

## COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.

## FIRST READING Genesis 50:15-21

*A reading from the book of Genesis.*

Realising that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Or Exodus 14:19-end

## PSALM Psalm 103:1-13 [or 103:8-13]

**R** The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me bless his  
holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits; **R**

Who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your infirmities;  
Who redeems your life from the Pit  
and crowns you with faithful love and  
compassion; **R**

Who satisfies you with good things,  
so that your youth is renewed like an  
eagle's.

The Lord executes righteousness  
and judgement for all who are oppressed. **R**

He made his ways known to Moses  
and his works to the children of Israel.  
[The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and of great kindness. **R**

He will not always accuse us,  
neither will he keep his anger for ever.  
He has not dealt with us according to  
our sins,  
nor rewarded us according to our  
wickedness. **R**

For as the heavens are high above  
the earth,  
so great is his mercy upon those who  
fear him.

As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he set our sins from us.  
As a father has compassion on his children,  
so is the Lord merciful towards those who  
fear him.] **R**

## SECOND READING Romans 14:1-12

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.*

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

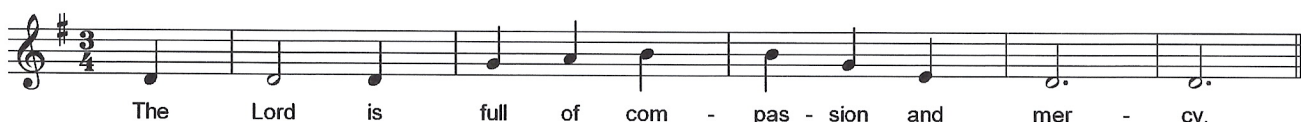
## GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-35

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

## POST COMMUNION

Keep, O Lord, your Church,  
with your perpetual mercy;  
and, because without you our human  
frailty cannot but fall,  
keep us ever by your help from all things  
hurtful,  
and lead us to all things profitable to our  
salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



# St Wilfrid's Church Brayton

Holly Communion · Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity · 13 September 2026

## Welcome

Before the service begins you are invited to join in a short time of quietness and reflection in preparation for worship. After the service please join us for coffee and chat in the Parish Hall.

## Services

**Wed 16 September**

9:30am Holy Communion

**Sun 20 September**

**Trinity 16**

10:30am Joint Celtic Holy Communion at **St. Francis**

## Notices

### Want to support our church?

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### Church Keyholders Audit

We're in the process to track down all keyholders of our church including the parish hall. Please get in touch to record what key(s) you have possession of, and whether you still need to keep the keys or not. Much appreciated.  
**John Boyer**



## Upcoming Events

**SAT**

**19**

**SEP**

### Poetry, Prose, Pate & Puzzles

6:30pm, Burn Methodist Church

An evening of lively literature, friends, food & fun. Proceeds to the ongoing chapel restoration. £5 per person. **Mary Farman 01757 228325**

**WED**

**23**

**SEP**

### Alpha Course Intro Session @ St Francis

6:30pm - Intro to 10-week course to explore the Christian faith, ask questions, and share thoughts in an open and welcoming environment. Course begins on 7<sup>th</sup> October. **Jacqui & Maureen**

**THU**

**24**

**SEP**

### Tea @ Two

2pm-4pm, St. Wilfrid's  
An afternoon of coffee, tea, cake and chat. £10 per ticket. **Pat**

**MON**

**28**

**SEP**

### Stitchers Group

1:30pm, St Wilfrid's  
We enjoy any type of sewing, cross stitch, and embroidery of any kind, as well as patchwork. All welcome. **01757 705793. Pat**

**WED**

**30**

**SEP**

### Coffeemates

10-11:30am, St. Wilfrid's  
Join us for tea, coffee and delicious homemade cakes. Meet friends and make new ones! **Lynn**

**FRI**

**23**

**OCT**

### Bingo Pie & Peas Night

From 7pm, St Wilfrid's.  
Tickets £8 to include pie & peas. Bring own drinks. **Pat**

## Church Welfare & News



### Pastoral Care

If you or someone you know is sick, in hospital, in need, or would appreciate a visit, please contact:

**Sue Beevers 01757 229515**  
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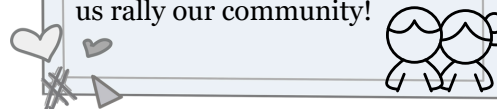
### Safeguarding

For any safeguarding concerns, please contact our Parish Safeguarding Representative:

**Linda Bunn 07711 384003**  
[safeguarding@stwilfridsparish.com](mailto:safeguarding@stwilfridsparish.com)

### Rise & Shine at 9

starts on 04 October at 8:45am at St. Francis. All children & parents welcome. Spread the words to friends & family, take some posters from Glyn to help us rally our community!



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