



NEWSLETTER

**Sunday 20th
September 2026**
Sixteenth Sunday after
Trinity

LUNCHTIME SERVICES IN ALL SAINTS THIS WEEK

Monday 21st 12.10pm Prayers for Peace **Tuesday 22nd** 12.10pm Low Mass

Wednesday 23rd 12.10pm Low Mass **Thursday 24th** 12.10pm Low Mass

TODAY'S SERVICE

9.30am Parish Mass

OTHER SERVICES

Monday to Friday, 8.30am

Morning Prayer on Zoom. All welcome. Please see the website for joining details.

Zoom services: joining details and other resources on the website, westhereford.org.uk

SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER SEVENTEENTH AFTER TRINITY

9.30am Parish Mass

6.30pm Evening Prayer, on Zoom

Readings: Exodus 17: 1-7;
Psalm 78: 1-7; Philippians 2: 1-13;
Matthew 21: 23-32.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Our friends in the old catholic church in Landauerkapelle, Nuremberg and that the synod of the Old Catholics held this week in Switzerland will have elected a new Bishop.

Those starting courses at college and university.

The West Hereford Team sponsored theological students in Tanzania: Yusuph Simon Shauri and Pius Leonard Tengeza.

The charities we support: The Children's Society, USPG, and the Hereford Diocese Tanzania link.

All who live & work in our parish.

DIARY

Sunday 20th 6.30pm Evening Prayer, on Zoom

26th Saturday: 10.00am - 12.30pm Repair Cafe at Holy Trinity Church. Repair bookings can be made on the website repaircafeherefordcity.org.uk

30th September: 6.00pm Civic Launch of Futures Project at All Saints

1st October: 11.00am First Thursday Friendship Table at All Saints.

2nd October: 11.00am St. Nicholas' Coffee and Catch up at All Saints

ALL SAINTS: PASTORAL CARE

Barbara G, Jackie M, Jane H, Mel C, Kalyani M and Mary S. Please let us know if you would like prayer, home communion or other support, or speak to one of us to find out more.

NOTICE

At the Going Down of the Sun: An invitation to contribute to an exhibition on the theme of 'remembrance' at All Saints in the cafe gallery space during this coming October and November. Do you have any original art work or other materials/Memorabilia including framed photographs which would help mark the remembrance season? Contact mel@allsaintshereford.org.uk to find out more.

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Futures Project - Civic Launch: Wednesday 30th September we shall be hosting an event to introduce people to the Futures Project. Please be in All Saints from 6pm to welcome & help distribute refreshments.

Harvest Gifts: Sunday October 11th: Items for the food bank will be collected & support for a project in Madagascar, organised by USPG, Partners in Mission, will be featured for cash donations. Details are available about the project.

Harvest Festival and Lunch: Harvest Festival will be celebrated on Sunday 11th October, followed by lunch. A sign-up sheet, is in Church for attendance and offers of dishes.

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COLLECT

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FIRST READING

Exodus 16.2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. 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.' 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. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' 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, 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?' 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.' Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining." ' 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. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, '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." ' In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. 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. 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.

PSALM 105.1-6, 37-end [or 105.37-end]

O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises, and tell of all his marvellous works.

Rejoice in the praise of his holy name; let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord. Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his face continually.

Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgements of his mouth, O seed of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen.

[Then he brought them out with silver and gold; there was not one among their tribes that stumbled. Egypt was glad at their departing, for a dread of them had fallen upon them.

He spread out a cloud for a covering and a fire to light up the night. They asked and he brought them quails; he satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out and ran in the dry places like a river.

For he remembered his holy word and Abraham, his servant.

So he brought forth his people with joy, his chosen ones with singing.

He gave them the lands of the nations and they took possession of the fruit of their toil, That they might keep his statutes and faithfully observe his laws. Alleluia.]

SECOND READING

Philippians 1.21-end

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. 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, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. 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, 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. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 20.1-16

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. 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?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." 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." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, 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." 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? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

POST COMMUNION

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.

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