



WELCOME

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16TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

20th September 2026

Welcome Song (see below)

Entrance

129 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Before the Gospel

401 Longing for light

Offertory

Holy Forever

Communion

575 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

272 Holy, holy, holy is the Lord

Final

48 At the name of Jesus

WELCOME SONG

Happy to share, happy to share,
Our blessings with one another.
That's why we are here.

COLLECT

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



FOR OUR PRAYERS:

Janet & Jason & Violet, Don, Trevor, Eunice, baptised today. Rebecca, Uzoamaka; all who are unwell; for Chukwudulue and all who have recently died and those who mourn them.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our
whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ST MICHAEL'S DAY!

We celebrate our patronal festival on **Sunday 27 September** with a special service! Please join us.



ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

Rev'd Ifeanyi's weekly Bible Study on Zoom is Wednesdays at 18:00 and everyone is welcome to attend.

Meeting ID: 849 2977 1613

Password: 356850



HEAR ABOUT PALESTINE

The next deanery synod meeting will be on **Thursday 24 September** at St Saviour's promptly from 19:00. The meeting will open to all for refreshments at 19:15 and then at 19:30, we will hear from Paula Orr. Paula is part of the World Council of Churches 'Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel'. She spent September to November last year in Palestine visiting communities and writing reports for the UN in Jerusalem on what she had witnessed and heard reports of. Back in the UK she, along with others of the team, give talks to bear witness to what she has seen. You're welcome to come and hear for yourself.

<https://www.oikoumene.org/what-we-do/eappi>

EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday 21 September

Church: 09:30-11:30 - Toddler Group

Church: 15:30 - 18:00 - Homework Club

Hall: 17:30 - 18:30 - Rainbows

Hall: 18:30 - 20:00 - Brownies

Tuesday 22 September

Church: 18:30 – 20:00 – Pilates

Wednesday 23 September

Church: 09:30-11:30 - Toddler Group

Hall: 12:00 - 1:30 - Food bank

Online: 18:00 – Zoom Bible study

Thursday 24 September

Hall: 18:30 - 20:30 – Guides

St Saviour's: 19:15 – Deanery

Synod / Hear about Palestine –

Paula Orr

Friday 25 September

St George's: 10:00-15:00 –

Macmillan Coffee Morning

WhatsApp: 19:00 – Women's Ministry Meeting

Hall 18:30 - 20:00 - Learning & Physical Disabilities Club

Saturday 26 September

Hall: 09:00-17:00 - 7th Day Adventists

Sunday 27 September

Church: 10:00 - Holy Communion

Hall: 11:30 - 15:00 - Apostolic Church

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 27 September

Church: 10:00 – **St Michael's Day**

*The Old Testament reading is from: **Exodus 16: 2 - 15***

² There, too, the whole community of Israel complained about Moses and Aaron.

³ “If only the Lord had killed us back in Egypt,” they moaned. “There we sat around pots filled with meat and ate all the bread we wanted. But now you have brought us into this wilderness to starve us all to death.”

⁴ Then the Lord said to Moses, “Look, I’m going to rain down food from heaven for you. Each day the people can go out and pick up as much food as they need for that day. I will test them in this to see whether or not they will follow my instructions.

⁵ On the sixth day they will gather food, and when they prepare it, there will be twice as much as usual.”

⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “By evening you will realize it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt. ⁷ In the morning you will see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaints, which are against him, not against us. What have we done that you should complain about us?” ⁸ Then Moses added, “The Lord will give you meat to eat in the evening and bread to satisfy you in the morning, for he has heard all your complaints against him. What have we done? Yes, your complaints are against the Lord, not against us.”

⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, “Announce this to the entire community of Israel: ‘Present yourselves before the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” ¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole community of Israel, they looked out toward the wilderness. There they could see the awesome glory of the Lord in the cloud.

¹¹ Then the Lord said to Moses, ¹² “I have heard the Israelites’ complaints. Now tell them, ‘In the evening you will have meat to eat, and in the morning you will have all the bread you want. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God.’”

¹³ That evening vast numbers of quail flew in and covered the camp. And the next morning the area around the camp was wet with dew. ¹⁴ When the dew evaporated, a flaky substance as fine as frost blanketed the ground. ¹⁵ The Israelites were puzzled when they saw it. “What is it?” they asked each other. They had no idea what it was.

And Moses told them, “It is the food the Lord has given you to eat.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*The Gospel reading is from **Matthew 20: 1 - 16***

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

“For the Kingdom of Heaven is like the landowner who went out early one morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ² He agreed to pay the normal daily wage and sent them out to work.

³ “At nine o’clock in the morning he was passing through the marketplace and saw some people standing around doing nothing. ⁴ So he hired them, telling them he would pay them whatever was right at the end of the day. ⁵ So they went to work in the vineyard. At noon and again at three o’clock he did the same thing.

⁶ “At five o’clock that afternoon he was in town again and saw some more people standing around. He asked them, ‘Why haven’t you been working today?’

⁷ “They replied, ‘Because no one hired us.’

“The landowner told them, ‘Then go out and join the others in my vineyard.’

⁸ “That evening he told the foreman to call the workers in and pay them, beginning with the last workers first. ⁹ When those hired at five o’clock were paid, each received a full day’s wage. ¹⁰ When those hired first came to get their pay, they assumed they would receive more. But they, too, were paid a day’s wage. ¹¹ When they received their pay, they protested to the owner, ¹² ‘Those people worked only one hour, and yet you’ve paid them just as much as you paid us who worked all day in the scorching heat.’

¹³ “He answered one of them, ‘Friend, I haven’t been unfair! Didn’t you agree to work all day for the usual wage? ¹⁴ Take your money and go. I wanted to pay this last worker the same as you. ¹⁵ Is it against the law for me to do what I want with my money? Should you be jealous because I am kind to others?’

¹⁶ “So those who are last now will be first then, and those who are first will be last.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.