



St John the Baptist, Catford & Downham Team Ministry

The 9th Sunday after Trinity

2nd August 2026



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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 fruit 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.**

1st Reading: Isaiah 55.1-5

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The LORD says this:

¹ Everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for
that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does
not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is
good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting
covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ See, I made him a witness to the
peoples,
a leader and commander for the
peoples.

⁵ See, you shall call nations that you
do not know,
and nations that do not know you
shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the
Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 145.10-18

Refrain:

The Lord is righteous in all his ways :
and holy in all his works.

¹⁰ All thy works praise thee, O Lord :
and thy saints give thanks unto thee.

¹¹ They shew the glory of thy
kingdom : and talk of thy power; **R**

¹² That thy power, thy glory, and
mightiness of thy kingdom : might be
known unto men.

¹³ Thy kingdom is an everlasting
kingdom : and thy dominion endureth
throughout all ages. **R**

¹⁴ The Lord upholdeth all such as fall :
and lifteth up all those that are down.

¹⁵ The eyes of all wait upon thee, O
Lord : and thou givest them their
meat in due season. **R**

¹⁶ Thou openest thine hand : and
fillest all things living with
plenteousness.

¹⁷ The Lord is righteous in all his ways
: and holy in all his works.

¹⁸ The Lord is nigh unto all them that
call upon him : yea, all such as call
upon him faithfully. **R**

2nd Reading: Romans 9.1-5

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

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ.
I am not lying;
my conscience confirms it by the
Holy Spirit.

² I have great sorrow and unceasing
anguish in my heart.

³ For I could wish that I myself were
accursed
and cut off from Christ for the sake
of my own people,
my kindred according to the flesh.

⁴ They are Israelites,
and to them belong the adoption, the
glory, the covenants,
the giving of the law, the worship, and
the promises;

⁵ to them belong the patriarchs,
and from them, according to the
flesh, comes the Messiah,
who is over all,
God blessed for ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14.13-21

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.

¹³ When Jesus heard that Herod had beheaded John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.

¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.'

¹⁶ Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.'

¹⁷ They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.'

¹⁸ And he said, 'Bring them here to me.'

¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.

²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.

²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Prayers

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

For those departed this life including: Kastina, Mick, Irene Gibbs (funeral details available from Peter), and those with an anniversary of a death at this time including Marina Archenoul.

Notices

Well done to all involved in the Summer Fair. **£900 was raised!**

Youth Church Room Revamp

Summer Holidays Decorating Days: Thurs 20th & Fri 21st August 10am-4pm. Snacks, Drinks & Lunch provided, come dressed in messy gear! Youth Church members and other helpers welcome.

We also welcome donations of new/unused DIY materials like paint brushes, rollers and trays, decorating tape and dust sheets.

Questions? Contact Shea on 07960034085 or see Rev'd Peter, Cynthia or David Harding.

Church Diary

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

9th Sunday after Trinity (2nd August)
10.30am Sung Mass

Monday 3rd

7.30am Morning Prayer (MP)
5pm Evensong (ES)

Tuesday 4th

Jean-Baptiste Vianney, priest, 1859
7.30am MP. 8.30am Said Mass.
5pm ES.

Wednesday 5th Oswald, martyr, 642
7.30am MP. 10am Said Mass. 5pm ES

Thursday 6th The Transfiguration
7.30am MP. 10am Said Mass. 5pm ES

Friday 7th

John Mason Neale, writer, 1866
7.30am MP.
10am Said Mass at St Barnabas.
1pm First Friday Club

Feast Day of Mary Sumner (9th)
10.30am Sung Mass

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