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Parish Communion / Trinity 8

26/07/26

Welcome

Methley with Mickletown Parish is a **Dog-Friendly** and **Inclusive Church** – a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate.



Prayers for those who are unwell
Peter, Ann, Sally, David, Michael,
Jack, May, John, Steve, Julie, Karen,
Joanne.

Today's Service 11am



Opening: 51 Be Thou my vision (Slane)

Gradual: 192 God of grace (Rhuddlan)

Offertory: 882 Lord of all
hopefulness

Communion: 702 Through all the
changing years (Wiltshire), 386 Jesus
the very thought of thee (St. Agnes)

Closing: 617 Stand up, stand up
(Morning Light)

President: Rev Terry Williams

Reader: John Wilson

Intercessor: Peter Bloodworth

Chalice: Brenda Wilby

Welcomers: Jill Potts / Brenda
Wilby



Looking ahead in July/August:

Tuesday 28th Holy Communion at
St. Margaret's Hall 10am

Sunday 2nd **All Age Service** 11am

Tuesday 4th Holy Communion at
St. Margaret's Hall 10am

Sunday 9th **Trinity 10** Parish Communion
11am

Tuesday 11th Holy Communion at
St. Margaret's Hall 10am

Sunday 16th **Trinity 11** Service of the Word
11am

Tuesday 18th Holy Communion at
St. Margaret's Hall 10am

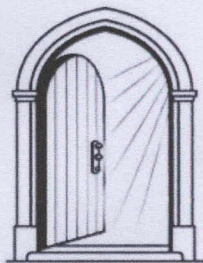
Sunday 23rd **Trinity 10** Parish Communion
11am



Methley Parish Prayer



Spirit of God,
move among us here in Methley;
make us one in heart and mind,
make us one in love.
Humble, caring, selfless, sharing; Spirit of God,
fill our lives with your
purpose and love,
Amen.



LIFE EVENTS *Meeting*

NEED TO BOOK A:



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THANKSGIVING
SERVICE



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ECO TIP FOR AUGUST 2026

Looking after wildlife in the heat ☀

Hot, dry weather can be tough on wildlife. A simple dish of fresh water can make a world of difference. It helps birds, insects and many other creatures to survive and thrive. Small acts of care help us live out our calling to cherish God's creation.



TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE
– for wildlife and for our planet.



PUT OUT FRESH WATER

Place shallow dishes of fresh water in your garden, churchyard or outdoor space.



ADD A STONE

Add a stone or pebble to help insects land safely and drink without drowning.



DON'T FORGET OTHER WILDLIFE

Hedgehogs, small mammals, foxes and even deer may benefit from a reliable source of water.



EVERY LITTLE ACTION COUNTS

Your small act of kindness can bring life, hope and refreshment to God's amazing creation.



"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it." Psalm 24:1

For more eco ideas and inspiration
sign up to A Rocha UK's Wild Christian email
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METHLEY WORKING MENS CLUB

Raising money for
Methley St. Oswald's Church Yard

Coffee Morning



TUESDAY 18TH AUGUST
10:00AM - 12:30PM

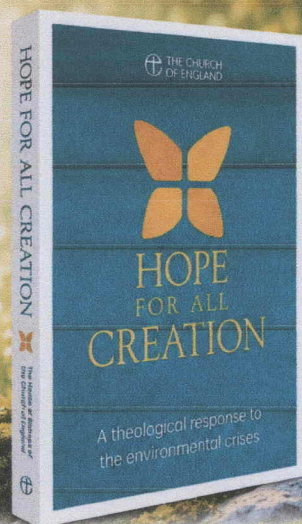
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**FESTIVAL OF
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First Sunday
in September



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AS A **GOLD ECO CHURCH**,
ST OSWALD'S, METHLEY IS
PROUD TO CARE FOR
GOD'S CREATION.



Let's continue to pray, act and hope
for all creation. ♥

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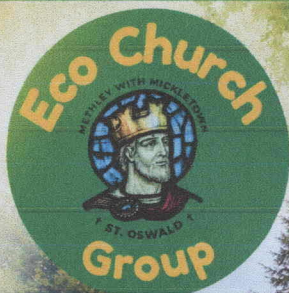
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God's creation and protect our wildlife. ♥



