



21ST SEPTEMBER

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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

FIRST READING: Amos 8.4-7

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, 'When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practise deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.'

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM 113

Give praise to the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Alleluia! Give praise, you servants of the Lord;
praise the name of the Lord.

Let the name of the Lord be blessed,
from this time forth for evermore. **R**

From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the name of the Lord be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens. **R**

Who is like the Lord our God,
who sits enthroned on high,
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?
He takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes. **R**

He sets them with the princes,
with the princes of his people.
He makes the woman of a childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2.1-7

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.

My dearly beloved, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all - this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 16.1-13

Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes."

So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, help us with your kindness.
Make us strong through the Eucharist.
May we put into action the saving mystery we celebrate.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

POST COMMUNION

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

HYMNS

Entrance:	570
Offertory:	509
Communion:	100
Final:	537

PRAYERS

Bishops in our diocese: Martin, Will, Ruth.

The Sick: Chris Avery, Felicity Caperon, Sarah Cashmore, Jenny Chatterton, Tracey Divall, James Hawthorne, Eileen Head, Chong Lin Khong, Alan Lockett, Rita Miell, Tracey Norris, Peter & Cheryl Scrivens, Edward Sibley, Claire Stogden, Catherine Wallis, Andrew, Rosemary, Shelley and family.

Recently Departed: Kathryn, David Davies, Anita McEwen.

Year's Mind: Charles Boarer, Priscilla Thornton, Leopold Stern, Lionel Schwind.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 21st September **Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

8am	Said Mass
10am	Sung Mass

Wednesday 24th September

10am	Said Mass
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Sunday 28th September **Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

8am	Said Mass
10am	Sung Mass

QUIZ NIGHT & RAFFLE – 7pm Friday 26th September in aid of the Tarmac the Drive Fund. Tickets £15 each to include cheese, nibbles and wine, available from Tracey Stevens.

HARVEST 2025 - Sunday 5th October As usual, we will be collecting for Crowborough Foodbank. They require: longlife fruit juice, tinned tuna, jelly, sponge puddings, instant mashed potato, tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, tinned meat, rice (500g), biscuits, tinned meat soup, tinned vegetables, Marmite, tomato ketchup, mayonnaise, razors, shaving foam, adult toothbrushes, hair conditioner, shower gel, kitchen cleaning cloths, bleach, biological washing pods. They have no need of pasta. Money, of course, is always welcome.

Following the service will be our annual **HARVEST LUNCH** – Join us for a simple two course meal. Bring your own drink. Tickets £10 each (cash only) available from Rita Burton or Lynn Page. Please don't forget to let them know of any allergies.

Last date to buy tickets is Sunday 21st September.

PYROMANIACS next meet at 9am on **Saturday 4th October**. There is still much to do in the church grounds all are welcome. Please contact Simon Virgo if you can come.

DONATING TO ST JOHN'S - in addition to cash or cheque, donations can be made by either using the card machine at the back of the church; clicking on the 'Donate' button on our website; or scanning the QR code which takes you to our site on the Parish Giving Scheme website. If you are a tax payer please use Gift Aid – we will receive an extra 25p for every £1 donated.



St John's Church is currently in interregnum. For all enquiries please contact one of the churchwardens.

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