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Trinity 7



Sunday 19 July 2026

Hymns, Readings & Notices

9.30am Holy Communion

Opening	(569) The kingdom of God is justice and joy
Reading 1	Genesis 28.10-19a Janet Hewitt
Reading 2	Romans 8.18-25 Michael Hewitt
Gradual	(34) Earth was waiting
Intercessions	Samantha Rees
Offertory	(582) O God of earth and altar
The Anthem	Litany to the Holy Spirit - Hurford
Communion 1	(246) Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
Communion 2	(437) Come to me, says Jesus
Final	(584) All my hope on God is founded

6.00pm Sung Evensong

Reading 1 - 1 Kings 2.10-12; 3.16-end Petrina Tointon
Reading 2 - Acts 4.1-22 Andrew Holt

Opening Prayer - Richard of Chichester

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits thou hast given me,
for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly, day by day.
Amen.

the **Collect**

God of all delight,
grant us that joy which none can take from us,
of having a work to do, a life to live;
and that joy in believing which will carry us through.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.

Reading 1 Genesis 28.10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to

before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.' Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus. When they saw the man who had been cured standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. So they ordered them to leave the council while they discussed the matter with one another. They said, 'What will we do with them? For it is obvious to all who live in Jerusalem that a notable sign has been done through them; we cannot deny it. But to keep it from spreading further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name.' So they called them and ordered them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered them, 'Whether it is right in God's sight to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; for we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard.' After threatening them again, they let them go, finding no way to punish them because of the people, for all of them praised God for what had happened. For the man on whom this sign of healing had been performed was more than forty years old.
Here endeth the second reading

Reading 1 - 1 Kings 2.10-12

Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned for seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

Reading 2 Acts 4.1-22

While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came to them, much annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming that in Jesus there is the resurrection of the dead. So they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who heard the word believed; and they numbered about five thousand. The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing

this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you. 'Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place-and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.' So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first. This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reading 2 Romans 8.18-25

Consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

the **Gospel - Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43**

Alleluia...Alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to St Matthew.

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen! This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sung Evensong

Opening Hymn (696)	Jesus, where're thy people meet
Opening+Sentences	Pages 16-1 (one or more of these)
Preces	Ferial
Psalm 67	Page 425
Hebrew Scripture	1 Kings 2.10-12
Office Hymn	(13) At even, ere the sun was set
Magnificat	Set C
New Testament	Acts 4.1-22
Nunc Dimittis	Set C
Responses	Ferial
Today's Collect	Page 167
Other Collects	Page 24
Anthem	Pray that Jerusalem - Stanford
Pre-Sermon	(703) Lead, kindly light,
Final Hymn	(713) Lord of all hopefulness
Final Responses	Spoken
Blessing	

Weekly Events at St Nicolas

9.00am Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday
5.00pm Evening Prayer: Tuesday - Thursday
(Monday evening is in Terling)

School holidays start this week!

Monday 20 July

Chatterbox resumes in September

Tuesday 21 July

Wednesday 22 July

10.00am Open Door Coffee & chat

Open Door will take a break for the whole of August

Thursday 23 July

10.00am Midweek Communion

Friday 24 July

Kids Club will resume in September

Saturday 25 July

11.00am Edward's Baptism

Sunday 26 July

9.30am Holy Communion

6.00pm Sung Evensong

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory
and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please remember in your prayers...

Thanksgiving for the blessings in your life.

Those unwell or recovering, amongst them:

Rev Simon Pritchard, Janet, Sue, Jim, David & Mary,
Andrew, Mark, Angela, Rod, Carl & Ann, Marion, Rena,
Brenda & Keith.

Family and friends of those recently deceased:

Malcolm Cole

Notices

Guest Preacher 0930 Service

We are delighted to welcome the Rev Sandra Eldridge as our guest preacher this morning. Sandra was the former Diocesan Environmental Officer and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience from this office.

Guest Organist 1800 Evensong

We would like to thank Philip Prior who will be our guest organist for our Evensong service later today.

Reader & Intercessor Training - 26 July

A short training session will be held for all readers and another for intercessors on using the stand microphone after the 09.30am morning service on Sunday 26 July.

Rectory Garden Tea 4.00pm Saturday 25 July

We are holding our annual Rectory Garden Tea with cakes and refreshments galore in a beautiful garden. If you'd like to make cakes for the event, please see Anna. All donations go to the Church funds.

Monthly Prayer Meeting Thursday 30 July

Our next monthly prayer group meets at 7.00pm at Samantha's. The plan is to look at Ignatian prayer exercises. We also have an opportunity to share and pray into what is needful in our community. Please speak to Samantha or Howard if you would like to come and see what we do.

St Nicolas is a Bronze level Eco Church!

We have received confirmation of our Bronze Award from A Rocha - our certificate is in the Church porch.

We all share responsibility in helping make our church as environmentally sustainable as possible. As we become more aware of the changing climate around us - in the third heatwave of the year! Let's all do our bit.

Coffee Morning - Saturday 29 August

The next coffee morning will be hosted by Pat Hall in August. More details to follow nearer the time.

Tuesday Praise @ URC - July dates

21 Lorna Bantock 28 Jane Quinton

Autumn Eco Films Series

In September and October we will be running a series of films which respond to the environmental and biodiversity crises:

Good Soil, Best Little Farm in the World, Finding Harmony: A King's Vision.

We are co-hosting Witham's showing of *The People's Emergency Briefing* at the URC on 15 October. This film is being shown in churches all across the country. Further details to follow.

Faulkbourne Regular Events

Every third Saturday we meet for cakes, sausage rolls & refreshments 10.30am for an hour at The Village Hall, Faulkbourne CM8 1SQ. Next meeting is Saturday 18 July.

Terling Regular Events

Chess Club - 4.15pm Every Tuesday @ All Saints Church
contact Mark Ovenden 07469 249791 for more details.

Have your say!

If you would like any notices in the newssheet please submit to Linzi , admin@withamvillages/team by Tuesday 1000 of the week of newssheet.

If you would like to support the mission and ministry of Witham Parish Church through giving, please use this QR code. Thank you!

