

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19.9–18

The Lord comes to us unexpectedly, unassumingly and in many quiet ways, as to Elijah in the gentle breeze.

A reading from the first book of Kings.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, ⁹he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’ ¹⁰He answered, ‘I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.’

¹¹He said, ‘Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.’ Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’ ¹⁴He answered, ‘I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.’ ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, ‘Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.’

PSALM 85.8–13

**R/ Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.**

⁸I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

⁹Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land. **R/**

¹⁰Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
¹¹Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven. **R/**
¹²The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.
¹³Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet. **R/**

SECOND READING

Romans 10.5–15

Salvation for all people is through Christ's sacrifice,
there is no longer any distinction between nations or traditions.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that ‘the person who does these things will live by them.’ ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, ‘Do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven?”’ (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷‘or “Who will descend into the abyss?”’ (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say?
‘The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart’

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, ‘No one who believes in him will be put to shame.’ ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’

GOSPEL

Matthew 14.22–33

Jesus calls his followers to trust him in deep waters, when we doubt and begin to sink he will lift us up, like Peter.

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

Immediately after feeding the crowd with the five loaves and two fish, 22 Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. 23 And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24 but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. 25 And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. 26 But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

28 Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' 29 He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. 30 But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' 31 Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' 32 When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymns - (AMRW):

<i>Introit</i>	AMRW 754 – O worship the King
<i>Gradual</i>	AMRW 324 – Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult
<i>Offertory</i>	AMRW 621 – Dear Lord and Father of mankind
<i>During Communion</i>	AMRW 740 – O changeless Christ, for ever new
	AMRW 768i – Put thou thy trust in God
<i>After Communion</i>	AMRW 593 – At the name of Jesus

September Magazine

Early plea for magazine articles – Carol is going away later this week until the end of August. Please send any articles to her, as soon as possible.

Next Sunday, 16 August is

the 11th Sunday after Trinity

Eucharist: 10.30 am

with the Revd Canon Stephen Herbert

Readings:

Isaiah 56.1,6-8;
Romans 11.1-2a,29-32;
Matthew 15.21-28

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10th SUNDAY after TRINITY

9 August 2026

God seems to like surprises. When we expect him in the storm, he appears in the gentle breeze. When he seems to have abandoned us, we meet him walking on the waters. May we look for him with patience and when he appears may we respond with an open heart.

Eucharist: 10.30 am – We welcome the Revd Phil Carter today.

Collect:

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

Gospel acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! My soul is waiting for the Lord.
I count on his word. **Alleluia!**

Eucharistic Prayer B is used

*We welcome communicant members of any Christian Church to **receive communion**
- people who don't receive communion are invited to receive a blessing*



We don't take a **collection** during the service. *But offerings may be left in the plates at the back of church.* Thanks for your support!

Refreshments follow the Parish Eucharist in the Church Hall. Please join us.

