

# The Parish Church of St John the Evangelist, Crowborough

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## 29 SEPTEMBER — EIGHTEENTH AFTER TRINITY

### 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. **Amen**

### FIRST READING: Numbers 11. 4-6, 10-16, 24-29

*A reading from the book of Numbers*

The rabble among the people had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, 'If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.' Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, 'Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favour in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, "Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child", to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, "Give us meat to eat!" I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favour in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.' So the Lord said to Moses, 'Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a

young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!'

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### PSALM 19. 7-14

**The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul.**

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear  
and gives light to the eyes. **R**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;  
the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous  
altogether. More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. **R**

By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends?

Cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offence. **R**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight,  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. **R**

### SECOND READING: James 5. 13-20

*A reading from the letter of James.*

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should

know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: Mark 9.38-50**

After Jesus had finished teaching the disciples, John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name and we tried to stop him because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

God of mercy, accept our offering and make it a source of blessing for us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**POST COMMUNION**

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen**

**HYMNS**

Entrance: 593  
Offertory: 516  
Communion: 460  
Final: 340

**PRAYERS**

**For the Holy Land, Ukraine, Afghanistan and Sudan** and all war-torn areas of the world.

**HM King Charles**, the government and those set in authority over us.

**Bishops in our diocese:** Martin, Will, Ruth.

**The Sick:** Chris Avery, Sarah Cashmore, Jenny Chatterton, Mark Dawkins, Tracey Divall, Paul Jones, Sally Moss Tallon, Tracey Norris, Edward Sibley, Claire Stogden, Catherine Wallis.

**Year's Mind:** Coral Morris, Sidney Adams, Graham Kneath, Alison Rigler, Phyllis Coope, Geraldine Hurst, Samuel Hodges, Eva Smithson.

**FORTHCOMING SERVICES**

<b>Sunday 29th September</b>	8am <b>Mass (BCP)</b>
<b>18th after Trinity</b>	10am <b>Parish Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday 2nd October</b>	10am <b>Mass</b>
<b>Sunday 6th October</b>	8am <b>Mass (BCP)</b>
<b>Harvest Festival</b>	9am <b>Family Service</b>
	10am <b>Parish Mass</b>

**HARVEST FESTIVAL - Sunday 6th October**

We will be having our usual collection for Crowborough Foodbank. They welcome non-perishable foods and goods, but their current wish list is for UHT milk, long-life fruit juice, tinned vegetables, tinned meat, tinned tomatoes, toilet rolls, cat biscuits, tinned dog food, tinned tuna, instant mashed potato, tinned puddings. Money is of course always welcome! Please note they have no need for pasta.

This will be followed by our bring and share harvest lunch in the church hall. If you would like to come please sign up on the list at the back of the church.



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

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