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Trinity 15



Sunday 13 September 2026 Hymns, Readings & Notices

9.30am Holy Communion

Opening	(765) Praise to the Lord, the almighty
Gradual	(621) Dear Lord and Father of Mankind omit v 3
Reading 1	Psalms 103.1-13 Agboola Bamigbele
Reading 2	Romans 14.1-12 Samantha Rees
Intercessions	Andrew Holt
Offertory	(587) Amazing Grace
The Anthem	Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake
Communion 1	(433) Broken for me, broken for you
Communion 2	(607) Christ be the Lord of all our days
Final	(652) Guide me O thou great Redeemer

5.15pm Taizé Evensong Holy Cross

Psalms 66.1-4, 14-18

Reading 1 - Isaiah 53.3-5a Gwynfor Pritchard
Reading 2 - Ephesians 2.15-19 Keith Harman

Opening Prayer - Richard of Chichester

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits thou hast given me,
for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly, day by day.

Amen.

the **Collect**

Gracious and loving God,
grant that we who know your mercy
may rejoice in your forgiveness
and gladly forgive others
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

Reading 1 - Psalm 103.1-13

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; 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; 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. 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. He will not always accuse us, neither will he
keep his anger for ever. He has not dealt with us

has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld his loving
mercy from me.

Reading 1 - Isaiah 53.3-5a

He was despised and rejected by others; a man of
suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from
whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we
held him of no account. Surely he has borne our
infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted
him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he
was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our
iniquities.

Here endeth the first lesson.

Reading 2 - Ephesians 2.15-19

He has abolished the law with its commandments and
ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new
humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and
might reconcile both groups to God in one body through
the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.
So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far
off and peace to those who were near; for through him
both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then
you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are
citizens with the saints and also members of the
household of God.

Here endeth the second lesson.

Taizé Evensong

Chant 1 (CdT 17)	In the Lord I'll be ever thankful
Chant 2 (CdT 18)	Confitemini Dominum
Preces	Taizé
Chant 3 (CdT 19)	Magnificat
Chant 4 (CdT 33)	Nunc Dimittis
Responses	Taizé
Anthem	
Intercessions (CdT 60)	O Christe Domine Jesu
Chant 5 (CdT 119)	Nothing can ever
Final Responses	Spoken
Blessing	
Chant 6 (CdT 32)	In God alone my soul
Chant 7 (CdT 121)	Praise Our God and Saviour

Psalm 66.1-4, 14-18

Be joyful in God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; sing the glory of his praise. Say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great strength your enemies shall bow before you. All the earth shall worship you, sing to you, sing praise to your name.' Come now and behold the works of God, how wonderful he is in his dealings with humankind.

Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for my soul. I called out to him with my mouth and his praise was on my tongue. If I had nursed evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me, But in truth God has heard me; he has heeded the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, who

according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness. 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Reading 2 - Romans 14.1-12

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

the **Gospel - Matthew 18.21-35**

Alleluia...Alleluia

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

Then Peter came and said to him, '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

Weekly Events at St Nicolas

9.00am Morning Prayer: Monday-Friday

5.00pm Evening Prayer: Tuesday - Thursday
(Monday evening is in Terling)

Monday 14 September

10.30am-12.00noon Chatterbox (0-4yr)

Tuesday 15 September

Wednesday 16 September

10.00am Open Door Coffee & Chat

Thursday 17 September

10.00am Midweek Communion

5.00pm Junior Confirmation @ The Rectory

Friday 18 September

Kids Club 6.00pm-7.30pm

Saturday 19 September

Sunday 20 September

9.30am Holy Communion

5.15pm Sung Evensong with Junior Choir

If you would like to support the mission and ministry of Witham Parish Church through giving, please use this QR code. Thank you!



Harvest - 4 October

We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival with a service at 9.30am, Bring & Share Harvest lunch at 12.00noon, followed by entertainment which is over to you! Sign up sheets are at the back of church.

Rhythm of the Night - 11 October

MDS Dance School are very kindly helping St Nicolas to raise much needed funds by putting on a show at the Public Hall. Please do support them by coming along and enjoying this performance which is suitable for all ages. Drinks will be available from the licenced bar. Adults £12, Children (U12) £5, Seniors (60+) £10. Please call 07766 563798 to book by 3 October. Look out for the posters!

Tuesday Praise at URC - September dates

15: Lorna Bantock 22: Keith Ives 29: Jonathan

Faulkbourne Regular Events

Every third Saturday we meet for cakes, sausage rolls & refreshments 10.30am for an hour at The Village Hall, Faulkbourne CM8 1SQ. Next date: 19 September.

Terling Regular Events

Chess Club - 4.15pm Every Tuesday @ All Saints Church
contact Mark Ovenden 07469 249791 for more details.

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 should 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 should 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.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post Communion Prayer

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. . **Amen.**

Please remember in your prayers...

Thanksgiving for the blessings in your life.

Those unwell or recovering, amongst them:

Rev Simon Pritchard, Janet, Sue, Dianne, Jim, David and Mary, Andrew, Mark, Angela, Rod, Carl and Ann, Kathy, Marion, Rena, Brenda and Keith, Kim.

Family and friends of those recently deceased.

Tunde James Taylor.

Notices

Eco 10 Year Anniversary - 30 September

There will be an evening of events starting 5.15pm with a service in Chelmsford Cathedral on Wednesday 30 September 2026 followed by light refreshments and an opportunity to meet, chat, share stories and visit the stalls. The panel discussion will commence at 6.30pm.

Everyone is welcome! Come for all or part of the evening - it's free and refreshments are provided, but please book via Eventbrite to help with numbers for

catering: [Chelmsford Eco Church 10th Anniversary - Living waters of hope and healing Tickets, Wednesday 30 September • 5:15 PM - 8 PM | Eventbrite](#)

The cathedral will also be hosting the stunning Threads Through Creation exhibition by textile artist Jacqui Parkinson so make sure you have enough time to enjoy this, either before or after the event.

Autumn Eco Films Series

In September and October we will be running a series of films which respond to the environmental and biodiversity crises; starting with *Good Soil* at 7.30pm Saturday 26 September in the Church Hall. Dates to be confirmed for *Best Little Farm in the World* and *Finding*

Harmony: A King's Vision.

We are co-hosting Witham's showing of *The People's Emergency Briefing* **7.30pm at the URC on 15 October**. This film is being shown in churches all across the country.

Macmillan Coffee Mornings 26 & 27 September

Jackie Rudd is hosting the next coffee morning at 10.30am on Saturday 26 (3 Ouse Chase, Witham). Then on the next day, following the 9.30am service on Sunday 27, we will host another Coffee & Cake session in the church hall. All funds raised to Macmillan for both events. Please see Samantha if you can provide a cake for Sunday 27 September.

Healing Ministry

As we prepare for offering a monthly healing ministry in our church, we are running the "Growing in Wholeness" course here at St Nicolas. This is a practical course to encourage personal growth in wholeness and develop the church's ministry of healing. Written and led by Rev Roger Matthews, former Dean of Mission & Ministry. There are six sessions: 7.00pm Wednesdays: 30 September, 7 & 14 October, 4 & 25 November, and 2 December.

Noah's Licensing - Thursday 1 October

Noah's Licensing will take place in Southend on 1 October, details to follow. In the meantime we have a sign up sheet at the back of church - please state if you can provide or need transport and how many spaces.