



WELCOME

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12TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

23rd August 2026

Welcome Song (see below)

Entrance

30 Amazing Grace

Before the Gospel

67 Blessed assurance

Offertory

Holy forever

Communion

371 Kum ba yah

272 Holy, holy, holy is the Lord

Final

612 Tell Out, My Soul



WELCOME SONG

Happy to share, happy to share,
Our blessings with one another.
That's why we are here.

COLLECT

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FOR OUR PRAYERS:

Janet & Jason & Violet, Don, Trevor,
Rebecca, Uzoamaka; all who are unwell;
for those who have recently died and all
who mourn them.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you
have set aside our sins and given us your
healing: grant that we who are made
whole in Christ may bring that healing to
this broken world, in the name of Jesus
Christ our Lord.

ST MICHAEL'S PRESENTS *WORSHIP IN HIS PRESENCE*

We'll be holding this special service on **Friday 4 September 19:30-21:00** and it will be a time of praise, worship, dance and fellowship. We hope that you can join us!



ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Rev'd Ifeanyi's weekly Bible Study on Zoom is Wednesdays at 18:00 and everyone is welcome to attend.

Meeting ID: 849 2977 1613

Password: 356850



CHILDREN IN CHURCH

We're so grateful for the presence of children in our worship. Our hybrid Lady Chapel is available as a sensory space for children with additional needs and can also be used by parents / carers with babies & toddlers. For school age children, a colouring table is provided at the back of church. They can also use the chapel before and after the service. To work well for everyone, parents/carers are asked to stay with their children in the chapel after the collect and return after intercessions, or keep an eye on their child at the colouring table, ensuring noise is a minimum especially during the sermon and intercessions. Thank you for your care and cooperation.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 24 August

Hall: 09:30-11:30 - Toddler Group

Tuesday 25 August

Hall: 18:30 – 20:00 – Pilates

Wednesday 26 August

Church: 09:30-11:30 - Toddler Group

Hall: 12:00 - 1:30 - Food bank

Online: 18:00 – Zoom Bible study

Friday 28 August

Hall 18:30 - 20:00 - Learning & Physical Disabilities Club

WhatsApp: 19:00 – Women's Ministry Meeting

Saturday 29 August

Hall: 09:00-17:00 - 7th Day Adventists

Sunday 30 August

Church: 10:00 - Holy Communion

Hall: 11:30 - 15:00 - Apostolic Church

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 2 September

Church: 10:00 - St Michael's Prayer Project

Hall: 12:00 - 1:30 - Food bank

Friday 4 September

Church 19:30 - 21:00 – **St Michael's Presents Worship In His Presence**

Friday 25 September

WhatsApp: 19:00 – Women's Ministry Meeting

*The Old Testament reading is from: **Exodus 1: 8 - 2:10***

⁸ Eventually, a new king came to power in Egypt who knew nothing about Joseph or what he had done. ⁹ He said to his people, “Look, the people of Israel now outnumber us and are stronger than we are. ¹⁰ We must make a plan to keep them from growing even more. If we don’t, and if war breaks out, they will join our enemies and fight against us. Then they will escape from the country.”

¹¹ So the Egyptians made the Israelites their slaves. They appointed brutal slave drivers over them, hoping to wear them down with crushing labor. They forced them to build the cities of Pithom and Rameses as supply centers for the king. ¹² But the more the Egyptians oppressed them, the more the Israelites multiplied and spread, and the more alarmed the Egyptians became. ¹³ So the Egyptians worked the people of Israel without mercy. ¹⁴ They made their lives bitter, forcing them to mix mortar and make bricks and do all the work in the fields. They were ruthless in all their demands.

¹⁵ Then Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, gave this order to the Hebrew midwives, Shiphrah and Puah: ¹⁶ “When you help the Hebrew women as they give birth, watch as they deliver. If the baby is a boy, kill him; if it is a girl, let her live.” ¹⁷ But because the midwives feared God, they refused to obey the king’s orders. They allowed the boys to live, too. ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt called for the midwives. “Why have you done this?” he demanded. “Why have you allowed the boys to live?” ¹⁹ “The Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women,” the midwives replied. “They are more vigorous and have their babies so quickly that we cannot get there in time.” ²⁰ So God was good to the midwives, and the Israelites continued to multiply, growing more and more powerful. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families of their own. ²² Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: “Throw every newborn Hebrew boy into the Nile River. But you may let the girls live.”

² ¹ About this time, a man and woman from the tribe of Levi got married. ² The woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She saw that he was a special baby and kept him hidden for three months. ³ But when she could no longer hide him, she got a basket made of papyrus reeds and waterproofed it with tar and pitch. She put the baby in the basket and laid it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile River. ⁴ The baby’s sister then stood at a distance, watching to see what would happen to him.

⁵ Soon Pharaoh’s daughter came down to bathe in the river, and her attendants walked along the riverbank. When the princess saw the basket among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it for her. ⁶ When the princess opened it, she saw the baby. The little boy was crying, and she felt sorry for him. “This must be one of the Hebrew children,” she said. ⁷ Then the baby’s sister approached the princess. “Should I go and find one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?” she asked. ⁸ “Yes, do!” the princess replied. So the girl went and called the baby’s mother. ⁹ “Take this baby and nurse him for me,” the princess told the baby’s mother. “I will pay you for your help.” So the woman took her baby home and nursed him.

¹⁰ Later, when the boy was older, his mother brought him back to Pharaoh’s daughter, who adopted him as her own son. The princess named him Moses, for she explained, “I lifted him out of the water.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*The Gospel reading is from **Matthew 16: 13 - 20***

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew**.*

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

¹⁴ “Well,” they replied, “some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.”

¹⁵ Then he asked them, “But who do you say I am?”

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷ Jesus replied, “You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. ¹⁸ Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means ‘rock’), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it. ¹⁹ And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven.”

²⁰ Then he sternly warned the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.