



CELEBRATE, SHARE AND GROW IN CHRIST

SUNDAY, 6th September 2026, Trinity 14

Ezekial 33, 7 - 11; Romans 13, 8 - end; Matthew 18, 15 - 20

~~~ SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE FOR THIS WEEK ~~~

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP), St John's Epping

9:20 am SUNG COMMUNION, St John's Epping

With hymns 780, 629, 826, 464, 777, Anthem Cantate Domino (Pitoni) and Voluntary Menuet from Suite Gothique (Boelimann)

12:45 pm BAPTISMS, Max Maliniak and Gracie Marsh, St John's Epping

11:10 am HOLY COMMUNION, All Saints Epping Upland

11:10 am MORNING WORSHIP, St Alban's Coopersale

6:00 pm SUNDAY @ SIX, St John's Epping

This week, I will be sharing some of my own faith journey, which begun in the church in Westcliff on Sea where Liz is to be Ordained later this month.

MIDWEEK SERVICES

Morning Prayer will only be said publicly on **Monday** at 8:45 am.

Communion service will be on **Wednesday** at 9:30 am

There will be **NO** midweek Evening Prayer this week.

Thursday 10:00 am CHURCH MICE, St John's Epping

**St John's is usually open daily for private prayer
Except bank Holidays or other special occasions**

Please switch your mobile phone to silent mode or switch it off before a Sunday service begins and take time to pray that we may be fully present with each other and with Christ.

~~~~~ **FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM** ~~~~~

One of the greatest privileges of what I do as your Team Rector is to be invited to share life with you all. Whether that is the joy of celebrating a new relationship at a wedding or celebrating a new birth at a service of baptism, or mourning the passing of a loved one at a funeral service each one marks a point of significant change. During his earthly life Jesus shared all these too. The Gospel accounts of His life tell of when Jesus was being at a wedding party and working the first miracle there turning water into wine. Jesus himself was baptised, and the writer St John notes that Jesus wept at the death of his friend Lazarus.

Over the summer weeks, I have been drawn again to notice that one of the few constants in human life is that things will change – and things didn't stay the same for Jesus after all!. But, I am also reminded of "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is his faithfulness" as the writer of the book Lamentations puts it. Christianity teaches that each of us is deeply loved by God, to an extent beyond human imagining, and as we read in the New Testament reading set for this Sunday, "Love does no wrong to a neighbour, therefore love is the fulfilling of the Law.

There are many opportunities to explore how each of us might place our part in this work of love. The beginning of September marks the beginning of the Season of Creation, a time when we might reflect on the ways in which we might live lightly in the world God has made, tending it and doing all we can in our daily lives to safeguarding it for the future. For some, responding in love to the love of Christ has mean journeying towards a particular vocation to serve as an Ordained minister in Christ's church Next Sunday, Joshua Townshend, who was on placement with us last year will be Ordained as a Deacon in Chelmsford Cathedral and at the end of the month Revd Liz Gloyn is to be made Priest. Looking further ahead, Deborah Estcourt is in the final year training for Ordination and God willing will serve a self-supporting curacy amongst us when that is complete. And yet, these are not the only vocations in Christ's church, "Jesus invites each of us to follow him, serve him, and live for him" and so at the beginning of this month, might I invite each of you to dare to pray that God might point you in the direction that you are being called into. That might be to be a person of prayer for others, it might be to consider increasing your giving to support the work of the churches here (I will write more about our financial needs later in the autumn), it might be to serve as a Churchwarden or as a person who prepares the church building for Sunday or other services, or it might be to explore Licensed Lay or Ordained ministry. For, as the title of a song we used to sing in church when I was young puts it "It's an adventure following Jesus"

**John**

~~~~ READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY ~~~~

Ezekiel 33, 7 - 11. 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?

Romans 13, 8 - end. 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.

Matthew 18, 15 – 20. '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.'

~~~~~ **FOR OUR PRAYERS DURING THE WEEK** ~~~~~

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| <b>Monday</b>    | For the congregation and parish of All Saints Epping Upland.                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | For everyone going back to, or starting, school, college or a new course..                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | For all those in Nepal and Tibet working to rescue people and those caught up in the recent extreme floods and mudslides.                                                                                         |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | For all pupils and staff at Epping Upland Primary School                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Friday</b>    | For the Ministry Team; for all who contribute to, or lead, our services: for those who lead our meetings, those who carry out 'behind the scenes' activities and those who help fundraising in the Team churches. |

**Those who are sick and for whom prayers have been asked:**

Graham, June, Caroline, Harriet, David, Rebecca, Sam, Marion, Pam, Jim, Lisa, Eden, Norah.

