

Holy Communion

9.30am – Sun 14th Sept 2025

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Jesus lives! thy terrors now 148
can, O death, no more appal us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.
Alleluia.

Jesus lives! henceforth is death
but the gate of life immortal:
this shall calm our trembling breath,
when we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluia.

Jesus lives! our hearts know well
naught from us his love shall sever;
life nor death nor powers of hell
tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluia.

Jesus lives! to him the throne
over all the world is given:
may we go where he is gone,
rest and reign with him in heaven.
Alleluia.

Christian Furchtegott Gellert | Frances Elizabeth Cox | Henry John Gauntlett

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 Philip Sudell

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

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 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.
All: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 32:7-14

⁷Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. ⁸They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, "These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt."

⁹'I have seen these people,' the Lord said to Moses, 'and they are a stiff-necked people. ¹⁰Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.'

¹¹But Moses sought the favour of the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not

bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: "I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance for ever."'¹⁴Then the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51:1-11

Make me a clean heart, O god, and renew a right spirit within me

¹Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; • according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences.

²Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness • and cleanse me from my sin.

Make me a clean heart, O god, and renew a right spirit within me

³For I acknowledge my faults • and my sin is ever before me. ⁴Against you only have I sinned • and done what is evil in your sight, ⁵So that you are justified in your sentence • and righteous in your judgement.

Make me a clean heart, O god, and renew a right spirit within me

⁶I have been wicked even from my birth, • a sinner when my mother conceived me.

⁷Behold, you desire truth deep within me • and shall make me understand wisdom in the depths of my heart.

Make me a clean heart, O god, and renew a right spirit within me

⁸Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; • wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

⁹Make me hear of joy and gladness, • that the bones you have broken may rejoice.

Make me a clean heart, O god, and renew a right spirit within me

¹⁰Turn your face from my sins • and blot out all my misdeeds. ¹¹Make me a clean

heart, O God, • and renew a right spirit within me.

Make me a clean heart, O god, and renew a right spirit within me

New Testament Reading

Romans 4:1-25

What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? ²If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about – but not before God. ³What does Scripture say? ‘Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.’ ⁴Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. ⁵However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness. ⁶David says the same thing when he speaks of the blessedness of the one to whom God credits righteousness apart from works: ⁷‘Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. ⁸Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord will never count against them.’ ⁹Is this blessedness only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? We have been saying that Abraham’s faith was credited to him as righteousness. ¹⁰Under what circumstances was it credited? Was it after he was circumcised, or before? It was not after, but before! ¹¹And he received circumcision as a sign, a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. So then, he is the father of all who believe but have not been circumcised, in order that righteousness might be credited to them. ¹²And he is then also the father of the circumcised who not only are circumcised but who also follow in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised. ¹³It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through

the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring – not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷As it is written: ‘I have made you a father of many nations.’ He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed – the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not. ¹⁸Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, ‘So shall your offspring be.’ ¹⁹Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead – since he was about a hundred years old – and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. ²⁰Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. ²²This is why ‘it was credited to him as righteousness.’ ²³The words ‘it was credited to him’ were written not for him alone, ²⁴but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness – for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

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 Luke.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 15:1-10

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering round to hear Jesus. ²But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, 'This man welcomes sinners, and eats with them.' ³Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴'Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbours together and says, "Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep." ⁷I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent. ⁸ 'Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbours together and says, "Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin." ¹⁰In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – Revd Philip Sudell

Romans: "...not ashamed!"

Faith – always God's way

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

Take my life, and let it be 581

consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine:
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart: it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Frances Ridley Havergal

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

We have a gospel to proclaim 612
Good news for all throughout the earth
The gospel of a Saviour's Name
We sing His glory tell His worth

Tell of His death at Calvary
Hated by those He came to save
In lonely suffering on the cross
For all He loved His life He gave

Tell of that glorious Easter morn
Empty the tomb for He was free
He broke the power of death and hell
That we might share His victory

Tell of His reign at God's right hand
By all creation glorified
He sends His Spirit on His church
To live for Him the Lamb who died

Now we rejoice to name Him King
Jesus is Lord of all the earth
The gospel-message we proclaim
We sing His glory tell His worth.

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

21st September – Trinity 14

Amos 8.4–7

Psalm 113

Romans 5:1-11

Luke 16.1–13

The week ahead

Sun 14 th	9.30am 11am After services	Holy Communion Morning Service Discipleship Lunch
Mon 15 th	7.45 for 8pm	PCC Meeting
Tues 16 th	9:45-11am 8pm	Chat & Play for pre-schoolers and their parents/minders @ St Peter's Hall Midweek Groups meet
Wed 17 th	8pm-9pm	Discipleship Training Repeat - Vicarage
Thurs 18 th	10-11.30am 12 noon 12-3pm 3.45-5pm 8pm	Women's Bible Study @ St Peter's Hall Holy Communion Community Café @ St Peter's Hall FAB Club @ St Peter's Hall Midweek Groups meet
Fri 19 th	7:15-8am	Friday Prayer @ 163 CHL
Sat 20 th	9am - 1pm	Gardening and Cleaning Morning
Sun 21 st	9.30am 11am After services	Holy Communion Morning Service LCM Visiting

Looking ahead

Cleaning/Gardening
Morning on
Sat Sept 20th -
From 9.00am - 1pm
Come and help inside and out!



Sunday 21st September – The London City Mission team will join us again and there will be an opportunity to be trained over lunch and do some street visiting afterwards

Midweek Groups

Still time to fill out the **Response Form** this **weekend** so that we can work out how best to serve people in groups this autumn – Please fill one out today in church or online, see link in weekly email.

“Grow North” – Women’s Day Sat 4th October at St Peter’s

Saturday 4th October here at St Peter's –
Look out for the fliers in church

Autumn dates – more details to follow

Sat 13th Sept – Women's Brunch
Sun 14th Sept – Discipleship Training Lunch
Mon 15th Sept – PCC Meeting
Wed 17th Sept – Discipleship Trg repeat
Sat 20th Sept – Gardening and Cleaning Morning
Sun 21st Sept – LCM Visiting after church
Sun 27th Sept – Newcomers Welcome Lunch
Sat 4th Oct – GROW NORTH
Sun 5th Oct – Harvest Festival and Lunch
Tues 7th Oct – 1st Tuesday Prayer
Fri 10th Oct – World Day of Prayer Lunch
Sat 11th Oct – Women's Brunch
Sat 11th Oct – PCC Day Away
Sun 12th Oct – Discipleship Training Lunch
Wed 15th Oct – Discipleship Trg repeat
Tues 4th Nov – 1st Tuesday Prayer
Fri 7th/14th Nov – Outreach Event tbc
Sat 8th Nov – Women's Brunch
Sun 9th Nov – Discipleship Training Lunch
Wed 12th Nov – Discipleship Trg repeat
Sun 16th Nov – Newcomers Welcome Lunch
Mon 17th Nov – PCC Meeting
Sat 22nd Nov – Christmas Fair and Fun Day
Fri 28th Nov – Women's Outreach Event
Tues 2nd Dec – 1st Tuesday Prayer
Sat 13th Dec – Women's Brunch
Sun 14th Dec – Christingle
Sun 21st Dec – Carol Services