

Sunday

20 September 2026 Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you;

and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 Jonah 3:10 – end of 4

A reading from the book of Jonah.

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not

know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Or Exodus 16:2-15

PSALM Psalm 145:1-8

R Great is the Lord and highly to be praised.

I will exalt you, O God my King, and bless your name for ever and ever. Every day will I bless you and praise your name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; his greatness is beyond all searching out. **R**

One generation shall praise your works to another and declare your mighty acts. They shall speak of the majesty of your glory, and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. **R**

They shall speak of the might of your marvellous acts, and I will also tell of your greatness. They shall pour forth the story of your abundant kindness and joyfully sing of your righteousness. The Lord is gracious and merciful, long-suffering and of great goodness. **R**

SECOND READING Philippians 1:21-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – since you are having the

same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

GOSPEL Matthew 20:1-16

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

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

POST COMMUNION

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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St Wilfrid's Church Brayton

Joint Celtic Holy Communion · Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity · 20 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 23 September

9:30am Holy Communion

Sun 27 September

Trinity 17

10:30am Holy Communion

Notices

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Christmas Card Making Workshop on 17/10/26

10am-12pm, St. Francis
Make a special card to send! £5 with coffee and cake **01757 707987**
Jan

Upcoming Events

WED

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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 7th October.
Jacqui & Maureen

THU

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SEP

Tea @ Two

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

SAT

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SEP

Churchyard Tidying

9:30am - 12noon, St. Wilfrid's Churchyard
Come and help maintain the flower borders, cut back the brambles, and empty the rubbish bins! **John**

MON

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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

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SEP

Coffeemates

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

WED

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OCT

Community Lunch

12noon-1:30pm, St. Wilfrid's
A simple lunch of soup, bread roll & a dessert with custard for only £5 **Pat**

FRI

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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:

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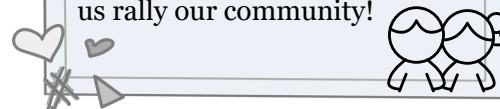
Safeguarding

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

Linda Bunn 07711 384003
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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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