

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Morning Prayer

16th August 2026



Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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.

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Genesis 45: 1-15

45 Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, "Have everyone leave my presence!" So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. ² And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh's household heard about it.

³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! ⁵ And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. ⁶ For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. ⁷ But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.^[a]

⁸ "So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. ⁹ Now hurry back to my father and say to him, 'This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don't delay. ¹⁰ You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.'

¹² "You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you. ¹³ Tell my father about all the honor accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly."

¹⁴ Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

1 I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew.

29 for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. 30 Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, 31 so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. 32 For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

Matthew 15: 21-28

²¹ Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly."

²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."

²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.

²⁶ He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

²⁷ "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table."

²⁸ Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

Psalm 67

For the director of music. With stringed instruments. A psalm. A song.

- 1 May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine on us—
- 2 so that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.
- 3 May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.
- 4 May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples with equity
and guide the nations of the earth.
- 5 May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The land yields its harvest;
God, our God, blesses us.
- 7 May God bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Hymns

Complete Anglican; Hymns Old and New

		<u>Number</u>
Proclamation	Bind us together, Lord	72
Kyrie		962
Gloria		Murray
Gradual	I'm accepted; I'm forgiven	Sheet
Offertory	In Christ there is no east or west	319
Communion	My song is love unknown	463
Recessional	And can it be	32

Notices

Safeguarding

The Parish operates in accordance with the House of Bishops guidance and policies and have our own Parish Safeguarding Officer who is **Mrs Shola Odedina-Barton**. See the front of the Contact Sheet for her contact email address. Alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on **0121 426 0407** or email StephH@cofebirmingham.com if you have any concerns.

Fire escape

In case there is a need to evacuate church or the Memorial Hall, please make yourself familiar with the fire exit routes before the service starts.

Compline

There will be a service of Compline on Wednesday the **19th August 2026 @ 9.30pm**. The Zoom details are - Meeting ID: 848 0981 2495 Passcode: 464983

Meal out

We are planning to organise a lunch out at a pub on Monday 7th September at 12pm. If this date doesn't work for you, please let Alex know.

Harvest supper

Make a note in your diaries that there will be a Harvest Supper at St Michael & All Angels church on Saturday 3rd October at 5pm.

The wisdom of the old

There will be a bible course every Monday morning in October focusing on the wisdom and value offered by those of riper years. More details will follow in due course.

PCC meeting

The next PCC meeting will be Sunday 4th October after the morning's service.

DAVE'S BIG MUSIC QUIZ – Sunday 16th August 4pm - £5 - St Mary's, Acocks Green

Raising money for the roof by raising the roof with tunes! £5 per person, teams of up to six, come as a team or come on your own to join with others. Refreshments will be available for a donation, raffle tickets £1 a strip.

Prayers

Saint Benedict's church

May all those whose hearts and minds are involved in the feasibility study be touched by the stillness and prayerfulness of the church site.

Saint Cyprian's church

Establish us quickly into our worship within the Memorial Hall, opening our hearts to give our all back to you in joy and expectation.

Saint Michael & All Angels church

Thank you, Lord, for the refurbishment work that is being undertaken in the kitchen. Thank you for the skill and care of those who are carrying out the work and thank you that despite our earlier expectations the kitchen is being replaced.

Saint Mary's church

Help all areas suffering from the drought, especially farmers who are struggling with low yield crops. Although many love the fine weather, we can understand it is a problem for those providing food for our table.

Prayers at St Cyprian's church

We pray for all those who are in need at this time, for

David Mead, Paul Shaw, Alan, Ronnie Allen, Beatie, Zoe and Ollie.

We remember those who have died in faith... David Westwood, Margaret Smith and Richard Allett **and for those whose years mind is in August...** George Thorpe, Gertrude Thorpe, Dennis Ryder, Hilda Williams, Arnold Bellamy, Dora Taylor, Rita Spalding, Muriel Burley and Maureen Mason.