



St John the Baptist, Catford & Downham Team Ministry

The 7th Sunday after Trinity

19th July 2026



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Collect

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
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: Wisdom of Solomon 12.13, .16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

¹³ There is not any god besides you, Lord,

whose care is for all people,
to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly;

¹⁶ For your strength is the source of righteousness,
and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all.

¹⁷ For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power,
and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it.

¹⁸ Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness,
and with great forbearance you govern us;
for you have power to act whenever you choose.

¹⁹ Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind,
and you have filled your children with good hope,
because you give repentance for sins.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 86.11-17

Refrain: Comfort the soul of thy servant: **for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.**

¹¹ Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth:

O knit my heart unto thee, that I may fear thy Name.

¹² I will thank thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and will praise thy Name for evermore. **R**

¹³ For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my soul from the nethermost hell.

¹⁴ O God, the proud are risen against me: and the congregations of naughty men have sought after my soul, and have not set thee before their eyes. **R**

¹⁵ But thou, O Lord God, art full of compassion and mercy: long-suffering, plenteous in goodness and truth.

¹⁶ O turn thee then unto me, and have mercy upon me: give thy strength unto thy servant, and help the son of thine handmaid.

¹⁷ Shew some token upon me for good, that they who hate me may see it and be ashamed: because thou, Lord, hast holpen me and comforted me. **R**

2nd Reading: Romans 8.12-25

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

¹² Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh –

¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption.

When we cry, 'Abba! Father!'

¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ –

if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God;

²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility,
not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it,

in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now;

²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope.

For who hopes for what is seen?

²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see,
we wait for it with patience.
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading:
Matthew 13.24–30, 36–43

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.

²⁴ Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;

²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away.

²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain then the weeds appeared as well.

²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?"

²⁸ He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?"

²⁹ But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.

³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

³⁶ Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.'

³⁷ He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man;

³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom;

the weeds are the children of the evil one,

³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.

⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.

⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers,

⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

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

Prayers

For healing and protection for: Lloyd Page, Joyce Howard, 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 including Gloria Palmer, Okoronkwo Umeham. Mick, Irene Gibbs (funeral details available from Peter), Ron Breame and Cate Irvine, and those with an anniversary of a death at this time including Jean Skone James.

Notices

St John's Summer Fair, Saturday 25th July 2026, from 11am - 2pm. Please see Sandy if you are able to help on a stall. Please put all donations in the box in the front porch. We NEED: Raffle and Tombola prizes. New or Excellent condition toys for our Toy Tombola. New or Excellent condition general items for our "New to You" stall" these items can be anything apart from shoes and clothing.

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.

The Revel Puck Circus are back in Beckenham Place Park, 16th July - 2nd August. They've given St John's a special 15% off with code SUMMER15
Tickets here:
<https://www.tixr.com/groups/revelpuckcircus>

Church Diary

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

7th Sunday after Trinity (19th)
10.30am Sung Mass

Monday 20th
Margaret of Antioch, martyr
7.30am Morning Prayer (MP)
5pm Evensong (ES)

Tuesday 21st
7.30am MP. 8.30am Said Mass.
1.30pm Mothers' Union. 5pm ES.

Wednesday 22nd
Mary Magdalene, Apostle
7.30am MP. 10am Said Mass, followed by Bible Study. 5pm ES

Thursday 23rd *Bridget, abbess, 1373*
No MP or ES

Friday 24th 7.30am MP.

Saturday 25th **James the Apostle**
11am-2pm Summer Fair

8th Sunday after Trinity (26th)
10.30am Sung Mass

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