



## The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

17 August 2025

### 17 August, The Ninth Sunday of Trinity

**09.30 am Parish Communion**

**Readings:** Jeremiah 23.23-29 *Prophets called to be true and faithful.* Hebrews 11.29-12.2. *Past acts of faith.*  
Luke 12. 49-56 *Jesus stresses the challenges of life.*

**Collect.** Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruits of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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.

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**11.00 am** Holiday Club Service  
followed by Barbecue

**5.30 pm** Taizé Worship, Cockayne Hatley Church

**Private Prayer at St Andrew's Church.** Please note our church is usually open for private prayer Monday - Saturday, **09.00 am - 4.00 pm.** *Revd Liz and Churchwardens*

### Thursday 21 August

09.30 am Holy Communion

**Readings:** Judges 11.29-40  
Matthew 22.1-14

*followed by coffee and fellowship, Chapter House*

### Saturday 23 August

10.00 am—12.00. Coffee Shop, Chapter House

### The Tenth Sunday after Trinity, 24 August

10.00 am Parish Communion

*followed by coffee and fellowship in the Chapter House*

We continue to pray for all on holiday at this time,  
and for the peace of the world.

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**Requesting our Prayers:** Liz Lavelle, Peter Clapson, Derek and Gill Whinnett, Nick Smithers, Thelma Holden, Anita, Sally Wells, Shelagh Hizzey, Ian Pearson, Ruth Atkinson, Angela Morris, Val Scott, Maurice Darnell, Chris Parker, Clerestine & Percy Doughty, Tim Robb, Bobbie Ball. We continue to pray for: Jane Parker, Philip Pettit, Maureen Wade.

**We pray for the souls of the recently departed.** For families and friends preparing for services of thanksgiving and celebration of life. We remember with prayers and thankful, privileged, memories those whose Year's Mind fall at this time: 18 Vicky Maynard, 21 John Strong, 22 Ruth Clark, Martyn Hibbert .

**MU Regional Meeting, Tuesday 12 August Mary Sumner Day.** A privilege for MU members from our parish to worship with the Bedford Archdeaconry at All Saints Church, Cople, for this celebration of the founder of MU, Mary Sumner. Most significantly this year, 5 new members from our parish were enrolled: Christina Lawrence, Philip Pettit, Angela Sharp, Pat Sherwood-Saunders, Wendy Smith. Congratulations. New members always warmly welcomed: please speak to Maggie McLoughlin or Rosamund Drakes for further details and updates.

**Country Fayre – Water into Wine Stall.** Once again, this year we are running the Water into Wine stall at the Country Fayre; we should be most grateful for any donations of bottles of wine. If you can help in any way, that would be much appreciated. Please pass your bottle(s) to Paul or Ruth. Many thanks. *Paul Daniels and Ruth Marshall-Jones.*

**Choice of Hymns.** I have been choosing the hymns for our 10.00 am Parish Communion for several years. I use a resource "Sunday by Sunday" published by the Royal School of Church Music which reflects the readings for each Sunday. There are times during the church year: Christmas, Easter, Whitsun etc when there are obvious choices. I do welcome suggestions from preachers but also you, the choir and congregation who sing them! If you have any favourites we haven't used recently or indeed quite a few new ones from either our "red hymn books" or "Songs of Fellowship hymn books" which may be unfamiliar, please let me know and I'll be happy to include them where appropriate.  
*Rob Butcher, organist and director of music.*

**Communion Hymns.** Sometimes when we have a large congregation there is time for an additional communion hymn. There is only space on the hymn boards for two. it has been suggested that we have a small list of hymns and choruses that we can choose when required. There are several simple ones whose words are probably known by heart by many people. However, a printed list of their numbers could be added to each hymn book so all people will know where to look to get the number. Please help me create a list of quiet worshipful hymns and songs that we can use. Your ideas to me please.  
*Rob Butcher, organist and director of music,*

**Mafambisa.** We remember the people of our partner community of Mafambisa, for the vulnerable and orphaned children, the care workers, the caregivers and all who support them. By name this week we pray for Hazy View Workers: Virginia, Eunice, Loneck, Audres, Prudence, Thembi, Angel, Audrey.

