FOR OUR PRAYERS

SICK: Yvonne Longsden, Bill Gow, Marlene Fitton, Barry Tootill, Hazel Robinson, Harry Mullen, Brian Schofield, Nancy Birtwistle; All in nursing homes, care homes or hospices; We also pray for anyone who is awaiting test results.

RIP: 5th - Constance Dyson, Joy Kenyon; 6th - Jack Longbottom, Joyce Hayes, Anthony Nuttall; 8th - Harold Laycock, Thomas Jones;

John Turner;

Secondary School Signing for Admissions September 2026

The process for requesting signed supplementary forms is:

10th - May Wilkinson, Hilda Platt,

- 1. Bring an application form for each school you wish to apply for into church from now until **Sunday**, 12th October, which will be the final date. Please ensure that you have completed all the information that you need to supply.
- **2.** When you bring the form(s) into church please sign up for a slot to pick up the form(s).
- **3.** The pick up date is **Monday**, **20th October.** If that date is unsuitable please speak to **Revd Liz or Margaret** when you drop the form(s) off.

For parish contacts, see narthex notice board.
Church phone: 0161 652 4006
This is an answerphone, if urgent please contact the vicar or one of the wardens.

Income Survey

From Sunday, 5th October for four weeks we will be carrying out the diocese's Annual Income Survey which is used to calculate the level of parish share we are asked for. Parish share is used to contribute to the costs of, amongst other things: clergy costs, training for all church officers and volunteers. Regular members of our congregations are asked to complete a confidential and anonymous form indicating their level of income.

Forms will be in the narthex and the people on duty will point them out to you. There will be a box in the narthex for completed forms.

Please only fill in a form if you are aged 16 or over and have attended **this** church at least twelve times in the past twelve months.

The forms are individual so only **mark** the box relevant to your income by filling it in with black ink. Please only fill in one form over the four week survey period.

If you worship at more than one church, please complete the form only at your 'home' church.

Please would everyone who is eligible complete a form even (and especially) if you have no or little personal income.

If you have any queries please see one of the Wardens. Thank you.

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"Living out our call to share the Gospel in Faith, Hope and Love"

5th October 2025 Trinity 16 HYMNS

503, 174, 221, 629, 378, 161, 716

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Sunday, 5th

9:00am Choral Eucharist

Tuesday, 7th

9:30am Parent & Toddler 12:30pm Luncheon Club

2:00pm Drop In

Thursday, 9th

9:45am Dressmaking 6:00pm All Age Worship 7:15pm Choir Practice

Saturday, 11th

9:15am 1st Holy Comm. Prep

Harvest Festivals

Our collection of items for the food bank finishes at our Harvest Festivals on **12th and 16th October**. We will also be having a cash collection at each service which will go to **Child Poverty Action Group,** who work in the UK.

Thank you to everyone who has already donated food.

First Reading

Habakkuk 1. 1-4, 2. 1-4

A Reading from the Book of 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.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1. 1-14

A Reading from Paul's Second Letter 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 vou. 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!"

Sanctuary Light Dedication

This week's Sanctuary Light
has been dedicated
'In Memory of Alan & Connie Morris'



Raffles

Thank you to everybody who has already donated a bottle. There will be another raffle later in the year so donations are still welcome.

Luncheon Club

We are in need of volunteers to help with our Luncheon Club between **12noon and 2:00pm on Tuesdays**. If you are able to help or would like more information please speak to

Ann Tattersall or one of the wardens. Thank you.