

The Collect

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Meditation before service

Thy word is a lantern unto my feet : and a light unto my paths.

Psalm 119.105 (BCP)

Nehemiah 8.1–4a, 8–12

Old Testament reading

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁴The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.' ¹¹So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' ¹²And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

Psalm 119

(BCP)

- 9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way : even by ruling himself after thy word.
- 10 With my whole heart have I sought thee : O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.
- 11 Thy words have I hid within my heart : that I should not sin against thee.
- 12 Blessed art thou, O Lord : O teach me thy statutes.
- 13 With my lips have I been telling : of all the judgements of thy mouth.
- 14 I have had as great delight in the way of thy testimonies : as in all manner of riches.
- 15 I will talk of thy commandments : and have respect unto thy ways.
- 16 My delight shall be in thy statutes : and I will not forget thy word.

Colossians 3.12–17

New Testament reading

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 24.30–35

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. ³¹And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. ³²From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ³³So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁴Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³⁵Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

Postcommunion Collect

**God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.**



29 October 2023 Last Sunday after Trinity / Bible Sunday

Welcome to our Eucharist

Celebrant & Preacher	Revd Canon Dr James Saunders
Reader	Philip Riley
Intercessor	Christobel Price
Organist	John Wardle

Setting	Nardone, <i>Mass of St Cedd</i>
Hymns	384 O Christ the Word incarnate 383 Lord, thy word abideth 490 (omit v.3) Glory to God, the source of all our mission
Readings	Nehemiah 8.1–4a, 8–12 Colossians 3.12–17
Gradual hymn	391 The prophets spoke in days of old
The Gospel	Matthew 24.30–35
Communion anthem	Byrd, <i>O sacrum convivium</i>

Please remember in our prayers

The sick: Jane Downs, Gail Nichols, Ian Cripps, Adrian Simper, Sybil Cripps Daniels, Philip Sargeant, Sonja Lennon, John Cullen, Shirley Allen, Tony Simper, Peter Shelton, June Barber, Peter Lloyd, Trish Damen, Lawrence Dixon, Dorine Warren, Janette Coates

The departed: Karen Howe

Year's mind: Joyce Lily Adams, Kathleen Mary Grace, Lorna Cannings, Emily Crombie, Alfred Thomas Hand, John Watts, Dorothy Reavell, Iain McDonald, Paul Green, Bert Jeffs

NOTICES

Services this Sunday BCP Eucharist 8 am; 10.45 Sung Eucharist.

Lunchtime Concerts These resume this week on Wednesday **1 November**, with a recital by George Eldridge playing jazz, blues and soul on guitar.

All Souls' Service This annual service of commemoration will take place at 4 pm on Sunday **5 November**. Please let Jenny or a member of the ministry team know if you would like a particular person remembered, and please do tell anyone who you think might find it helpful to attend.

Funeral The funeral of Karen Howe will take place on Monday **6 November** at 12 noon.

Rutland Festival of Remembrance There will be a Festival of Remembrance at St George's Barracks, North Luffenham on Friday **10 November**, hosted by the Lord Lieutenant; drinks and canapés at 6.30 pm, concert at 7.30. For further details please see the flyer being sent round separately.

Day of Prayer On Saturday **11 November** we will be holding a Day of Prayer. The day will begin with our regular service of Holy Communion at 9.30 am, which will be followed by a time of prayer for the mission and ministry of the Church. Prayers will be provided for people to use in church (or at home for those unable to get out). This time of prayer will conclude at 12.30 pm in readiness for us to begin our first prayer walk around the parish at 2 pm. All walkers and prayers are invited to join us (meeting at church). Please put this date in your diary and commit to praying for your church and its outreach and growth.

Teddy Tombola Appeal Please see the appeal below from Anne Touchin and Pam Stokes.

Recycling There are now recycling boxes in the Eco Church area for ink cartridges (no toner cartridges, please), contact lenses and blister packs.

Online Giving It is now possible to make your donation to the church directly via this link: <https://portal.mydona.com/assets/webPay/index.php?cid=621>

ECO CHURCH AT THE LATE NIGHT SHOPPING EVENING

We are planning to hold a Teddy Tombola at this event on December 7th to raise money for Tearfund's Toilet Twinning project (www.toilettwinning.org) in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

PLEA FOR TEDDIES

Please could you look and see if you have any teddies that you can spare, or can find any unwanted teddies, that are clean, CE marked and in excellent condition for our stall? If you have no teddies we will not turn away other soft toys! We would also like money to enable us to buy teddies from local charity shops. No child will be disappointed, as every ticket wins a prize.

CONTACT

Teddies can be left with Anne Touchin at 4 Hope's Yard, Uppingham or with Pam Stokes at 3 Wheatley Avenue, Uppingham from now onwards. Please contact Anne on 01572 820534 or Pam on 01572 824032.

THANK YOU!

