

COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son
into our hearts whereby we call you
Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom
to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children
of God;
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 Jeremiah 20:7-13

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Jeremiah cried out: O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him." But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Or **Genesis 21:8-21**

PSALM

Psalm 69:8-11. (12-17). 18-20

R *In your great mercy, answer me, O God.*

Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach,
and shame has covered my face.
I have become a stranger to my own kindred,
an alien to my mother's children. **R**

Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has
fallen upon me.

I humbled myself with fasting,
but that was turned to my reproach. **R**

[I put on sack-cloth also,
and became a byword among them.
Those who sit at the gate murmur
against me,
and the drunkards make songs about me.
But as for me, this is my prayer to you,
at the time you have set, O Lord: **R**

"In your great mercy, O God,
answer me with your unfailing help.
Save me from the mire; do not let me
sink;
let me be rescued from those who hate
me
and out of the deep waters.
Let not the torrent of waters wash over
me,
neither let the deep swallow me up;
do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon
me.] **R**

Answer me, O Lord, for your love is
kind;
in your great compassion, turn to me.
Hide not your face from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am in
distress.
Draw near to me and redeem me;
because of my enemies deliver me." **R**

SECOND READING Romans 6:1b-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL Matthew 10:24-39

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

Jesus summoned the twelve and sent them out with the following instruction: "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

POST COMMUNION

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us from knowing more than we can bear
until we may look upon you without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Bible Study: there is an opportunity to join a Bible Study at All Saints on Wednesday 24th June and 15th July 7-9pm. More details from Sioux Thorpe and on the flyers in each church. All are welcome – refreshments served.

Harwich Festival: St Nicholas church is in almost daily use as a venue for the festival. The Rector is now a Trustee of the festival. Perhaps one or two of the events will really attract you so do look out for the publicity. This evening at 7.30pm Harwich and Dovercourt Choral Society offer Sir Edward Elgar's Sea Pictures and Sir Charles Villiers Stanford's Songs of the Sea. Tickets are £12. We are also keen to promote and encourage young people so note that the Essex Youth Jazz Orchestra are in St Nicholas on Saturday 27th at 7.30pm – tickets available. There is a full programme available in each church.

St Nicholas: next Sunday we conclude the 3-part series with mirrors on who we are with a look at the church's outlook and its position on its lifecycle. The results from the three sessions will be written up and made available.

New Parochial Church Council: two dates: 8th July (Wednesday) at 7pm for a full meeting (venue to be confirmed) and 18th July (Saturday) a morning with Emma Sivyver, Colchester Area Mission Adviser. The morning will end with a free lunch. Venue to be confirmed.

Silverware at St Michael's: the church has some silverware donated in the 1830s by a local man. Sadly, the years have been unkind to it, and it got lots of bumps and bends. It has been in the workshop of master Silversmith Mark Munson of Ardleigh and should be returning restored and polished soon and then stored in bags to protect the pieces.

Ordination: some of you may recall the wonderful visit a year ago from Niall Murray-Clark, who spoke at Vocation Sunday 2025. He spoke at two of the churches. He is being ordained Deacon on Sunday 5th July at Sheffield Cathedral and the Dean and Niall have invited Ian to be part of the service. The services in the parish will be covered.

Tending Show: the show is 100 years old this year. It is an enormous event and has a church tent. Saturday 11th July. There are opportunities to volunteer, and the Rector enjoyed supporting the church tent last year.

Lime Court and Don Thomson: there is a short service with some hymns, message and prayer in each of these homes each month. We get 15-20 people at each, and many enjoy it hugely and like to talk afterwards. Please come along and support the services if you are free.

Hobbies in bloom: 26-28th June at St George Great Bromley Flower Festival; 10am daily. More information from Ian but open until 5pm Friday; 8pm Saturday and 5pm Sunday.

Church Wardens: Crispin Burdett (St Nicholas) and Joan Hurst (All Saints) were admitted as Wardens for the coming year by the Archdeacon at the Visitation Service last week and Ian named as Assistant Area Dean.

Baptised in June: None

Married in June: None

Departed in May: Deborah Louise Gordon; Mary Jean Brooksbank; Lesley Blanche Griggs; Peter Savage; Robert Sharp; John Thomas Edward Coles; Jon Derek Hunter; Russell Colin Garnier; Margaret Ruth Oates.

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

2nd Sunday of the month: Pop Up church at St Michael's at 3pm

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.

1st Tuesday of every month: Hymns and Service at Don Thomson Residential Home at 11am

2nd Monday of every month: Hymns and Service at Lime Court Residential Home at 11am

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