

Your Word of the Week

31st August 2025, 11th Sunday After Trinity



Christ Church
Wheelock

St Michaels
Crewe Green



St Matthews
Haslington

10.30 am	United Benefice service @ St Matthew's	Holy Communion	Bishop Sam
12.30 pm	St Matthew's	Holy Baptism	Revd Jane

The Gospel Reading Luke 14:1,7-11

14 On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ⁸'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

The Epistle Reading, Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

13 Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' ⁶So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.
What can anyone do to me?'

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Collect for the day and the Reading from Old Testament,

Collect for 11th Sunday After Trinity
God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking
your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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, Pam Philpot, Geoff Keen, Margaret Jones, 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, Mary Plachta, John Braithwaite, Janet Winstanley, Arleine Bloor, Mike Sadler and David Jones.

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

Jeff Budden and Joan Forrester.

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

Jeremiah 2:4-13⁴ Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. ⁵ Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?
⁶ They did not say, 'Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?'
⁷ I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination.
⁸ The priests did not say, 'Where is the Lord?' Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. ⁹ Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children.
¹⁰ Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing.
¹¹ Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit.
¹² Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord,
¹³ for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

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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