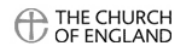




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The 4th Sunday after Trinity

28th June 2026



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Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

1st Reading: Jeremiah 28.5-9

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

⁵ The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD;

⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, 'Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfil the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles.

⁷ But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people.

⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms.

⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.'

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 89.1-4, 16-19

Refrain The Lord is our defence :
the Holy One of Israel is our King.

¹ My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord : with my mouth will I ever be shewing thy truth from one generation to another.

² For I have said, Mercy shall be set up for ever : thy truth shalt thou stablish in the heavens. **R**

³ I have made a covenant with my chosen : I have sworn unto David my servant;

⁴ Thy seed will I stablish for ever : and set up thy throne from one generation to another. **R**

¹⁶ Blessed is the people, O Lord, that can rejoice in thee : they shall walk in the light of thy countenance.

¹⁷ Their delight shall be daily in thy Name : and in thy righteousness shall they make their boast. **R**

¹⁸ For thou art the glory of their strength : and in thy loving-kindness thou shalt lift up our horns.

¹⁹ For the Lord is our defence : the Holy One of Israel is our King. **R**

2nd Reading: Romans 6.12-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

¹² Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions.

¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness.

¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!

¹⁶ Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted,

¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations.

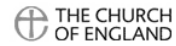
For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.



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²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

²¹ So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death.

²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life.

²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading:
Matthew 10.40–42

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

Glory to you O, Lord.

Jesus said to the twelve:

⁴⁰ 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.

⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous;

⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple – truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

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

Prayers

For healing and protection for: Gabriel Solomon, Laura Verlander, Anne-Marie, Eunice, Youngson, Pelu Thomas, Alison Marrett, Dwayne, Eric, Annie, Beverley, Glyn, Drew Spikes, Ruth Bennett, Bilki, Marcel, Leila, Theresa.

For those departed this life, and those with an anniversary of a death at this time.

Notices

Rectory Garden Social, 6pm Tuesday 7th July. All welcome.

Bishop Christopher's 'Valedictory Eucharist' will take place on the 18th July at 12 noon at our Cathedral. Please let Rev'd Peter know if you'd like to go.

St John's WhatsApp prayer group- speak to Anne-Marie or Shea to join.

Foodbank donations

Can be left in the collection bins outside the hall, or in the crate by the church door.

All non-perishable donations welcome.

Church Diary

Prayer chapel open:
7.30-5.30pm Weekdays
9.30-5.30pm Weekends

4th Sunday after Trinity (28th)
10.30am Sung Mass with Children's Church and Youth Church

Monday 29th

St Peter & St Paul

7.30am Morning Prayer (MP)
11am School Mass (church members welcome to attend in the Forster chapel)
5pm Evensong (ES)

Tuesday 30th

7.30am MP. 8.30am Said Mass
5pm ES

Wednesday 1st July

Henry, John & Henry Venn, priests
7.30am MP. 10am Said Mass, followed by Bible Study. 5pm ES

Thursday 2nd

7.30am MP. 8.30am 5pm ES

Friday 3rd Thomas the Apostle

7.30am MP. 1pm 1st Friday Club

Saturday 4th

2-4pm St Barnabas' fair.

5th Sunday after Trinity (5th)

10.30am Sung Mass with Children's Church and Youth Church
3pm Pet Blessing service

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