

Holy Trinity Badgeworth, St Paul's Shurdington, and St Mary's Witcombe with Bentham

**Sunday 20th September 2026**

## Today's Services

## Collect

## Lectionary Readings

## Exodus 16.2–15

looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup> The Lord spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup> 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God." ' In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup> When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup> When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

**Psalm 105.1–6, 37–end**

1 O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; •  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises, •  
and tell of all his marvellous works.

3 Rejoice in the praise of his holy name; •  
let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.

4 Seek the Lord and his strength; •  
seek his face continually.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, •  
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,

6 O seed of Abraham his servant, •  
O children of Jacob his chosen.

37 Then he brought them out with silver and gold; •  
there was not one among their tribes that stumbled.

38 Egypt was glad at their departing, •  
for a dread of them had fallen upon them.

39 He spread out a cloud for a covering •  
and a fire to light up the night.

40 They asked and he brought them quails; •  
he satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

41 He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out •  
and ran in the dry places like a river.

42 For he remembered his holy word •  
and Abraham, his servant.

43 So he brought forth his people with joy, •  
his chosen ones with singing.

44 He gave them the lands of the nations •  
and they took possession of the fruit of their toil,

45 That they might keep his statutes •  
and faithfully observe his laws.

Alleluia.

## Philippians 1.21–end

<sup>21</sup>For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup>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, <sup>26</sup>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, <sup>28</sup>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. <sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— <sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

## Gospel Reading

### Matthew 20.1–16

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>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?" <sup>7</sup>They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." <sup>8</sup>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." <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>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." <sup>13</sup>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? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

## This week's prayers

Please remember in your prayers:

- Those living in Pilcroft Road.
- The flower arrangers in our three churches.
- We are also praying for the people of Ukraine and the Middle East, that they may freely live in peace.

## Shurdington Primary School

We are continuing our school links, and we pray for the staff and pupils. This term's school value is Thankfulness.

## Our Frontline Prayer

We thank you, Heavenly Father, for the gift of this community. We commend one another to you on our different frontlines.

Wherever we are, whatever we do, whoever we are, may the Holy Spirit guide us in all things so that we may do God's will in the world, in the service of Jesus Christ and with great joy.

## In Church next week

### Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September

2pm St Paul's Holy Communion

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

10.30 St Paul's Benefice Holy Communion

*This will be the only service in the Benefice this Sunday – all welcome*

## ECO tip for September

This month is part of the Season of Creation (1 September-4 October). Use this month to do something that helps the environment, then share what you have achieved during our benefice eco-week – more details in the Three in One.

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Alleluia  
He is  
Risen