

St Michael and All Angels, South Westoe

19 October 2025

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Intention: Our Parish and People

8am – Mass (BCP)

11am – Sung Mass

Hymns 742 (t i), 99, 383, 628, 753

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active: discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia.

12.45pm, 1.30pm & 2.15pm – Holy Baptism

6.00pm – Evensong at St Hilda's

1. Thank you to everyone who supported our Harvest Supper last Sunday and to those who prepared the food and organised the raffle. It was a great social event.
2. The next Parish Office will be on Mondays 20 October, 10 and 17 November.
3. Tuesday 21 October: Wedding Rehearsal at 6.45pm.
4. Thursday 23 October: Choir Practice at 6pm.
5. Sunday 2 November: Annual Memorial Service at 3pm. Forms to remember the Faithful Departed are available at the back of Church.
6. Monday 3 November: Sung Requiem Mass for All Souls' Day at 7pm.
7. Tuesday 4 November: PCC Standing Committee at 6.30pm.
8. Saturday 8 November: Coffee Morning from 10am until 12 noon.
9. Anyone who would like to join the reading or intercession rota should have a word with Anne Shields.

This week's scripture readings at Mass

Romans 4.20-25 | Luke 12.13-21

Romans 5.12, 15, 17-end | Luke 12.35-38

Romans 6.12-18 | Luke 12.39-48

Romans 6.19-end | Luke 12.49-53

Romans 7.18-end | Luke 12.54-end

Romans 8.1-11 | Luke 13.1-9

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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This week's services and prayer intentions

[Services in italics at St Hilda's Church]

Monday 20 October

Feria

Intention: Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

8.30am Morning Prayer

9.00am Mass

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 21 October

Feria

Intention: Sea Cadets

5.30pm Evening Prayer

6.00pm Mass

Wednesday 22 October

St John Paul II

Intention: Christian Unity

10.00am Mass

5.30pm Evening Prayer

Thursday 23 October

Feria

Intention: Society of the Holy Cross

11.00am Mass (BCP)

Friday 24 October

Feria

Intention: Those in need

Saturday 25 October

Ss Crispin and Crispinian

Intention: Town Council

10.00am Mass

3.00pm Wedding Service

Sunday 26 October

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Intention: Our Parish and People

(Clocks go back one hour)

Mass (BCP) at 8.00am GMT

Sung Mass at 11.00am GMT

Churchwardens: Mrs M Thompson (456-3828)

Mr M Baxter (07792-458751)

Cheques payable to 'St Michael's PCC'

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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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Genesis 32.22-31

A reading from the book Genesis.

At night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?' And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

PSALM Psalm 121

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills : from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh even from the Lord : who hath made heaven and earth.
He will not suffer thy foot to be moved : and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
Behold, he that keepeth Israel : shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself is thy keeper : the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day : neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil : yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in : from this time forth for evermore.

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 3.14-4.5

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy.

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having

itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

GOSPEL Luke 18.1-8

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

PRAYER AFTER 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. **Amen.**