

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33.7–11

Like a sentry posted to keep watch, Ezekiel is given the responsibility of warning the wicked that their lives are in danger because of their sins – and of telling them that God does not want anyone to die, but to turn away from evil and live.

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the Lord came to me: ⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked ones, you shall surely die,’ and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: ‘Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?’ ¹¹ Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

PSALM

Psalms 119.33–40

R/ Incline my heart to your will O Lord

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes:
and I will honour it to the end.

Give me understanding, that I may keep your law:
that I may keep it with my whole heart.

R/

Guide me in the path of your commandments:
for therein is my delight.

Incline my heart to your commands:
and not to selfish gain.

R/

Turn away my eyes from looking on vanities:
as I walk in your way give me life.

Make good your promise to your servant:
the promise that endures for all who fear you.

R/

Turn aside the taunts that I dread:
for your judgements are very good.
Lord, I long for your precepts:
in your righteousness give me life.

R/

SECOND READING

Romans 13.8–14

Paul points out that love is the basis and the meaning of all God's law, and that the most important thing we can ever do is to love one another.

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, ‘You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet’; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’

¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; ¹³ let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

GOSPEL

Matthew 18.15–20

Jesus gives advice on how to deal with those who persistently offend against the church community – there is a proper way of doing it.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus spoke to his disciples. ¹⁵ ‘If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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!

Hymns - (AMRW):

Introit	AMRW 780ii – Soldiers of Christ, arise
Gradual	AMRW 388 – Speak, O Lord, as we come to you
Offertory	AMRW 453 – Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour
During Communion	AMRW 629 – Father, hear the prayer we offer
	AMRW 464 – Sweet Sacrament divine
After Communion	AMRW 569 – The kingdom of God is justice and joy

Also this week...

Monday 7 Sept. - 2.00 pm **Mothers' Union Meeting**
- St Cuthbert's Church Hall

SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2026 - 10.30AM - 12 NOON

Coffee Morning PLUS!

Raffle, tombola, cakes, books, treasure map and refreshments
Please start bringing any contributions to Church, placing them in the boxes provided – many thanks!

SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER - 10.30AM EUCHARIST

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Followed by Harvest Lunch in the Hall
Please put your name in the book at the back of Church with contributions for the faith lunch

Next Sunday, 13 September is
the 15th Sunday after Trinity

Eucharist: 10.30 am

with the Revd Phil Carter

Readings:

Genesis 50.15-21;
Romans 14.1-12;
Matthew 18.21-35

Parish of St Cuthbert, Benfieldside

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14th SUNDAY after TRINITY

6 September 2026

Jesus' words in today's Gospel remind us: 'where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.' So, we meet in Christ's name, confident that he is with us, and we hear the call to participate actively in the rule of love, justice and peace which is God's kingdom here on earth.

Eucharist: 10.30 am – We welcome the Revd Canon Stephen Herbert today.

Collect:

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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. **AMEN.**

Gospel acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth. **Alleluia!**

Eucharistic Prayer G 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*

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

