

# *The Parish Church of St John the Evangelist, Crowborough*

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**20TH AUGUST**

**THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

## **COLLECT**

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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: Isaiah 56.1, 6-8**

*A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.*

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant— these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **PSALM 67**

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
Let all the peoples praise you.**

May God be merciful to us and bless us,  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.  
Let your ways be known upon earth,  
your saving health among all nations. **R**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth. **R**

The earth has brought forth her increase;  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.  
May God give us his blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him. **R**

## **SECOND READING: Romans 11. 1-2a, 29-32**

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

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me.

**Alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 15. 21-28**

Then Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.'

Jesus went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered,

'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Lord, accept our sacrifice as a holy exchange of gifts. By offering what you have given us may we receive the gift of yourself. We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

**POST COMMUNION**

Lord of all mercy,  
 we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice  
 which takes away our sins  
 and brings pardon and peace:  
 by our communion  
 keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel  
 and preserve us from all sin;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**FORTHCOMING SERVICES**

Sunday 20th August	8am Mass
<b>The 11th Sunday after Trinity</b>	10am Parish Mass
Wednesday 23rd August	10am Mass
Sunday 27th August	8am Mass
<b>The 12th Sunday after Trinity</b>	10am Parish Mass

**PRAYERS**

**Bishops in our diocese:** Martin, Will, Ruth.  
**The Sick:** Jim Begbie, Sarah Cashmore, Jenny Chatterton, Tricia Curtis, Sally Everett, Anna Kingdom, Hubert Moore, Janet Prince, Martin Webb, Ernest Woodruff.  
**Year's Mind:** Tony Rose, John Street, Basil Marshall (Priest), Audrey and Douglas Meyer, Kaz Meyer, Arthur Kirkpatrick MacLean.

**The flower arrangement** is in loving memory of Kaz Meyer RIP.

**HYMNS**

Entrance:	436
Offertory:	378
Communion:	305
Final:	388

**RIDE & STRIDE**

**Saturday 9th September**  
 In aid of **Sussex Historic Churches Trust.**  
 More details to follow.



**Many thanks** to all who helped to make last week's garden party a very enjoyable occasion.

**Diocesan Year of the Old Testament**, all are welcome to join a group reading and discussing Exodus. Sessions will be led by The Revd Marc Lloyd, Rector of Warbleton, Bodle Street Green & Dallington, and by The Revd Thomas Pelham, Rector of Burwash, Burwash Weald & Etchingham. Times will be either 1:30pm to 2:45pm or 7:45pm to 9pm, (you may switch between sessions) and dates will be as follows:

- Wed 6th Sept – Introduction / Exodus – Exodus 1-2
- Wed 20th Sept – Exodus 3-4
- Wed 4th Oct – Plagues and Passover
- Wed 18th Oct – Exodus
- Wed 1st Nov – Commandments
- Wed 15th Nov – Tabernacle including Archdeacon Edward on The Golden Calf (Exodus 32)
- Wed 29th Nov – Review / conclusions

Zoom details – "Genesis Exodus Reading Group"  
 Join Zoom Meeting - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84828857268>  
 Meeting ID: 848 2885 7268  
 To dial in by phone - find your local number:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84828857268>  
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