

St Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain



Service of the Word - Morning Praise

16th Sunday after Trinity

**Scripture & Notices for
Sunday 20th September 2026**

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Service leaders: Ann South, Derek Elmhirst
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Next Sunday, 27th September
Morning Praise, All Saint's Church, Goulceby, 10am

The Word

Psalm 105.37-end

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.

Old Testament - Exodus 16.2-15

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³ The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

⁴ Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵ On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' ⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?' ⁸ And Moses said, 'When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.'

⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining."'" ¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ¹² '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.'"

¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ 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.

New Testament – **Philippians 1.21-30**

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵ 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, ²⁶ so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷ 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, ²⁸ 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. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.



The Gospel

Matthew 20.1-16

¹ 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴ and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ 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?" ⁷ They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." ⁸ 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." ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² 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." ¹³ 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? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

A New Festival – ‘Creation in Christ’

Last Sunday we found a festival that is new to our calendar. In July, General Synod gave final approval to the Festival of Creation in Christ, to be celebrated each year on the first Sunday in September. It comes to us as an ecumenical gift, shaped by conversation between Anglican, Orthodox and Roman Catholic churches, and it stands at the threshold of **Creationtide**, the season that runs from 1 September to 4 October.

The name is doing careful work. This is not a festival of creation alone, but of creation *in Christ*. Introducing it at Synod, the Bishop of Lichfield spoke of creation made through Christ, held together in Christ, and destined for renewal in Christ — language drawn from Colossians, where Paul writes of the one in whom all things hold together. Care for the world is not a cause bolted on to the faith from outside. It belongs near its centre.

That may be easier to see from here than from most places. Across our parishes the turning year is no abstraction. It is drilling and lambing, hedges cut in autumn, the long wait on weather that may not come good. In early September work in the Wolds fields continues. The land is not just scenery to us. It is livelihood, labour, and no small amount of worry.

A festival of creation gives us somewhere to put both halves of that. There is thanksgiving in it — for harvest, and for the ordinary daily mercy of soil and rain and light. There is also honesty about damage done and damage feared. And holding the two together is the promise this new festival exists to name: that the God who made all things in Christ has not finished with them yet.

Oh, when the saints... 20th September – The Martyrs of Korea

Korea is known for its thriving Christian church. But it was not always so – in fact no Korean was baptised until as late as 1784. Christianity arrived in Korea through Christian books sent from China, and the Koreans responded warmly as soon as they heard the Good News. A Chinese priest who visited in 1794 found 4,000 Christians. This despite hard times: the Chinese priest was killed in 1801, and the Koreans were left without a priest for 30 years. Then Pope Pius VII sent a bishop, Laurence Imbert, who arrived in disguise in 1837, who worked with two other priests of the same Paris Missionary Society. Christianity was strictly forbidden by this time, and so the missionaries worked in complete secrecy, rising at 2.30 am and ministering at unusual times in conditions of extreme poverty.

And the Korean Church grew! Soon there were 9,000 Christians, who could not remain secret forever. Violent persecution broke out, and the three French priests allowed themselves to be taken, in order to avert massacre and apostasy. They were beheaded at Seoul on 21 September 1839. 78 Korean Christians died in the same persecution, among them Agatha Kim and John Ri. The first Korean priest to be martyred was Andrew Kim, in 1846. These shining Christians of the Korean Church were beatified in 1925 and canonised in 1984.

Confirmation services

'Confirmation' and 'being confirmed' is a very meaningful service that takes place which can help strengthen and encourage people on their journey of faith as Christians. It is a traditional service that is open to young people and adults of all ages. It is preceded by some sessions of preparation and reflection. Confirmation services take place at intervals throughout the year. If you would like more information please do call Revd. Mark Holden, Rural Dean - 01673 857825.

Notices

Please join us for refreshments after the service.

Sunday 20th September – Harvest Thanksgiving – 3pm
St Peter's Church, Gayton le Wold

Friday 25th September – Harvest Thanksgiving – 2:30pm
St Martin's Church, Scamblesby

Sunday 27th September – Morning Praise – 10am
All Saint's Church, Goulceby

Tuesday 29th September – Deanery Taizé service – 7pm
(with a bring & share supper to follow)
Holy Trinity Church, Tattershall

Sunday 4th October – Harvest Thanksgiving – 6pm
St Julian's Church, Benniworth

Sunday 11th October – Morning Praise – 10am
St Helen's Church, Burgh on Bain

Wednesday 14th October – Celtic worship with Holy Communion –
11am, St Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain

The Parish **Prayer Circle** exists to meet some of the prayer needs of the community. You can make a request for prayer (confidential within the Prayer Circle) by contacting Ann South on 01507 313792)



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