



The Parish Churches of St Mary the Virgin, Gillingham,
St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour and St Nicholas, Silton



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Sunday 2 August The Ninth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 13)

CW Lectionary Rom. 9. 1 – 5; Matt. 14. 13 – 21

8:00am Said Mattins St Mary's Church, Gillingham

9:30am Parish Eucharist St Mary's Church, Gillingham

Hymns: 283, 762, 422, 452 (choir), 652

Prayers for healing are usually available after the 9:30am service in the side chapel at St Mary's

11:00am BCP Holy Communion St Nicholas Church, Silton

11:00am Morning Worship St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour *Hymns: 41, 58, 431, 564*

Thought for the Day by Revd Bernard

Of course Jesus would care about the many folk who came out into the wilderness and learn from him? I am sure that however many actually went out to find Jesus, that poor as they were, they would have brought something to eat however small. Nor would they come out without some water of their own. Failure to do that could be very serious for everyone?

This story repeats in the gospels. But my favourite version insists that Jesus did no miracle (other than inspire a child to show us the way? It was one of those 'Little ones, (innocent) children', that he is always stressing, are the ones who are really learning and transforming.

A little child is first to, offer his small portion to others, who have heard Jesus' message, and might otherwise have shared his poor provision. Perhaps inspiring all others who have come out with provisions, and who otherwise would have kept quiet. Jesus tells us all too often, that we must re-discover our innocence and share food, water, or other necessities with the poorest? Certainly we can be sure that Jesus is here inspiring us all to follow that example, in all humility and compassion! That is a miracle, most clearly demanded in his teaching to all of us! And especially now, when so much darkness surrounds us!

The real human transformation, demanded, is the willingness to actually 'CARE' for others!

Collect

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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.

Post Communion

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

For your thoughts and prayers

Norma Morris, Adam Cooke, Steve & Mary Rae, Roberta Wyatt, Rita Burns, Allen & Pauline Bryant, Carol Hebden, Diane Whitford, Anne Clarke, Shirley Lynch, Sandra Haward, David Clegg & family, Revd Nigel Done, Gillian Harding and Janet Botterill.

We commend to God's care all those who have died, and we pray for those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

READING Romans 9. 1 – 5

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans. I am speaking the truth in Christ. I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit. I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

GOSPEL Matthew 14. 13 – 21

When Jesus heard that Herod had beheaded John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Tuesday 4 August

9:30am – 9:45am CW Morning Prayer at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

Wednesday 5 August

9:30am – 9:45am CW Morning Prayer at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

10.30am Said Eucharist at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

10:30am – 12noon The Gillingham Men's Group at Rawson Court

2:00pm – 3:30pm Dementia Friendly Gillingham 'Singing Together' at Rawson Court

2:00pm – 4:30pm Eden Café and TerraCycle recycling in the Vicarage School Room



Thursday 6 August

9:30am – 9:45am CW Morning Prayer at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

10:00am – 12noon Eden Café and TerraCycle recycling in the Vicarage School Room

2:30pm – 4:00pm Dementia Friendly Gillingham 'Sing-a-Song of Praise' at The Malthouse Care Home



Friday 7 August

9.30am – 10:00am Informal Prayer Group at St Mary's Church, Gillingham

Saturday 8 August

10:00am – 12noon Meditation in the Vicarage School Room

12:30pm – 3:30pm Repair Café in the Vicarage School Room



Sunday 9 August The Transfiguration

CW Lectionary 2 Peter 1. 16 – 19; Luke 9. 28 – 36

9:30am Parish Eucharist

St Mary's Church, Gillingham

11:00am BCP Mattins

St Nicholas Church, Silton

11:00am Holy Communion

St Simon & St Jude, Milton on Stour

Cakes for the Gillingham & Shaftesbury Show

Please could all bakers start thinking what they are going to make for this year's Gillingham and Shaftesbury Show Church Tent (August 19 and 20). We prefer tray bakes, loaf cakes or small cupcakes for children. Nothing creamy, please.

For information, contact Kate Wickson 01747 833663.



Eden Café – Please note that Eden Café will be closed on Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20 August.