**Those who have died recently, their family and friends:**

Fred Syrdal.

**Those whose anniversary of death occurs during this week:**

6<sup>th</sup> Sept, Arthur Sketcher, Marjorie Harris, Janet Taylor;

7<sup>th</sup>, Joyce Snelling;

8<sup>th</sup>, Thomas Monckton, Jessie Ashton; 9<sup>th</sup>, Patrick Dolman, Dora Jacobs, Irene Pettit;

10<sup>th</sup>, William Hyde, Phyllis Lamb, George Barlow, Raymond Jolly;

11<sup>th</sup>, William Fielder, Thomas Clifford, Charles Crane, Ernest Barker, Peter Newton, George Billings, Hilda Wood;

12<sup>th</sup>, Frederick Taylor, Beatrice Taylor, Margaret Abbey, Doris Cuin.

**COLLECT for this Sunday.**

Holy and eternal God, you are the Maker of heaven and earth, you are the Word through whom all things were made, and you are the Spirit, the giver of life: draw us into the mystery of your love, that with all creation we may proclaim your praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

~~~~~ **FROM THE TEAM RECTOR** ~~~~~

CONFIRMATION and ADULT BAPTISM PREPARATION A service of Confirmation (led by a Bishop) is an opportunity to publicly commit to following Jesus Christ in the Christian faith. For those baptised as children, this service is an invitation for people to affirm promises made on their behalf. For adults wishing to make a profession of faith, Confirmation is a part of that journey along with Baptism, which can take place either beforehand or in the same service.

There are two opportunities for Confirmation in the autumn, one on Sunday 1st November in the afternoon at St Lawrence Blackmore, and usually another on Sunday 22nd November in Chelmsford Cathedral. A preparation course will be offered, at a time and place to suit those interested, and there will be separate groups for adults and teenagers. To express an interest at this stage or to find out more please speak to any of the clergy; otherwise please book in with Lisa in the Team Office by email to teamadmin@eppinganglicans.org.uk

BIBLE STUDY GROUP we will continue to meet next term on the following dates at 12:00 noon: Saturday September 19th, Saturday October 3rd, Saturday October 24th, Saturday November 14th, Saturday December 12th. You are very welcome to the vicarage at 9 Seymour Chase for any of the sessions. There will be refreshments provided.

~~~~~ **FOR YOUR INFORMATION** ~~~~~

**CASH COLLECTIONS IN CHURCH** Please ensure that any coins donated are not foreign currency. We have had quite a lot recently at St John's and coins are not accepted at the bank.

**EPPING MINI FESTIVAL**

The Coffee Concert on September 5<sup>th</sup> is part of the **Epping Mini Festival** organised by the new Epping Town Partnership. Also on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September there is a Volunteer Fair and entertainment in the High St and on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 3:00 pm Proms on the Green. Other activities are planned. Please support the Festival.

**ST CLARE HOSPICE** - spectacular public art trail 'Lions on the Loose this summer!' Epping is now hosting lions inside St John's Church until 10<sup>th</sup> September. Each of our lions will be auctioned off at the end of the summer and all of the money raised will go towards providing the much needed care at our hospice.

**THE NEW BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY.** Steve and Diana are planning to run this course from **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September** for 7 weeks. It is a very good course designed for those who are dealing with bereavement. It is suitable for anyone who has been bereaved either recently or from some time ago. Please speak to others who might be interested and to Diana or Steve if you feel this course might be helpful (please note the date change).

**THE CRAFT GROUP** will next be held in St John's will be on 23<sup>rd</sup> September from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

**SATURDAY COFFEE CONCERTS - please note the dates.** The autumn series of coffee concerts in St John's will feature organ recitals – 10<sup>th</sup> Oct, Simon Winters; 7<sup>th</sup> Nov, Michael Lukin (Director of Chapel Music at Chigwell School). All concerts start at 11:00 am.

**REPAIR CAFÉ COMING TO ST JOHN'S!** We're exploring the launch of a Repair Café at St John's Church. The idea is simple: bring people together to repair broken household items, share practical skills, reduce waste, and build community over a cup of tea or coffee. We're looking for volunteers with repair skills (or a willingness to help in other ways such as welcoming visitors, serving refreshments or administration) as well as anyone interested in supporting the project. We would like to hold a welcome and information session for potential repair cafe volunteers on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 6.00-7.30pm. In St John's. If you'd like to find out more or get involved, please contact Natalie (nkelberman@eppinganglicans.org.uk).

