

# Your Word of the Week

22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity



Christ Church  
Wheelock



St Matthews  
Haslington

9.30 am	St Matthew	Holy Communion	Vicar Jane
10.45 am	Christ Church	Family service	Carleton
11.00 am	St Michael and All Angels	Holy Communion	Vicar Jane
12.30 pm	Christ Church	Holy Baptism	Vicar Jane

## The Gospel Reading Luke 8:26-39

<sup>26</sup> They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes,<sup>[a]</sup> which is across the lake from Galilee. <sup>27</sup> When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!" <sup>29</sup> For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places.

<sup>30</sup> Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

"Legion," he replied, because many demons had gone into him. <sup>31</sup> And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

<sup>32</sup> A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup> When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

<sup>34</sup> When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, <sup>35</sup> and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. <sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. <sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.

<sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

## Galatians 3:23-39

<sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup> As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

## Collect for the day and the Reading from Old Testament,

### Collect for 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity

God of truth,  
help us to keep your law of love  
and to walk in ways of wisdom,  
that we may find true life  
in Jesus Christ your Son.  
Amen

#### **We remember the sick in our prayers:**

David Looker, John Lewis, Stephen Jones, Kathleen Burgess, Alan Wheeler, Margaret Lindop, Barbara Harvey, Winnie Rutter, Bob Holland, Marjorie Crook, Janet Fallon, Anna Betts, Charles Howard-Smith, Linda Jones, Robert Leech, William Carlson, Gill Golding, Joanne Wall, Lisa Lalor, Graham Timmis, David Hurst, Jamie Hurst, Pauline Fletcher, Susan, Pam Philpot, Geoff Keen, Margaret Jones, Margaret Ellis, Jenny Slicher, Hazel Barnes-Newton, Brenda Hughes, Dennis Harrison, Sheila Humphries, Michael Brown, Jean Trigger, Lynn Haliburton, Tyler James, Eileen Mahon, Mark Trigger, Jenny Fradley, Roger Pearce, Mary Plachta, John Braithwaite and Norma Hill.

#### **We thank God for the lives of all who have died and for the rest in Christ they now enjoy:**

Jeff Budden, David Capewell, Nigel Pilsworth, Julie Sobutta, John Meredith, John Ellis, David Bosson, Dorothy Henshall and Gwen Bickerton.

We remember and pray for all families whose loved ones have died.

**Isaiah 65:1-9** I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,  
to be found by those who did not seek me.  
I said, 'Here I am, here I am',  
to a nation that did not call on my name.  
<sup>2</sup> I held out my hands all day long  
to a rebellious people,  
who walk in a way that is not good,  
following their own devices;  
<sup>3</sup> a people who provoke me  
to my face continually,  
sacrificing in gardens  
and offering incense on bricks;  
<sup>4</sup> who sit inside tombs,  
and spend the night in secret places;  
who eat swine's flesh,  
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;  
<sup>5</sup> who say, 'Keep to yourself,  
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.'  
These are a smoke in my nostrils,  
a fire that burns Amen all day long.  
<sup>6</sup> See, it is written before me:  
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;  
I will indeed repay into their laps  
<sup>7</sup> their<sup>[a]</sup> iniquities and their<sup>[b]</sup> ancestors' iniquities  
together,  
says the LORD;  
because they offered incense on the mountains  
and reviled me on the hills,  
I will measure into their laps  
full payment for their actions.  
<sup>8</sup> Thus says the LORD:  
As the wine is found in the cluster,  
and they say, 'Do not destroy it,  
for there is a blessing in it',  
so I will do for my servants' sake,  
and not destroy them all.  
<sup>9</sup> I will bring forth descendants<sup>[c]</sup> from Jacob,  
and from Judah inheritors<sup>[d]</sup> of my mountains;  
my chosen shall inherit it,  
and my servants shall settle there.

#### **DIARY**

9.30am Morning Worship for all St Matthew's church family in church and Facebook Live stream.

10.45am Morning Worship for all Christ Church's family in church and Facebook Live stream.

11.00am Morning Worship for all St Michael's church family.

4.30pm [Fourth Sunday] Evening Prayer from Book of Common Prayer at Christ Church and Facebook Live stream.

10.30am (Fifth Sunday) Joint Benefice service, rotating around our 3 churches.

**Wednesday** 10.45 am Holy Communion, (Book of Common Prayer), in St Matthew's church.

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