



## Holy Communion

9.30am – Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 2025

**Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King  
of creation! 558

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health  
and salvation.

All ye who hear,  
now to his temple draw near;  
joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so  
wondrously reigneth,  
shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when  
fainting sustaineth:  
hast thou not seen  
how thy heart's wishes have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy  
work and defend thee,  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily  
attend thee:  
ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do,  
if to the end he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in us  
adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now  
with praises before him.  
Let the 'Amen'  
sound from his people again,  
gladly for ay we adore him..

Catherine Winkworth | Joachim Neander

## Gathering and Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of  
the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you.

All: And also with you

**Welcome** – Revd John Lenton

## Prayers of Penitence

As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of  
God's love, revealed in Word and  
Sacrament, let us call to mind our sins.

### Confession

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we  
have sinned against you and against our  
neighbour in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault. We are  
truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For  
the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who  
died for us, forgive us all that is past and  
grant that we may serve you in newness of  
life to the glory of your name. Amen.

### Assurance of forgiveness

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly  
repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and  
deliver you from all your sins, confirm and  
strengthen you in all goodness, and keep  
you in life eternal, through Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.

We sing the Gloria

### Gloria

Glory to God, Glory to God  
Glory to God in the highest,  
Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, Glory to God  
Glory to God in the highest,

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father: receive our prayer.  
Glory to God, Glory to God  
Glory to God in the highest,  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Glory to God, Glory to God  
Glory to God in the highest.

## The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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.

All: Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

### Genesis 32:22-31

<sup>22</sup> That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup> After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. <sup>24</sup> So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. <sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. <sup>26</sup> Then the man said, 'Let me go, for it is daybreak.' But Jacob replied, 'I will not let you go unless you bless me.' <sup>27</sup> The man asked him, 'What is your name?' 'Jacob,' he answered. <sup>28</sup> Then the man said, 'Your name will no longer be Jacob, but

Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome.' <sup>29</sup> Jacob said, 'Please tell me your name.' But he replied, 'Why do you ask my name?' Then he blessed him there. <sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared.' <sup>31</sup> The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 121

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heav'n and earth.

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills; • from where is my help to come? <sup>2</sup> My help comes from the Lord, • the maker of heaven and earth.  
My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heav'n and earth.

<sup>3</sup> He will not suffer your foot to stumble; • he who watches over you will not sleep.

<sup>4</sup> Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel • shall neither slumber nor sleep.

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heav'n and earth.

<sup>5</sup> The Lord himself watches over you; • the Lord is your shade at your right hand, <sup>6</sup> So that the sun shall not strike you by day, • neither the moon by night.

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heav'n and earth.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord shall keep you from all evil; • it is he who shall keep your soul. <sup>8</sup> The Lord shall keep watch over your going out and your coming in, • from this time forth for evermore.

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heav'n and earth.

## New Testament Reading

### 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5

<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom

you learned it,<sup>15</sup> and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,<sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 4 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge:<sup>2</sup> preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction.<sup>3</sup> For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather round them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.<sup>4</sup> They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.<sup>5</sup> But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Gospel

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

### Matthew 8:5-13

<sup>5</sup> When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. <sup>6</sup> ‘Lord,’ he said, ‘my servant lies at home paralysed, suffering terribly.’

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, ‘Shall I come and heal him?’ <sup>8</sup> The centurion replied, ‘Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed.’ <sup>9</sup> For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this

one, “Go,” and he goes; and that one, “Come,” and he comes. I say to my servant, “Do this,” and he does it.’<sup>10</sup> When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, ‘Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith.’<sup>11</sup> I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.’<sup>12</sup> But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus said to the centurion, ‘Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would.’ And his servant was healed at that moment.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

## Sermon – Revd John Lenton

*Matthew "Who is this Jesus?"*

*At his word!*

## Profession of Faith

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

And at the end: Merciful Father,  
Accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament The Peace

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All:       **And also with you.**

The bread and wine are brought to the Lord's table

Be thou my guardian and my guide, 385  
and hear me when I call;  
let not my slippery footsteps slide,  
and hold me lest I fall.

The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell  
around the path I tread;  
O save me from the snares of hell,  
thou quickener of the dead.

And if I tempted am to sin,  
and outward things are strong,  
do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,  
and save my soul from wrong.

Still let me ever watch and pray,  
and feel that I am frail;  
that if the tempter cross my way,  
yet he may not prevail.

Isaac Williams

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

All:       **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All:       **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks  
to the Lord our God

All:       **It is right to give  
thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. From sunrise to sunset this day is holy, for Christ has risen from the tomb and scattered the darkness of death with light that will not fade. This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people, unfolds for us your word, and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread. And though the night will overtake this day you summon us to live in endless light, the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord. And so, with choirs of angels and with all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory and join their unending song of praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of  
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

**All:** Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**All:** Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Breaking of Bread**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All:** Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

## **Agnus Dei**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

## **The Giving of Communion**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

## **Prayer after Communion**

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.

## **Church family news**



O Jesus, I have promised 538  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou for ever near me,  
my Master and my Friend:  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel Thee near me  
The world is ever near  
I see the sights that dazzle  
The tempting sounds I hear  
My foes are ever near me  
Around me and within  
But Jesus draw Thou nearer  
And shield my soul from sin

O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.

