
Pew-sheet for Sunday 20th September

The Sixteenth 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 Nicholas, Potterspury

4.30pm Harvest Tea at Cosgrove
followed by

6.00pm Harvest Evensong

Collect for today

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 today

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Readings for this morning's service of Holy Communion

First Reading: Exodus 16.2-15

² The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³ The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

⁴ Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵ On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' ⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?' ⁸ And Moses said, 'When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.'

⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining."'" ¹⁰ And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ¹² 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

For the Word of the Lord;
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 20.1-16

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴ and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" ⁷ They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day

and the scorching heat." ¹³ But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

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

Upcoming services and prayer

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Every Wednesday

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

Every Thursday

5.00pm Meditation Prayer

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

Sunday 27th September

10.00am Holy Communion at Cosgrove

4.00pm Sunday@Four Harvest Thanksgiving at Yardley Gobion

Sunday 4th October

10.00am Holy Communion at Wicken
4.00pm Celtic Mass at Yardley Gobion
– note change of location for this month only

Additional readings for this Sunday

Psalm 145.1-8

- ¹ I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name for ever and
ever.
- ² Every day I will bless you,
and praise your name for ever and
ever.
- ³ Great is the Lord, and greatly to be
praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.
- ⁴ One generation shall laud your works
to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.
- ⁵ On the glorious splendour of your
majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will
meditate.
- ⁶ The might of your awesome deeds
shall be proclaimed,
and I will declare your greatness.
- ⁷ They shall celebrate the fame of your
abundant goodness,
and shall sing aloud of your
righteousness.
- ⁸ The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in
steadfast love.

Philippians 1.21-30

- ²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying
is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh,
that means fruitful labour for me; and I
do not know which I prefer. ²³ I am
hard pressed between the two: my
desire is to depart and be with Christ,
for that is far better; ²⁴ but to remain in
the flesh is more necessary for you.
- ²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know
that I will remain and continue with all
of you for your progress and joy in
faith, ²⁶ so that I may share abundantly
in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I
come to you again.
- ²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner
worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that,
whether I come and see you or am
absent and hear about you, I will know
that you are standing firm in one spirit,
striving side by side with one mind for
the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and are in no

way intimidated by your opponents. For
them this is evidence of their
destruction, but of your salvation. And
this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has
graciously granted you the privilege not
only of believing in Christ, but of
suffering for him as well— ³⁰ since you
are having the same struggle that you
saw I had and now hear that I still
have.
