

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.

FIRST READING Ezekiel 33:7-11

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the Lord came to me: 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. 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. 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. 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?" 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?

Or Exodus 12:1-14

PSALM Psalm 119:33-40

R Give me understanding and
I shall keep your law.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.
Give me understanding and
I shall keep your law;
I shall keep it with all my heart. **R**

Make me go in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain. **R**

Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless;
give me life in your ways.
Fulfil your promise to your servant,
which you make to those who fear you. **R**

Turn away the reproach which I dread,
because your judgements are good.
Behold, I long for your commandments;
in your righteousness preserve my life. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 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." Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. 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; 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; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

GOSPEL Matthew 18:15-20

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

Jesus spoke to his disciples. "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. 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. 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. 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. 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. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

POST COMMUNION

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

September 6th 2026 – 14th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY ~ Parish of the Harwich Peninsula

Angel Voices: a Christian musical by Roger Jones based on themes and images in the book of Revelation. It is TODAY at 4pm at the Roman Catholic Church on Fronks Road. There is a retiring offering; refreshments will be served. The musical is 1 hour and 10 minutes long.

Harvest Thanksgiving: a separate sheet with information about the Harvest services and the charity we are supporting is available in all our buildings. However, you are welcome to bring gifts for the Salvation Army Foodbank in addition or instead to the services, but the collections will go to support Bridgeway Colchester.

Special Service: we will trial a new service on the 4th Sunday of the month at 5pm called Worship and the Word for the parish at All Saints. It will be non-liturgical but will include a confession, absolution, profession of faith and the Lord's prayer. The hymns will mainly be traditional, but may, sometimes introduce one newer one. It is hoped that this will be an opportunity for the congregations to explore how God is at work in our churches, among his people. The first one will be on September 27th when Sioux Thorpe will share how God spoke to her recently whilst on retreat and she hopes that this will encourage others to do the share in future months. The first theme will be 'God the provider', exploring the story of Elisha a miraculous provision of oil for a widow and her sons who had nothing left after the death of her husband. There will always be a focus on scripture and an opportunity to worship using different ways to experience God's presence. In September it will include the opportunity to be anointed. It is hoped that as the services go on the congregation will take part by bringing their ideas of how they will develop in the future.

Kingdom over nation: a series of 8 discussions from Churches Together in Harwich at the Roman Catholic Church on Fronks Road, starting Wednesday 2nd September at 7pm. This is a response to the growth of Christian nationalism and so very topical. Each week into October. No charge.

Residential Homes: you are welcome to support the two services we have each month at Lime Court and Don Thomson; sing, chat to residents. Your presence makes a difference. Details below. We hope to add a monthly afternoon service at Michaelstowe in the unit there, it will be an afternoon service. PLEASE NOTE that for September the service at Lime Court will be on the 7th not the 14th if you are hoping to attend.

PCC Secretary: our Church Council needs a Secretary to take the minutes of the meeting. We meet about 6 times a year in the evening. The Secretary need not be a member of the PCC but serves in this essential ministry. If you think you have the skills, please contact the Rector as soon as possible.

Parish Office: please note Liz McLeod our Administrator is on holiday Monday, Wednesday and Friday this week and next and the office and phone will not be staffed.

Confirmation: we have a small group meeting to prepare for confirmation on Sunday 4th October at 5pm in St Nicholas. This is the last call for candidates. We meet on Tuesday 8th and 22nd September at 7.30-9pm and Saturday 26th 10-12. Please speak to Ian or Kirsty ASAP.

Team Rector: Ian will be unavailable for a few days 11th – 16th September while attending a friends 60th birthday and the Festival of Preaching at the University of Cambridge.

Baptised in September: Alfie Parker Gary Potten and Teddie William Gary Potten (twins); Alina Rose Dawson-Dragisic

Married in September: Kieran Aiden Hutchence and Rebecca Lesley Wallace

Departed in August/September: Valerie (Val) Vincent; Ann Root; Maureen Hilda Tarran; Christine Britton; Sheila Grant; Beryl Sylvia Gibbons; Penelope Diane Neal

St Michael's worship 9am each Sunday (Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays)

All Saints worship 10.30am each Sunday (Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays)

St Nicholas worship 10.30am each Sunday (Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays)

You should be able to access the hearing loop in each building – please let us know if you cannot

1st Sunday of every month: Prayer Book Evensong at St Nicholas at 5pm

2nd Sunday of the month: Pop Up church at St Michael's at 3pm

3rd Sunday of every month: Prayer and Praise at St Michael's at 5pm

4th Saturday of every month (except August and December): Messy Church in the Esplanade Hall from 2-4pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

1st Tuesday of every month: Hymns and Service at Don Thomson Residential Home at 11am

2nd Monday of every month: Hymns and Service at Lime Court Residential Home at 11am

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