

# ✠ 18th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY ✠

200th Bicentenary Year

## 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.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Genesis 32.22-31

That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. Then the man said, 'Let me go, for it is daybreak.' But Jacob replied, 'I will not let you go unless you bless me.' The man asked him, 'What is your name?' 'Jacob,' he answered. Then the man said, 'Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.' Jacob said, 'Please tell me your name.' But he replied, 'Why do you ask my name?' Then he blessed him there. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.' The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip. Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the tendon attached to the socket of the hip, because the socket of Jacob's hip was touched near the tendon.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather round them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL

Luke 18.1-8

Alleluia, alleluia, Pray always and do not lose heart, for the Lord hears the cries of His people.

**Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

*The Widow and  
the unjust Judge.*



A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: 'In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, "Grant me justice against my adversary."

'For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, "Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!"'

And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you; he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Lord, receive these gifts we bring.

Bless them to your service and us to your will,

that all we offer and all we are

may be used for your glory and the good of your

Church. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER 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.

**Amen**

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## ✠ ST GEORGE'S CHORLEY ✠

### NOTICES FOR 19TH OCTOBER

**WELCOME** - as we gather together to hear from God in His word, and to receive God in the Sacrament.

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**YOUTH WORKER – great news!** Our application for funding towards a Parish Youth Worker has been successful. We now begin planning the next step.

**PARISH MAGAZINE** - Today is the deadline for material for the November edition of The Messenger. Contributions please to [acvgibson@outlook.com](mailto:acvgibson@outlook.com) or to Chris Gibson.

**INTERNATIONAL AID SHOEBOX APPEAL** - We are once more supporting this worthy cause. Please see the display in church where you can pick up printed shoeboxes and leaflets or wrap your own box if preferred. Information on the delight these boxes bring can be found in September's magazine or [www.internationalaidtrust.org.uk](http://www.internationalaidtrust.org.uk). Boxes to be returned by 2nd November. Thank you. Mission and Discipleship Team.

**JOIN US ON SATURDAY 29th NOVEMBER** - for the annual **Christmas Fair**, held this year inside the Church Hall only. The fair opens at 10.30am by very special guests and closes at 1.30pm. You will find all the usual fun and games, as well as a great selection of stalls including: White Elephant, Bottle tombola, Crafts and festive gifts, Cakes and Preserves, Children's toys, Scouts & Guides games and gifts, Pop-up café, a visit from Santa, Children's Crafts, Teddy and Chocolate tombola and Mothers Union Gift Bag stall. **Run-up to the big day:** You could help us make the fair a really successful event (and our main fundraiser for the year) by bringing in the following in the weeks running up to the fair:

- Bottles (all types, including toiletries and alcoholic/non-alcoholic)
- Chocolate for the chocolate tombola
- Great condition teddies, children's toys
- Good quality goods for the white elephant stall

Also - can you help us find some raffle prizes? We would be grateful for a raffle prize to add to the Grand raffle. Would your hairdresser donate a haircut, your garage a free MOT, your favourite restaurant a meal for 2? In Summary: Drop off at back of church and please follow the notices directing where each type of contributions are to be left. It would be really helpful if you can sort your donations into the correct area rather than leaving them mixed together in one bag: (See table opposite....) Thank you, *Sara Shingler*.

#### Our hymns this morning

Processional **400** Like a mighty river flowing  
Gradual **410** Lord, for tomorrow and its needs  
Offertory **259** Hail to the Lord's anointed  
Communion Choir: *Thou knowest, Lord, the secret of our hearts*  
**250** Great Shepherd of thy people  
**323** In heavenly love abiding  
Post Communion **525** One more step along the world I go

Please place donated Xmas items in the crates marked below:

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| <b>October</b>        | Bottles - all bottles, including shampoo, wine, fizzy pop - for the bottle tombola              |
|                       | Good quality Toys for the Toy stall & Teddies/soft toys - for the Teddy tombola                 |
|                       | Chocolate - for the Chocolate tombola (Sunday club are also requesting these from the children) |
| <b>November</b>       | White Elephant goods & Raffle Prizes                                                            |
|                       | New/good used condition toys                                                                    |
| <b>For on the day</b> | Cakes & bakes for the cake stall                                                                |

**BICENTENNIAL SERVICE** – a huge thank you from Jordan, myself and the Wardens to all of you who attended our special service last Sunday. Particular thanks go to the volunteers who manned the refreshments, marshalled the service or contributed in any way. Take a pat on the back! **Fr Peter**.

**FLOWER ROTA** – we urgently need new people to join the rota. If you are interested please contact Freda Armstrong – 01257 262918. Also please support our work through the "Bottle Raffle" – tickets on sale in the Church Hall.

**APPLICATIONS TO ST MICHAEL'S HIGH SCHOOL** - please hand in the church attendance forms to any of the Churchwardens **no later than 31st October 2025**. Also, make sure you have taken a copy of all documentation before you hand them in.

#### VACANCY PRAYER

You are encouraged to please use this prayer daily.

**Heavenly Father,**

**In this time of waiting, we place our trust in You.**

**Keep us unified as a parish and faithful in prayer.**

**Send down your Holy Spirit to guide those responsible for choosing our new incumbent.**

**May the one chosen be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people, ready to serve us with joy, build us in faith and grow our church family.**

**We ask this in Jesus's name. Amen.**

Please remember in your prayers:

**Marian Crossthwaite, Harold Dunseath, Linda Eubank,**

**Richard Wilk, Simon Newell, Margaret Salisbury,**

**Norman Whittaker, Dorothy Treadwell,**

also the families of the recently departed:

**Stephen Moss, Fr Robert Moore,**

**Steven Turner, Alan Fairclough**

Also for those whose years' mind falls at this time:

**Jessie Bibby, Fred Dickinson**