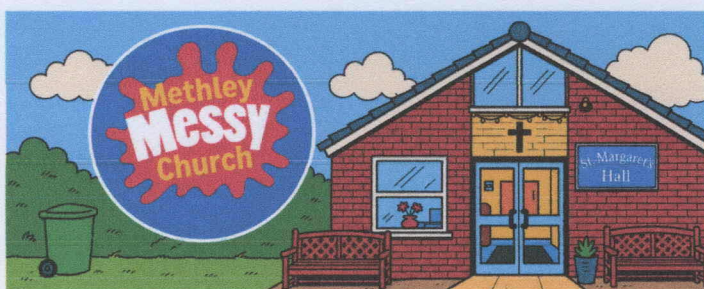
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Join us on
**Saturday
11th August
at 11am**

St. Oswald's Churchyard,
Methley



Messy Church
will be back after the summer holidays on
Sunday 20th September
3:30-5:30pm

Sunday

26 July 2026

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and
govern both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws and the works of
your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection,
both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
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.

FIRST READING 1 Kings 3:5-12

A reading from the first book of Kings.

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to
Solomon in a dream by night; and God
said, "Ask what I should give you." And
Solomon said, "You have shown great and
steadfast love to your servant my father
David, because he walked before you
in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in
uprightness of heart towards you; and you
have kept for him this great and steadfast
love, and have given him a son to sit on
his throne today. And now, O LORD my
God, you have made your servant king in
place of my father David, although I am
only a little child; I do not know how to
go out or come in. And your servant is in
the midst of the people whom you have
chosen, a great people, so numerous they
cannot be numbered or counted. Give
your servant therefore an understanding
mind to govern your people, able to
discern between good and evil; for who
can govern this your great people?" It
pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked
this. God said to him, "Because you have
asked this, and have not asked for yourself
long life or riches, or for the life of your
enemies, but have asked for yourself
understanding to discern what is right, I
now do according to your word. Indeed I
give you a wise and discerning mind; no
one like you has been before you and no
one like you shall arise after you."

Or **Genesis 29:15-28**

PSALM Psalm 119:129-136

R *The opening of your word gives light.*

Your testimonies are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.
The opening of your word gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple. **R**

I open my mouth and draw in my breath,
as I long for your commandments.
Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as is your way with those who love
your name. **R**

Order my steps by your word,
and let no wickedness have dominion
over me.
Redeem me from earthly oppressors
so that I may keep your commandments. **R**

Show the light of your countenance upon
your servant
and teach me your statutes.
My eyes run down with streams of water,
because the wicked do not keep your
law. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 8:26-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we
do not know how to pray as we ought, but
that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too
deep for words. And God, who searches
the heart, knows what is the mind of the
Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for
the saints according to the will of God.
We know that all things work together for
good for those who love God, who are
called according to his purpose. For those
whom he foreknew he also predestined
to be conformed to the image of his Son,
in order that he might be the firstborn
within a large family. And those whom
he predestined he also called; and those
whom he called he also justified; and
those whom he justified he also glorified.
What then are we to say about these
things? If God is for us, who is against us?
He who did not withhold his own Son, but
gave him up for all of us, will he not with
him also give us everything else? Who will
bring any charge against God's elect? It
is God who justifies. Who is to condemn?
It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was
raised, who is at the right hand of God,
who indeed intercedes for us. Who will
separate us from the love of Christ? Will
hardship, or distress, or persecution,
or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or
sword? As it is written, "For your sake
we are being killed all day long; we are
accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."
No, in all these things we are more than
conquerors through him who loved us. For
I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present,

nor things to come, nor powers, nor
height, nor depth, nor anything else in all
creation, will be able to separate us from
the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL Matthew 13:31-33. 44-52

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

Jesus put before the crowd another
parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like
a mustard seed that someone took and
sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all
the seeds, but when it has grown it is the
greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree,
so that the birds of the air come and
make nests in its branches." He told them
another parable: "The kingdom of heaven
is like yeast that a woman took and mixed
in with three measures of flour until all of
it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven
is like treasure hidden in a field, which
someone found and hid; then in his joy
he goes and sells all that he has and buys
that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven
is like a merchant in search of fine pearls;
on finding one pearl of great value, he
went and sold all that he had and bought
it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like
a net that was thrown into the sea and
caught fish of every kind; when it was full,
they drew it ashore, sat down, and put
the good into baskets but threw out the
bad. So it will be at the end of the age.
The angels will come out and separate the
evil from the righteous and throw them
into the furnace of fire, where there will
be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have
you understood all this?" They answered,
"Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore
every scribe who has been trained for the
kingdom of heaven is like the master of a
household who brings out of his treasure
what is new and what is old."

POST COMMUNION

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your
praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens
of your love shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed
with your body be refreshed with the
fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever.



The op'-ning of your word gives light.