



Sunday 11 October 2026 - 19th Sunday after Trinity

Sun 11 Oct	10.30am: Harvest Eucharist President and Preacher: Fr Simon
Wed 14 Oct	9.30am: Morning Prayer at St Michael's Chapel
	10am: Holy Eucharist at St Michael's Chapel
Sun 18 Oct	10.30am: Holy Eucharist President and Preacher: Fr Simon

WE PRAY FOR

In need: Angela, Hazel, Rosie Hayler, David Yarnold, Morwenna Nicholls, Rowan & Gill Hughes, baby Shae, Jennifer Smith.

The departed: Irene Bristow.

In memory: Gordon Miller, Barbara Pinney, Neil Harris.

COLLECT PRAYER

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Philippians 4.1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22.1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them.

The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

NOTICES

A Quizzical Evening! An event for all ages, including music, a quiz and puddings! At St Helen's Church, Sat 17th October, 7pm-9.30pm. Adults £5, children £2, with proceeds going to the Family Care Trust. Tickets available at church and online at: www.tinyurl.com/quizzicaleve

1. O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;
ye heavens adore him by whom ye were made,
and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord, ye sons of new birth;
praise him who hath brought you his grace from
above,
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord re-echo around;
loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone,
and, sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.

O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured all ages along:
for love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

2. The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
His mercies never come to an end;
They are new every morning,
New every morning,
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord,
Great is Thy faithfulness.

3. Gather around for the table is spread,
welcome the food and rest!
Wide is our circle, with Christ at the head,
he is the honoured guest.

Learn by his love, grow in his grace,
pray for the peace he gives;
here at this meal, here in this place,
know that his Spirit lives!

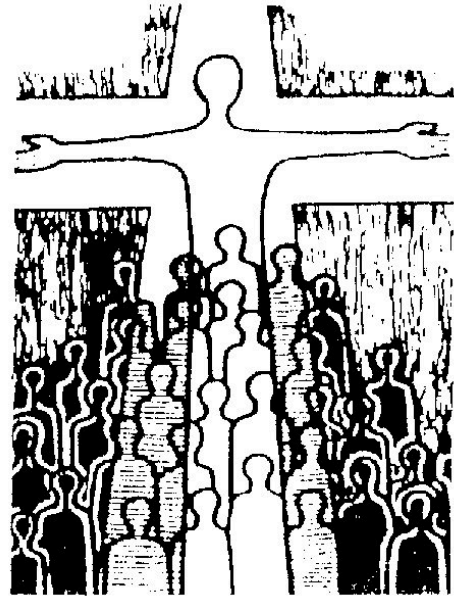
Once he was known in the breaking of bread,
shared with a chosen few;
multitudes gathered and by him were fed,
so will he feed us too.

4. Go peaceful in gentleness
through the violence of these days.
Give freely, show tenderness in all your ways
Through darkness, in troubled times,
let holiness be your aim.
Seek wisdom, let faithfulness burn like a flame.

*God speed you, God lead you,
and keep you wrapped around His heart;
may you be known by love.*

Be righteous, speak truthfully,
in a world of greed and lies.
Show kindness, see ev'ryone
through heaven's eyes.

*God hold you, enfold you,
and keep you wrapped around His heart
may you be known by love,
may you be known by love.*



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everyone you find to the wedding banquet.*

~ Matthew 22.9