



St John the Baptist, Catford & Downham Team Ministry

The Last Sunday after Trinity

26th October 2025



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Hymns:

- ♪ Processional- 288
- ♪ Gradual- 69
- ♪ Offertory- 282
- ♪ Communion- 287
- And I saw a new heaven:
Edgar Bainton
- ♪ Recessional- 261
- ♪ Voluntary- Prélude et Fugue sur
le nom d'Alain: Maurice Duruflé

Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1st reading: Ecclesiasticus 35.12-17

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

¹² Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford.

¹³ For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold.

¹⁴ Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it;

¹⁵ and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice; for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality.

¹⁶ He will not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.

¹⁷ He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the

widow when she pours out her complaint.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 84.1-7

Refrain:

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer:

hearken, O God of Jacob.

¹O how amiable are thy dwellings : thou Lord of hosts!

² My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord : my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. **R**

³ Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young : even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

⁴ Blessed are they that dwell in thy house : they will be always praising thee. **R**

⁵ Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee : in whose heart are thy ways.

⁶ Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well : and the pools are filled with water.

⁷ They will go from strength to strength : and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Zion. **R**

2nd reading: 2Timothy 4.6-8 .16-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy.

⁶ As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come.

⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

⁸ From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶ At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them!

¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 18.9-14

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke.

Glory to you O, Lord.

⁹ Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:

¹⁰ 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector.

¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector.

¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income."



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¹³ But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!"

¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Notices

All Hallows Eve Light Party,
4pm, Friday 31st.

All Saints' Day Said Mass,
1st, 10am

Our **All Souls Memorial** service is on Sunday 2nd November at our 10.30am Mass. If you would like a name read out and to appear on the Newsletter at their years' mind, please fill in one of Rev'd Peter's slips and put them in the prayer box.

Pre-Christmas fair

Saturday 22nd November: 11-2pm.
Items needed

- Excellent quality bric a brac
- (House hold items e.g ornaments, glassware, china, costume jewellery, etc),
- Tombola prizes,
- Raffle prizes,
- and any unwanted gifts.
- No clothes or shoes.

Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Conference: Saturday 8 November from 10.00am to 4.00pm at St John's, Waterloo.

Prayers

For healing and protection for:
Barry Langridge, Eric, Carolyn Lindo, Joshua, Annie, Dwayne, Youngson Kuditas, Beverley, Glyn, Drew Spikes, Ruth Bennett, Bilki, Marcel, Leila, Theresa, Valerie Stevenson.

For those departed this life including Fr David Frayne, and those with an anniversary of a death at this time, including Alfreda Stevenson, Paul Marrett & James Harding.

Church Diary

Prayer Chapel open:
This week- 9.30am-5.30pm

The last Sunday after Trinity
(26th) 10.30am Sung Mass
12.30 Baptism

Monday 27th
No Morning Prayer (MP)
or Evensong (ES) today

Tuesday 28th
Simon & Jude, Apostles
No MP, Said Mass or ES today.

Wednesday 29th
James Hannington, bishop
No MP. 10am Said Mass. No ES.

Thursday 30th
No MP, ES today.
1pm Senior Social Club

Friday 31st
No MP.
1pm Recital
4pm All Hallows Eve Light Party

Saturday 1st November
All Saints Day
10am Said Mass

All Souls Day (2nd)
10.30am Sung Mass with
Commemoration of the departed.
4pm Parish memorial service at St Barnabas.

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