
Pew-sheet for Sunday 8th September 2024
The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Today's services

Sunday 8th September

8.45am Morning Prayer on Zoom

To connect via zoom
Meeting ID: 833 3035 8290
Passcode: 735361
Or by phoning: 0131 460 1196 or
0203 481 5237 or 0203 481 5240

10.00am Holy Communion at the
church of St Leonard, Yardley Gobion

Liturgical Colour: Green

Collect for the day

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

Post Communion prayer for the day

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

Readings for this morning's service of Holy Communion

First Reading: Isaiah 35.4-7a

⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

For the Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God

Gospel: Mark 7.24-37

Hear the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord

²⁴ From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ He said to her, 'Let the children be fed

first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁸ But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' ²⁹ Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' ³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴ Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' ³⁵ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

[The coming week's services and prayer](#)

[Wednesday 11th September](#)
8.00pm, a short service of **Night Prayer** on our South Cleley [Facebook page](#).

Thursday 12th September

5.00pm Meditation Prayer

Contact [Mary McVay](#) so she can send you the details.

Saturday 14th September

2.00pm Thanksgiving for the gift of a child (*Thomas Bullock*) at Cosgrove

Sunday 15th September

8.45am Morning Prayer on Zoom Meeting ID 833 3035 8290 Passcode 735361

10.00am Holy Communion at Potterspury

6.00pm Evensong at Cosgrove

Support for you

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Church Buildings

Our buildings are open at the following times:

Cosgrove Daily 10am – 4pm

Potterspury Daily around 9am-5pm, or until after the last service of the day

Yardley Gobion Monday to Saturday 10am-4pm, Sunday 12noon-4pm

Wicken – the church can be opened if anyone would like to go in for prayer – please see the notice outside for details of who to contact.

Additional Lectionary readings for this Sunday

Psalm 146

The Lord shall reign for ever.

1 Alleluia.

Praise the Lord, O my soul: while I live will I praise the Lord; ♦ as long as I have any being, I will sing praises to my God.

2 Put not your trust in princes, nor in any human power, ♦ for there is no help in them.

3 When their breath goes forth, they return to the earth; ♦ on that day all their thoughts perish.

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4 Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help, ♦ whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them; ♦ who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong ♦ and bread to those who hunger.

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7 The Lord looses those that are bound; ♦ the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

8 The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; ♦ the Lord loves the righteous;

9 The Lord watches over the stranger in the land; he upholds the orphan and widow; ♦ but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.

10 The Lord shall reign for ever, ♦ your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Alleluia.

The Lord shall reign for ever.

**Lord of all,
our breath and being come from you,
yet our earthly end is dust;
as you loose the bound and feed the hungry,
so bring us in your mercy through the grave and gate of death
to the feast of eternal life,
where you reign for evermore.**

James 2.1-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ² For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³ and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', ⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷ Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸ You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' ⁹ But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹ For the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery', also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹² So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Please take this pew-sheet home with you after today's service.

You may wish to use the readings during the week for your own prayer and reflection.