**EPPING FOREST FOOD BANK** A collection point for the local foodbank is located in St John's Epping. Donations of long-life food are greatly appreciated. There is a Job vacancy with Foodbank. Part-time & paid, more details on: <https://eppingforest.foodbank.org.uk/2026/07/22/were-hiring-2/>

**ST JOHN'S PORCH DOORS.** This project has resumed and installation is now expected in September, it has been confirmed.

## **GROUPS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AT ST JOHN'S**

The separate Sunday groups for children and young people (Little Lambs, Sunday School and Go Gen) are taking a break over the school summer holidays. They will resume **this Sunday**.

## **EPPING FOR PEACE WORKSHOP: Encountering Difference and Disagreement (with Love and Peace) - Saturday 3 October 2026**

**11:00 am – 2:30 pm.** Epping Quakers and St John's are working together to create opportunities for promoting promote peace and understanding in Epping, starting with this workshop offered by the Quaker Peacebuilding Team at the Quaker Meeting House. This workshop has been designed to help us start to be able to speak more confidently with those whose opinions we may find hard to understand, or differ wildly from our own, but in a way that enables us to stay connected to our truth and engaged with the other person.

There are 30 places available for this session. Our intention is for this event to be a safe space, so we are advertising it within our communities; we welcome attendees who you are able to invite directly and in confidence. To book a place, please contact Rebecca Fricker on [beckirees@hotmail.com](mailto:beckirees@hotmail.com)

St John's will be holding another event later in the year - we welcome suggestions from others as to future initiatives we can work together on.

**JOSH TOWNSHEND** will be ordained Deacon in Chelmsford Cathedral at 11:00 am on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September and will then serve his curacy in Rayleigh parish. Please pray for him, his family and the church he is joining.

## **SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2026, Trinity 15**

**8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP), St John's Epping**

**9:20 am UpFront with Baptism, St John's Epping**

**11:10 am Holy Communion, All Saints Epping Upland**

**11:10 am Holy Communion, St Alban's Coopersale**

**6:00 pm Choral Evensong, St John's Epping**

### **READINGS:**

**Genesis 50, 15 - 21; Romans 14, 1 - 12; Matthew 18, 21 - 35**

**NEWS for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Please send any items to Lisa in the Team Administrator in the Team Office before Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 9:00 am.**

~~~~~ **CONTACTS, GIVING and COLLECTIONS** ~~~~~

There are many ways to financially support the mission and ministry of the parishes. We are grateful for the many ways and forms of giving which express our shared worship of Christ. (Please no foreign coins as the bank will not accept them)

COLLECTIONS IN SUNDAY SERVICES: A cash collection is taken at Sunday services. Please don't feel any embarrassment to let it pass you by.

It is also possible to donate to church funds in each church of the Benefice using a contactless card.

PARISH GIVING SCHEME (PGS): Similar to direct debit payments but set up online at www.parishgiving.org.uk providing your bank details plus your church PGS code which is:

Epping Upland All Saints-0806-08029

Epping St John the Baptist-0806-08028

Coopersale St Alban the Martyr-0806-08027

BACS You can give to church by bank transfer; the sort codes and account numbers are listed here:

St Alban's 20-29-86, Account: 50776459

St John's 20-29-86, Account: 50357219

All Saints 60-07-39, Account 50236520

~~~~~ **BENEFICE OF THE EPPING DISTRICT CONTACT DETAILS** ~~~~~

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**Children, Youth and Family Worker,** Emily Townshend: is now on Maternity Leave

**Church Wardens** for St Alban's Coopersale, please contact the Team Office.

For St John's, contact Sara McLean at 07768 106 406, email: [sdmclean@eppinganglicans.org.uk](mailto:sdmclean@eppinganglicans.org.uk)

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**NEWS items for next week;** Geoff Scanlan - 01992 576550 - E-mail: [rosandgeoff@btinternet.com](mailto:rosandgeoff@btinternet.com)

**Please send us any prayer requests, or if you would like someone to pray for you.**

**St John's has a 'T' loop: please ask for help if you need it.**

**MOBILITY AIDS** are at the back of St John's Epping for use in church.

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