
Pew-sheet for Sunday 7th September

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Today's services

Liturgical Colour: Green

8.45am Morning Prayer on Zoom
Meeting ID 833 3035 8290
Passcode 735361
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10.00am Holy Communion at the
church of St Leonard, Yardley
Gobion

**4.00pm Celtic Footsteps "The
search for sacred places"** at the
church of St Nicholas, Potterspury

Collect for today

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear
than we to pray and to give more
than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance
of your mercy, forgiving us those
things of which our conscience is
afraid and giving us those good
things which we are not worthy to
ask but through the merits and
mediation of 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 today

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you
have set aside our sins and given us
your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in
Christ may bring that healing to this
broken world, in the name of Jesus
Christ our Lord.

Amen

Readings for this morning's service of Holy Communion

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30.15-20

¹⁵ See, I have set before you today
life and prosperity, death and
adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the
commandments of the LORD your
God that I am commanding you
today, by loving the LORD your God,
walking in his ways, and observing
his commandments, decrees, and
ordinances, then you shall live and
become numerous, and
the LORD your God will bless you in
the land that you are entering to
possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns
away and you do not hear, but are
led astray to bow down to other
gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to
you today that you shall perish; you
shall not live long in the land that
you are crossing the Jordan to enter
and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and
earth to witness against you today
that I have set before you life and
death, blessings and curses. Choose
life so that you and your
descendants may live, ²⁰ loving
the LORD your God, obeying him,
and holding fast to him; for that
means life to you and length of
days, so that you may live in the
land that the LORD swore to give to
your ancestors, to Abraham, to
Isaac, and to Jacob.

For the Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God

Gospel: Luke 14.25-33

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

Glory to you, O Lord

²⁵ Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ 'Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

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

The coming week's services and prayer

Wednesday 10th September

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

Thursday 11th September

5.00pm Meditation Prayer

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

Saturday 13th September

12.30pm Marriage Blessing (Jo Hudson & Ed Clayton) at Furtho

3.00pm Interment of ashes (Peter Westbury) at Potterspurpy (High St Churchyard)

Sunday 14th September

8.45am Morning Prayer on Zoom
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10.00am Holy Communion at
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Church Buildings

Our buildings are open at the following times:

Cosgrove Daily 10am to 4pm

Potterspur Daily around 9am to 5pm, or until after the last service of the day

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

Wicken – the church is currently closed for ceiling works to be undertaken.

What else is coming up?

- **Tue 9 Sep – 9.00 – Little Lambs** – Potterspur
 - **Tue 9 Sep – 12.45 – Nic's Kitchen** – Potterspur
 - **Thu 11 Sep (note change of date) – 10.30 – Coffee Morning** – Cosgrove (17 Main St)
 - **Sat 13 Sep – 10.30** – Church Café Plus – Potterspur
 - **Sat 13 Sep – 10.00-18.00 – Ride and Stride** for Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust
 - **Tue 16 Sep – 9.00 – Little Lambs** – Potterspur
 - **Tue 16 Sep – 12.45 – Nic's Kitchen** – Potterspur
 - **Sat 20 Sep – 10.30 – Coffee, Cake & Chat** – Yardley Gobion
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Additional Lectionary readings for this Sunday

Psalm 1

The Lord knows the way of the righteous.

1 Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, ♦ nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord ♦ and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, ♦ whatever they do, it shall prosper.

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4 As for the wicked, it is not so with them; ♦ they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement, ♦ nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, ♦ but the way of the wicked shall perish.

The Lord knows the way of the righteous.

**Christ our wisdom,
give us delight in your law,
that we may bear fruits of patience
and peace
in the kingdom of the righteous;
for your mercy's sake.**

Philemon 1-21

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ² to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house:

³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your

faith towards the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸ For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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.