



St John the Baptist, Catford & Downham Team Ministry
The 13th Sunday after Trinity
 30th August 2026



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Collect

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1st Reading: Jeremiah 15.15–21

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

¹⁵ O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult.

¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them.

²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD.

²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

Psalms: 26.1-8

Refrain:

Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house:

and the place where thine honour dwelleth.

¹ BE THOU my judge, O Lord, for I have walked innocently: my trust hath been also in the Lord, therefore shall I not fall.

² Examine me, O Lord, and prove me: try out my reins and my heart. **R**

³ For thy loving-kindness is ever before mine eyes: and I will walk in thy truth.

⁴ I have not dwelt with vain persons: neither will I have fellowship with the deceitful. **R**

⁵ I have hated the congregation of the wicked: and will not sit among the ungodly.

⁶ I will wash my hands in innocency, O Lord: and so will I go to thine altar. **R**

⁷ That I may shew the voice of thanksgiving: and tell of all thy wondrous works.

⁸ Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house: and the place where thine honour dwelleth. **R**

2nd Reading: Romans 12.9-end

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

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;

¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour.

¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.

¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all.

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Gospel Reading: Matthew 16.21- 28

We repeat the Gospel acclamation:
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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.

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.'

²³ But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.

²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Prayers

For our school as they start their new term at the end of this week.

For healing and protection for: Bevin Scott, Lloyd Page, 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. Chris Cole, Mae McDonald, Arthurlin Silvera, Marie Lydia Joseph, and those with an anniversary of a death at this time including Joan Rochefort and Fiona Smithers

Notices

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 at the back of church. All non-perishable donations welcome.

Church Diary

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

13th Sunday after Trinity (30th)

10.30am Sung Mass

3.30pm Choral Evensong

Monday 31st Aidan, missionary, 651
No Morning Prayer (MP) or
Evensong (ES) today.

Tuesday 1st September

Giles Hermit, c710

7.30am MP 8.30am said Mass

10.30am Mothers' Union wave of prayer. 2pm Coffee tea and cake to raise money for Cancer Research. 5pm ES.

Wednesday 2nd *Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901, 1942*

7.30am MP. 10am Said Mass. **6pm ES**

Thursday 3rd

Gregory the Great, teacher, 604

7.30am MP. 5pm ES

Friday 4th *Birinus, bishop, 650*

7.30am MP.

1pm 1st Friday Club.

14th Sunday after Trinity (6th)

10.30am Sung Mass with Children's Church & Youth Church

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