O let me see thy foot-marks,  
and in them plant mine own;  
my hope to follow duly  
is in thy strength alone:  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my Friend.

John Ernest Bode | William Harold Ferguson

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and watch over you,  
the Lord make his face shine upon you and  
be gracious to you, the Lord look kindly on  
you and give you peace; and the blessing  
of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and  
the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain  
with you always.

All: Amen

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love  
and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen

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## Readings for next Sunday

26<sup>th</sup> October – Last after Trinity

Jeremiah 14.7-10, 19-22

Psalms 84: 1-7

2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18

Matthew 8:14-17

# The week ahead

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|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>   | 9.30am<br>11am                                                 | Holy Communion<br>Morning Service                                                                                                                                  |
| Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>   |                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>  | 9:45-11am<br><br>8pm                                           | Chat & Play for pre-schoolers<br>and their parents/minders<br>@ St Peter's Hall<br><br>Midweek Groups Meet                                                         |
| Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>   |                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> | 10-11.30am<br><br>12 noon<br>12-3pm<br><br>3.45-5pm<br><br>8pm | Women's Bible Study<br>@ St Peter's Hall<br><br>Holy Communion<br>Community Café<br>@ St Peter's Hall<br><br>FAB Club @ St Peter's Hall<br><br>Midweek Groups Meet |
| Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>   |                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>   |                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>   | 9.30am<br>11am                                                 | Clocks go Back!<br>Holy Communion<br>Morning Service                                                                                                               |

## New Sermon Series

Matthew "Who is this Jesus?"

12th Oct - *I am willing!* - Matt 8:1-4

19th Oct - *At his word!* - Matt 8:5-13

26th Oct - *At his touch!* - Matt 8:14-17

2nd Nov - *Who will follow?* - Matt 8:18-22

9th Nov - *What kind of man is this?* - Matt 8:23-27

16th Nov - *The Son of God!* - Matt 8:28-34

23rd Nov - *Authority to forgive!* - Matt 9:1-8

## Discipleship Training

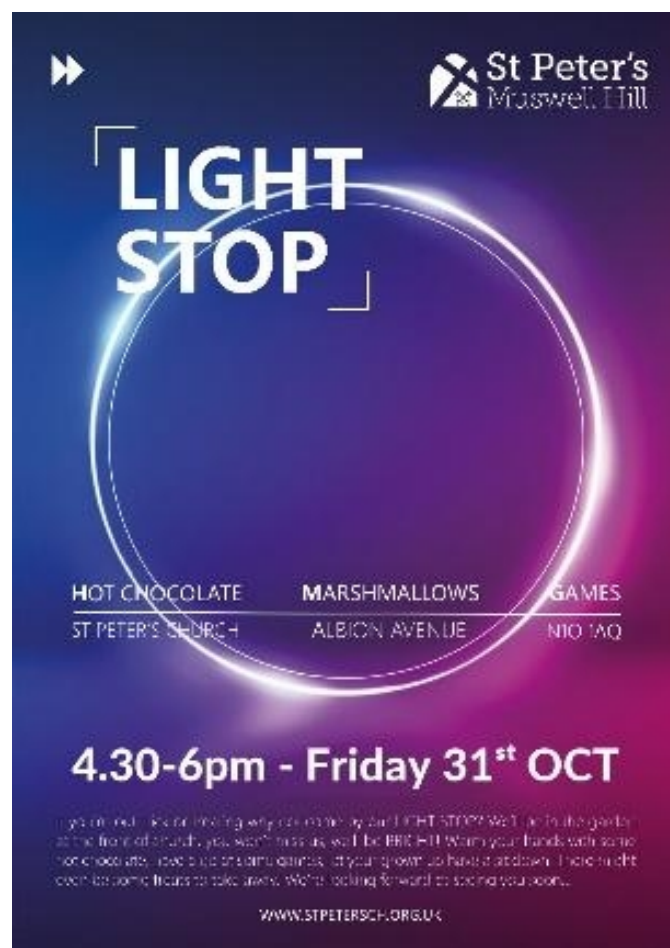
9<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Nov

"Reading the bible with others"

## Fair and Fun Day 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Our Christmas fair and fun day is happening on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November! If you are able to help with children's activities or the bouncy castle, please speak to Sam!

# Looking ahead



## Light Stop

On Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> October from 4:30 to 6pm we will be holding a light stop in the vicarage garden/driveway! This is a great opportunity to engage with our community when they will already be out, and provide light, refreshments, fun and nothing scary! If you are available to help run a station or mingle or set up - please let Sam know!

## Autumn dates

– more details to follow  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct – Light Stop

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> Nov – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday Prayer

Fri 7<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Outreach Event tbc

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Nov – Women's Brunch

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Nov - Discipleship Training Lunch

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Nov – Discipleship Trg repeat

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Nov – Newcomers Welcome Lunch

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Nov – PCC Meeting

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Christmas Fair and Fun Day

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Nov – Women's Outreach Event

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday Prayer

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Women's Brunch

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christingle

Sun 21<sup>st</sup> Dec – Carol Services