



Pew Sheet for 19 October 2025

A warm welcome to everyone attending the 9.30am service

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Please come into the hall for refreshments after the 09:30 service.

Collect:

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns:

CP443	God is Our Strength and Refuge
CP496	Lead us Heavenly Father Lead Us
CP385	Be thou my guardian
EWS148	Purify My Heart (Source 436)
EWS156	Spirit of the Living God (Source 462)
CP435	Great is they faithfulness

Although there is no formal collection during the offertory hymn, please feel free to make a contribution to the work of St. Mary's either in the Treasury box at the back of church, or using the card reader, also at the back of church. Thank you.

Readings:

2 Timothy 3.14-4.5

But as for you, 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.

Luke 18.1-8

Then Jesus ^{*} told them 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 prayer:

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.

Dates for your diary

Sunday 2nd November – All Saints’ and All Souls’ Day

3.00 pm, Memorial Service of Comfort - A gentle service for all who wish to remember loved ones who have died, whether recently or long ago. There will be an opportunity to light a candle and hear the names of loved ones remembered during the service, if you wish.

6.00 pm Choral Service with special readings, hymns, and anthems led by the Choir - reflecting the meaning of this special day.

Monday 3rd and Wednesday 5th November - Knit & Natter - Monday 3rd 7.30pm and Wednesday 5th 10.30am both in the Leverton Room.

Saturday 8th November - Mayor Poppy Wreath Laying - at 12.40pm
the Mayor will arrive at St Mary's to lay a wreath (greeted by Rev Canon Dr Joshva Raja, Vicar of St Mary's & Cllr Graham Jones)

Sunday 9th November - Remembrance Day - 10.30 am Family Parade Service joining with members of the Uniformed Organisations, as we remember those who gave their lives in the service of this country.

16th November - Safeguarding Sunday - 9.30 am Sung Holy Communion service, focussing on creating safe spaces for all, in the church, family and community

Sunday 23rd November - Christmas Fair 11am to 2pm - In order to make this a success we really need some help with gift ideas. We would love you to make (or buy) Christmas decorations, craft items, Christmas-themed presents. Your creativity knows no bounds! We would also like donations of luxury food items, pet items or accessories, bottles (within date), gifts. Many thanks. [Enquiries to Sara Tomlin](#)

30th November is Advent Sunday and Gift Day - a conversation on Stewardship and gifts to the church and a conversation on mission strategies of St Marys after the service

30th November - 6.00 pm 'From Darkness to Light' A gentle, reflective service to begin Advent – the Season of Waiting. Led by Maggie

Advent Bible Study, 'Waiting in Uncertain Times'

1st December - Led by Jason

8th December - Led by Maggie

15th December - Led by Maggie and Jason

7.30 – 8.30pm, on Mondays in the Church Hall