**Tinned Vegetables Needed.** If you use the Bank the Food app you may have noticed that **they are always short of tinned vegetables - peas and carrots** but also **potatoes and sweetcorn**, plus any other vegetables. So, whether you use it or not, please consider putting tinned veg in the food bank collection box. It may not look like much, but it's what they need. *Maggie McLoughlin and Anna Rutt*

**Used Postage Stamps.** Please keep collecting these for me to take to St. John's Hospice; it is important that we give them all the support possible. Please place your used stamps in the container adjacent to the area in church where service books are distributed. Thank you. *Gill Hibbert*



**Garden of Remembrance.** Whilst churchwarden, I took over responsibility for mowing the lawn and keeping an eye on general tidiness. It has recently become apparent that the boxwood hedge round the rear has been fatally affected by a predatory moth. After discussions it has been agreed to remove the dead bushes this year and replant this autumn with a disease resistant substitute. So please be aware of work in progress. We will need 40 plants, roughly £3.00 each. If you would like to contribute towards these, I will be happy to collect any donations. *Rob Butcher*

**Safeguarding Starts with Culture.** Safeguarding in church isn't just about policies and checks—it's about the kind of culture we create together. When a church is open, welcoming, and honest, it becomes a safer place for everyone. People feel able to speak up, ask questions, and raise concerns if something doesn't feel right.

Here are some simple ways our church culture helps **prevent** safeguarding issues:

- **Listening well** – When people feel heard and believed, they're more likely to share concerns early.
- **Clear boundaries** – Leaders and volunteers model respectful, healthy relationships.
- **Shared responsibility** – Safeguarding is something we all play a part in, not just the job of one or two people.
- **Being open about safeguarding** – We talk about it, include it in our prayers, and make sure information is easy to find.
- **Putting people first** – We take care, especially with children, vulnerable adults, and those who've had painful experiences in the past.

Let's keep building a culture where everyone feels safe, valued, and supported. If you ever have a question or concern, please don't hesitate to speak to me. *Helen Tranter. Parish Safeguarding Officer*

### Future Dates

Saturday 30 August	<b>2.00 pm Open Air Theatre—'Emma'</b> - Jane Austen - 250th anniversary. followed by Afternoon Teas on the Terrace. Exhibitions of Art and Dolls Houses. Licensed Bar. Ice creams. <i>[A marquee just in case of inclement weather]</i> The Old Rectory, Sutton, SG19 2NB.
Sunday 31 August	<b>2.00—5.00 pm Sutton Classic Cars.</b> Afternoon Teas, Exhibition of Dolls Houses. Art Display. Raffle. Garden Railway. Plant Stall Please see posters for both days on our church noticeboards / website for further details. Proceeds to All Saints Church Sutton.
1 September [to 4 October]	Season of Creation theme for 2025: 'Peace with Creation'
Sunday 7 September, 8.00 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion: <i>Order Two traditional</i> All Together Communion—Education Sunday
Sunday 14 September 12.45 pm	Sunday Lunch, Chapter House
Saturday 20 September	40th Anniversary Country Fayre.
Sunday 21 September, 11.30 am	Team 2025 Mafambisa feedback presentation in Chapter House following Parish Communion
Sunday 5 October	Harvest Thanksgiving

**The Diocese of St Albans: Vacancy in See Prayer.** As the process of discernment prior to the appointment of the next Bishop of St Albans continues, we share this prayer.

Generous God, we pray for our Diocese of St Albans. As we take this journey of discernment for our new bishop, open our hearts and minds to hear the wisdom of your Spirit. Be with those who sense a call to this ministry, with those discerning the appointment, and with all those leading and serving us at this time. In this shared discernment, and always, draw us deeper into your love, that we may live it with joy and courage for your world, in the name, and for the sake, of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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**Diocesan Prayer for the Year of Spiritual  
Renewal and Wellbeing 2025**

God of life and love, pour out your blessing on our diocese as we journey to your kingdom on the Emmaus Road: where there is uncertainty, build us up in faith; where there is fear, establish us in love; where there is discord, bring reconciliation and healing: that together we may be renewed in hope by your Spirit and be ambassadors of your risen Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**A Prayer for Spiritual Renewal 2025**

Look graciously upon us, O Holy Spirit,  
and give us, for our hallowing,  
thoughts that pass into prayer,  
prayers that pass into love,  
and love that passes into life with you forever,  
Amen.

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**Social Media** Keeping in touch with family and friends is something as a Church we are trying to undertake through the use of our social media platforms. The online sphere is another channel we are also able to use to be able to spread God's message. The platforms allow us to reach out to our community of faith, our local community as well as others who aren't as local. Please do contact Oliver Dilley or Jessica Mephram with any ideas, thoughts or content for the social media pages. In the meantime please continue to like, follow and share our social media accounts. *Thank you.*

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**Living God, draw us deeper into your love; Jesus our Lord, send us to care and serve, Holy Spirit make us heralds of good news. Stir us, strengthen us teach and inspire us to live your love with generosity and joy, imagination and courage, for the sake of your world and in the name of Jesus. Amen**

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