank sent her grateful thanks as the produce was dropped off this week.

Shanty Festival: there were 90 people at the new service and £223 was collected.

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. There will be light refreshments after the service with sandwiches, nibbles and cakes, together with tea and coffee.

Advent Calendars: there is an Advent Calendar that is specifically Christian from the Meaningful Chocolate Company. Sadly it is not available in supermarkets. It comes with a 24 page Christmas story-activity book. There is a chocolate for 25 days. They are £5 each and can be ordered from Ian if you would like to give them to grandchildren or your neighbours children.

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.

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