

The Churches of the Forest of Galtres Benefice

Sutton on the Forest & Huby : Stillington : Marton in the Forest : Farlington : Sheriff Hutton

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Sunday 16th August 2026

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Introduction

Here we are, in the middle of August. The eclipse of the sun has happened and the next one is 64 years away. Many of us will not be around for that event but we do have young people who come to our churches from time to time, and their parents, who will be here to witness the next eclipse. May they witness not just the 2090 eclipse but be able to witness that our five churches are still in existence and still reaching out to our communities – offering God's messages and providing God's love and care to *everyone* who needs it or to whom it gives comfort and support.

Welcome to this weekend's Update. The services available across the benefice are listed below. Young or old, whichever church you choose, you can be assured of a warm welcome.

Richard Haste, Acting Benefice Chair.

Coming to Church next Sunday, August 16th

Sutton	Morning Worship	10.00am
Stillington	Holy Communion	10.00am
Marton	Celtic Worship	6.00pm

Coming to Church next Sunday, August 23rd

Stillington	Morning Praise	10.00am
Sheriff Hutton	Morning Worship	10.00am
Farlington	Holy Communion (BCP)	10.30am



St Leonard's Farlington

The Pop-up Tea Room is back for
the Bank Holiday Weekend

Scrumptious Tarts
not to mention
Sandwiches, Lovely Cakes,
Tea & Coffee

Saturday 29th, Sunday 30th,
Monday 31st August

10.30am - 3.00pm
each day

CREATIONTIDE

A SERVICE OF
CELEBRATION

ST MARY'S, MARTON
SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST
AT 3PM

ALL VERY WELCOME!

The 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.

Amen

Lesson : Isaiah 56 : 1, 6 - 8

A house of prayer for all people

Thus says the LORD: maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant, these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Epistle : Romans 11 : 1 - 2a, 29 - 32

God's mercy to all, Jew and Gentile

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Gospel : Matthew 15 :21 - 28

The Canaanite woman's daughter is healed

Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

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