

Pew Sheet for 13th September 2026

Revd. Clare 01327 260204

Saturday 12th September

Ride, stride and drive

Sunday 13th September

9.30am Holy Communion at Eydon

10.00am Morning Prayer at Boddington

11.00am Common Worship Communion at Aston le Walls

11.00am Café Church at Byfield

1.00pm Baptism of Ada at Boddington

Wednesday 16th September

9.45am Holy Communion at Byfield

11.45am Prayer Group at Woodford Halse

Sunday 20th September

9.30am BCP Communion at Aston le Walls

10.00am Family Service at Eydon

11.00am Holy Communion at Woodford Halse

6.00pm Harvest Service at Boddington

Tuesday 22nd September

2.00-2.45pm Little Angels at Eydon

Wednesday 23rd September

9.45am Morning Prayer at Byfield

11.45am Prayer Group at Woodford Halse

Thursday 24th September

6.00-7.30pm Rising Stars at Byfield

Sunday 27th September

11.00am Holy Communion at Woodford Halse

12.30pm Baptism of Leo at Woodford Halse

5.00pm Harvest Communion at Aston le Walls

Saturday 12th September

Woodford Halse Village show.

Displays of flowers and produce, a performance by the Community Choir and refreshments in the church during the day.

3.00pm - 5.00pm Aston le Walls Village Hall.

Cream Teas (free!), Silent Auction of experiences and items, a raffle, a bottle tombola, a cake and bread stall and a book stall. Come and share tea and time.

All in aid of St Leonard's Church.

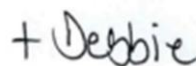
Further details and auction booklets from Johnnie Lloyd Morgan 07711 335799

Festival of Creation in Christ

September brings with it a rich opportunity to celebrate God's gift of creation. This year, many churches across the Church of England will be exploring the new *Festival of Creation in Christ* resources, which invite us to see the whole created world through the lens of Christ. They remind us that creation is not simply a backdrop to God's saving work, but is gathered up in Christ, through whom all things were made and in whom all things hold together.

This season also coincides with our many different Harvest celebrations. Harvest is a time to give thanks for the abundance of God's provision and for all those whose work enables food to reach our tables. It is also an opportunity to reflect on our responsibility to care for the earth and to ensure that its gifts are shared justly. As we thank God for the fruits of the earth, we are invited to consider how we can play our part in cherishing creation and supporting those who lack life's basic necessities.

I encourage churches and individuals throughout the Diocese to make use of the Festival of Creation in Christ resources this autumn, which you can find on the Church of England website. Whether through worship, preaching, study groups or community events, they offer fresh ways of celebrating God's creation and deepening our understanding of our calling as disciples of Jesus Christ. My prayer is that, through this season, we may grow in wonder, thanksgiving and hope as we seek to follow Christ, the one in whom all creation finds its purpose and fulfilment.



With every blessing,

The Rt Revd Debbie Sellin
Bishop of Peterborough

O God and Father of all that was, is and ever shall be,
help us to be thankful for all that is made
at the hands of your Son
and through the wisdom of your Spirit,
that we may care in heart and in deed for the
life of our world,
to the praise and glory of your holy name.

Sunday

13 September 2026 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 Genesis 50:15-21

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Realising that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Or Exodus 14:19-end

PSALM Psalm 103:1-13 [or 103:8-13]

R The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

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; **R**

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; **R**

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. **R**

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. **R**

He will not always accuse us,
neither will he keep his anger for ever.
He has not dealt with us according to
our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our
wickedness. **R**

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.] **R**

SECOND READING Romans 14:1-12

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

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.

GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-35

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, "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 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 would 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 would 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."

POST COMMUNION

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.



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