

14th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH 13th September

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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Genesis 50:15-21

A reading from Genesis

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, 'What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?' So they sent word to Joseph, saying, 'Your father left these instructions before he died: "This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly." Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father.' When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. 'We are your slaves,' they said.

But Joseph said to them, 'Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.' And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Romans 14:7-12

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. It is written:

"As surely as I live," says the Lord,

"Every knee will bow before me;

every tongue will acknowledge God."

So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL Matthew 18:21-35

Alleluia, alleluia! I do not tell you to forgive seven times, but seventy seven times. **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?'

Jesus answered, 'I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

'Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

'At this the servant fell on his knees before him. "Be patient with me," he begged, "and I will pay back everything." The servant's master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go.

'But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. "Pay back what you owe me!" he demanded.

'His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, "Be patient with me, and I will pay it back."

'But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

'Then the master called the servant in. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?" In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

'This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

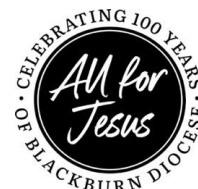
Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.





✠ ALL SAINTS' CHORLEY ✠



Our hymns:

436 Praise my soul the King of heaven
393 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Please remember in your prayers:

From our parish:	Our school of All Saints', Mrs. Partington, the staff, and children.
For the sick:	Paul Catterall, Linda Eubank, Ken Starkey, Christine Gothard, Michael Baxendale, Pam & Michael McLachlan, Linda Carrara, Sandra & Mike Downey, Anita Campbell, Norman & Brenda Riley, and all the residents of Gillibrand Hall and Coniston House.
Recently departed	
Years Mind:	Joseph Bilsbarrow

REGULAR SERVICES

SUNDAY – 11am Sung Eucharist, 4pm Closer

THURSDAY - Said Eucharist, 10.30am

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NOTICES FOR SUNDAY 13th September 2026

Youth Club – Fridays 5:30pm here at All Saints' Church – Year 5 and above all welcome.

High School admission forms re admission in 2027 – please take a copy and then hand in to the vicar or a churchwarden. Anyone with children in current Year 4 who hasn't yet got a form please ask for one and ensure you get your attendances verified. Thank you.

CHORLEY LIVE! – FRI / SAT 2ND & 3RD OCTOBER – ST GEORGE'S CHURCH will be one of the venues. Do buy your wristband (£6) from St George's as the church gets the income.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Next Sunday – 20th – Harvest Festival at St George's.

Saturday 27th – Harvest Tea in St George's Church Hall.

Arrive from 5pm, bring food to share and your own drinks. Eating at 5:30pm followed by a mix of quizzes, games, songs and sketches and of course BINGO! There's a sign up sheet at the back of each church for seating purposes.

Sunday 4th – Harvest Festival at All Saints' at 11am and 4pm – at which Bishop Philip will preach.

❄️ **PANTOMIME 2027 – THE SNOW QUEEN!** ❄️ February half term.

Auditions – Sunday 11th October: Children 4:30, Adults and children Y9 & above 5pm in St George's Church Hall

🎭 **REHEARSAL TIMES** 🎭 - Fridays 7-9pm (chorus only after christmas); Sundays 3-5pm chorus / 5-7pm cast

New as well as familiar faces welcome as we put on another great show!

