

Sunday 12th July 2026 – St John the Divine, Selston

All Age Communion Service - FORGIVENESS

COLLECT

Lord, we know that we have made mistakes, done things we should not have done, and not done things we should have done, and we seek your forgiveness and a fresh start with you. But also we know that your mercies are new every morning. Guide us to live in Your truth, reflecting Your love. Thank You for Your compassion that restores us. Amen.

FIRST READING

Psalm 86:1-5

Lord, listen to me and answer me.
I am poor and helpless.

Protect me, because I worship you.
My God, save me, your servant.
I trust in you.

Lord, be merciful to me.
I have called to you all day.

Give happiness to me, your servant.
Lord, I give my life to you.

Lord, you are kind and forgiving.
You have great love for those who call to you.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4: 29-32

When you talk, do not say harmful things.
But say what people need - words that will help others become stronger.
Then what you say will help those who listen to you.

And do not make the Holy Spirit sad.
The Spirit is God's proof that you belong to him.
God gave you the Spirit to show that God will make you free when the time comes.

Do not be bitter or angry or mad.
Never shout angrily or say things to hurt others.
Never do anything evil.
Be kind and loving to each other.
Forgive each other just as God forgave you in Christ.

GOSPEL

Mark 11:20-26

The next morning, Jesus was passing by with his followers. They saw the fig tree, and it was dry and dead, even to the roots.
Peter remembered the tree and said to Jesus,
"Teacher, look! Yesterday, you cursed the fig tree. Now it is dry and dead!"

Jesus answered, "Have faith in God. I tell you the truth. You can say to this mountain, 'Go, mountain, fall into the sea.' And if you have no doubts in your mind and believe that the thing you say will happen, then God will do it for you. So I tell you to ask for things in prayer. And if you believe that you have received those things, then they will be yours. When you are praying, and you remember that you are angry with another person about something, then forgive him. If you do this, then your Father in heaven will also forgive your sins. But if you don't forgive other people, then your Father in heaven will not forgive your sins."

POST COMMUNION

Lord, guide our steps to live in Your will, reflecting Your love. Renew our spirits and strengthen our faith. Thank You for Your grace that welcomes us back to You.

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9th August 2026 – Theme - CREATION