

Service Sheet

5 July 2026

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity



Welcome to Waltham St Lawrence Church! We are glad you are here. If you are here for the first time or visiting, please say hello to the sidesman. You can find out more about the church on our website at <http://wschurch.uk>

Rev'd Nnamdi Raphael Maduka - Vicar

Collect for The Fifth Sunday after Trinity:

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Reading: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

¹⁶ Jesus said 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, ¹⁷ "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn." ¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.' This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Evensong:

Introit

Almighty God (Thomas Ford)

Almighty God, Who hast me brought In safety to the present day,

Keep me from sin in heart and thought, And teach me what to do and say.

Psalm 56

Anthem

Make me an island (Lucy Walker)
Leave me alone with God as much as may be
As the tide draws the waters
Close in upon the shore
Make me an island, set apart
Alone with you, God, holy to you
Then with the turning of the tide
Prepare me to carry your presence
To the busy world beyond
The world that rushes in on me
Till the waters come again and
Fold me back to you

Announcements:

Church Tea 12th July at 2.30pm

Join us for the tea in the church grounds. Come rain or shine, nothing like a cup of tea and homemade cake to cheer a day!

Choir visit to St Albans Cathedral on 1st and 2nd August

Some of the music at this Evensong is in preparation for the choir's visit to St Albans Cathedral early August. Anyone wanting more details, especially if you would like to come along and support us, please contact Simon. M: 07717 472974
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3G – Three Generations

3G is on every Thursday in the Neville Hall from 10 -12 for a warm gathering and happy space for all 3 generations. Do pop in for a cuppa.

Confirmation

Contact Nnamdi or Gillian (Church Administrator) if you are interested in Confirmation. As a general rule, anyone who is over 10 years old, baptised and can answer for themselves could be ready for confirmation. Please email churchadmin@wslchurch.uk.

Streaming of services

If you're unable to attend a service, you can still stay connected and not miss a thing! Our services are streamed at
<https://www.youtube.com/@servicesfromwalthamstlawrence>

Main service is at 10.00am on 2nd 4th and, 5th Sundays and at 10.30am on 1st Sundays (All Age Service – *not streamed*) and on 3rd Sundays (Communion) - after St Lawrence Cafe at 9:15am. Choral Evensong is at 6.00pm on the 1st Sunday of every month.

Donations

We want this church to be here for generations to come, and we're truly grateful for every contribution people make. You're always a valued Friend of St Lawrence Church, whether you attend services or not. During the offertory/Collection hymn please consider donating to Waltham St Lawrence church. You may find it easiest to do so using the QR code below, or by using the link, <https://tinyurl.com/wslldonate> or with the card reader located in the middle of the church. If you would like to find out about regular giving to WSL, please speak to the Vicar or to a sidesman, or any member of the PCC.



Message from Revd Nnamdi Maduka

Please know that I am available should you wish to speak, whether for pastoral support, prayer, or simply a conversation. Do not hesitate to contact me; I would be glad to arrange a time to connect with you.

Phone: 0118 997798 Email: vicar@wslchurch.uk

Come to me,
all you who are
weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.

Mathew 11:28



Please feel free to take this home