

A brief introduction to Choral Evensong:

We are delighted that you have come to share in the tradition of Evensong based on the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 1662. Choral Evensong is a service with its roots in ancient Christian monasticism and the sixteenth-century Reformation of the English Church. The heart of Evensong is the reading of Scripture. The service that surrounds it is intended to prepare us to hear God's word where we can collect ourselves, quieten our hearts, allow the beauty of the language and the music to transport us, and hear God speaking to us through the readings and songs and to be able to respond to it with praise. Its traditional or archaic language may help us to put aside the pressures of our lives as we enter into a tradition that has sustained Christians in England since the 17th Century. The service booklet contains sufficient instructions to help you take part in the service, but if you would rather sit and listen then you're very welcome to be still and let the music and words wash over you. However you join in, we pray that you sense the presence and love of God. While we wait for the service to begin, it may be helpful to sit in stillness and quiet to help prepare our hearts and minds for this reflective service of Evening Prayer. The Collect of the day and the readings and hymn numbers are printed on this pew sheet.

- Choral Evensong takes place on the first Sunday of the month between April and September at 6.30 pm.
- Taize takes place on the first Sunday of the month between October and March at 6.30 pm.

Regular Events in our church building:

- Breakfast Club:— First Thursday of the month (8.30-10.30 am)
- Soup Lunch:- Third Thursday of the month (12 noon-2 pm)

For details of all our church services, events and other aspects of our mission and ministry please visit: [St Buryan Parish Church TR19 6BA \(stburyanchurch.org.uk\)](http://StBuryanParishChurchTR196BA.stburyanchurch.org.uk), or our Facebook page

ST BURYAN CHURCH – SUNDAY 2 AUGUST 2026 THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Proper 13 6.30PM CHORAL EVENSONG

We extend a very warm welcome to everyone in church this evening

Officiant & Preacher: The Revd Adam Thomas

HYMNS: *Taken from Complete Anglican Old & New*

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232 God that madest earth and heaven, darkness and light;

PSALM: **23**

ANTHEM: Jesus our Light

First Lesson: A Reading from the First Book of Kings

Reader: Sarah McQuaid

Second Lesson: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Reader: Ricarda Schmidt

Intercessions: Linda LaRoche

THE COLLECT FOR THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON IS FROM THE BOOK OF KINGS

And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with hard questions. And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart. And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not any thing hid from the king, which he told her not. And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built, And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her. And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom. Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard. Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom. Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice. And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon. And the navy also of Hiram, that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of almug trees, and precious stones. And the king made of the almug trees pillars for the house of the LORD, and for the king's house, harps also and psalteries for singers: there came no such almug trees, nor were seen unto this day. And King Solomon gave unto the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside that which Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.

'HERE ENDETH THE FIRST LESSON'

(1 Kings 10:1-13)

THE SECOND LESSON IS TAKEN FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus. And when they were at Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John to their minister. And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Barjesus: Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God. But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith. Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him. And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand. Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord. Now when Paul and his company loosed from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia: and John departing from them returned to Jerusalem.

'HERE ENDETH THE SECOND LESSON'

(Acts 13:1-13)