

# Sunday

4 October 2026 Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

## COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,  
increase in us your gift of faith  
that, forsaking what lies behind  
and reaching out to that which is before,  
we may run the way of your  
commandments  
and win the crown of everlasting joy;  
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

*Either Isaiah 5:1-7*

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.*

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song  
concerning his vineyard: My beloved had  
a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug  
it and cleared it of stones, and planted  
it with choice vines; he built a watch-  
tower in the midst of it, and hewed out  
a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield  
grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And  
now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people  
of Judah, judge between me and my  
vineyard. What more was there to do for  
my vineyard that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes, why  
did it yield wild grapes? And now I will  
tell you what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge, and it shall be  
devoured; I will break down its wall, and  
it shall be trampled down. I will make it  
a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown with briars and  
thorns; I will also command the clouds that  
they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard  
of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah are his pleasant  
planting: he expected justice, but saw  
bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

*Or Exodus 20:1-4. 7-9. 12-20*

## PSALM Psalm 80:8-16

*R Turn us again, O God;  
show the light of your countenance,  
and we shall be saved.*

You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
you drove out the nations and planted it.  
You made room around it,  
and when it had taken root, it filled the  
land. *R*

The hills were covered with its shadow  
and the cedars of God by its boughs.  
It stretched out its branches to the Sea  
and its tendrils to the River. *R*

Why then have you broken down its wall,  
so that all who pass by pluck off its  
grapes?  
The wild boar out of the wood tears it off,  
and all the insects of the field devour it. *R*  
Turn again, O God of hosts,  
look down from heaven and behold;  
Cherish this vine which your right hand has  
planted,  
and the branch that you made so strong  
for yourself.  
Let those who burnt it with fire, who cut it  
down,  
perish at the rebuke of your countenance. *R*

## SECOND READING Philippians 3:4b-14

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.*

If anyone else has reason to be confident  
in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on  
the eighth day, a member of the people  
of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a  
Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law,  
a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of  
the church; as to righteousness under  
the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains  
I had, these I have come to regard as  
loss because of Christ. More than that, I  
regard everything as loss because of the  
surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus  
my Lord. For his sake I have suffered  
the loss of all things, and I regard them  
as rubbish, in order that I may gain  
Christ and be found in him, not having  
a righteousness of my own that comes  
from the law, but one that comes through  
faith in Christ, the righteousness from  
God based on faith. I want to know Christ  
and the power of his resurrection and the  
sharing of his sufferings by becoming like  
him in his death, if somehow I may attain  
the resurrection from the dead. Not that I  
have already obtained this or have already  
reached the goal; but I press on to make  
it my own, because Christ Jesus has made  
me his own. Beloved, I do not consider  
that I have made it my own; but this one  
thing I do: forgetting what lies behind  
and straining forward to what lies ahead, I  
press on towards the goal for the prize of  
the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

## GOSPEL Matthew 21:33-end

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

Jesus said to the chief priests and the  
elders of the people: "Listen to another  
parable. There was a landowner who  
planted a vineyard, put a fence around it,  
dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-  
tower. Then he leased it to tenants and  
went to another country. When the harvest  
time had come, he sent his slaves to the  
tenants to collect his produce. But the  
tenants seized his slaves and beat one,  
killed another, and stoned another. Again  
he sent other slaves, more than the first;  
and they treated them in the same way.  
Finally he sent his son to them, saying,  
'They will respect my son.' But when  
the tenants saw the son, they said to  
themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us  
kill him and get his inheritance.' So they  
seized him, threw him out of the vineyard,  
and killed him. Now when the owner of  
the vineyard comes, what will he do to  
those tenants?" They said to him, "He  
will put those wretches to a miserable  
death, and lease the vineyard to other  
tenants who will give him the produce  
at the harvest time." Jesus said to them,  
"Have you never read in the scriptures:  
'The stone that the builders rejected has  
become the cornerstone; this was the  
Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our  
eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom  
of God will be taken away from you and  
given to a people that produces the fruits  
of the kingdom. The one who falls on this  
stone will be broken to pieces; and it will  
crush anyone on whom it falls." When  
the chief priests and the Pharisees heard  
his parables, they realised that he was  
speaking about them. They wanted to  
arrest him, but they feared the crowds,  
because they regarded him as a prophet.

## POST COMMUNION

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for  
this sacred feast:  
for here we receive you,  
here the memory of your passion is  
renewed,  
here our minds are filled with grace,  
and here a pledge of future glory is given,  
when we shall feast at that table where  
you reign  
with all your saints for ever.



# St Wilfrid's Church Brayton

Morning Prayer · Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity · 04 October 2026

## Welcome

Before the service begins you are invited to join in a short time of quietness and reflection in preparation for worship. After the service please join us for coffee and chat in the Parish Hall.

## Services

### Tue 06 October

10:30am Holy Communion at Fernbank Court

### Wed 07 October

9:30am Holy Communion

### Sun 11 October

#### Trinity 19

10:30am Holy Communion

### Special Services

#### Sun 11 October

6:00pm Harvest Songs of Praise

#### Sun 01 November

3pm All Souls Service

## Notices

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### Alpha Course starts Wed 07 October

6:30pm at St. Francis Church  
10-week course to explore life & faith! Just Come Along!

## Upcoming Events

### WED Community Lunch

12noon-1:30pm, St. Wilfrid's  
A simple lunch of soup, bread  
roll & a dessert with custard  
for only £5 **Pat**

### THU Mothers' Union

1pm, St. Wilfrid's  
Mothers' Union Members  
will share a Harvest Lunch in  
the Parish Hall. We will start  
at 1pm rather than the usual  
2pm. **Lynn**

### SAT Craft Group Coffee Morning

10am-11:30am, St Wilfrid's  
A get together with good  
company, coffee and cakes.  
See you there! **June**

### TUE St Wilfrid's Craft Group

2pm-4pm, St. Wilfrid's  
Everyone welcome, come  
along for good company and  
a cuppa. You may learn a new  
craft! **June**

### SAT Quiz Night at St. Francis

7pm, St. Francis  
Teams of up to 6 people max.  
Booking essential. **Call Joan  
708128 or Shirley 707380**

### FRI Bingo Pie & Peas Night

From 7pm, St Wilfrid's.  
Tickets £8 to include pie &  
peas. Bring own drinks. **Pat**

### Christmas Card Making Workshop on 17 October

10am-12pm, St. Francis  
Make a special card to  
send! £5 with coffee  
and cake **01757  
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## Church Welfare & News



### Pastoral Care

If you or someone you know  
is sick, in hospital, in need,  
or would appreciate a visit,  
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### Autumn Fair

Saturday 14 November  
Details to follow!

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