

Said Mattins

The Eighth Sunday After Trinity

26th July 2026: 9:30am

Voluntary: *Prelude and Fugue in e BWV555*
 J.S. Bach 1685-1750

Office Hymn

**Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night.
Dayspring from on high, be near.
Daystar, in my heart appear.**

**Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee.
Joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till thy inward light impart,
glad my eyes and warm my heart.**

**Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief.
Fill me, radiancy divine,
scatter all my unbelief.
More and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.**

RATISBON NEH 234
Charles Wesley 1707-88
Melody J G Werner's Choralbuch Leipzig 1815,
Harmony W H Havergal 1793-1870

Psalm 77

- 1 I will cry unto God with my voice *
even unto God will I cry with my voice, and he shall hearken unto me.
- 2 **In the time of my trouble I sought the Lord ***
my sore ran, and ceased not in the night-season; my soul
refused comfort.
- 3 When I am in heaviness, I will think upon God *
when my heart is vexed, I will complain.
- 4 **Thou holdest mine eyes waking ***
I am so feeble, that I cannot speak.
- 5 I have considered the days of old *
and the years that are past.
- 6 **I call to remembrance my song ***
and in the night I commune with mine own heart, and search
out my spirits.
- 7 Will the Lord absent himself for ever *
and will he be no more intreated?
- 8 **Is his mercy clean gone for ever ***
and is his promise come utterly to an end for evermore?
- 9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious *
and will he shut up his loving-kindness in displeasure?
- 10 **And I said, It is mine own infirmity ***
but I will remember the years of the right hand of the most
Highest.
- 11 I will remember the works of the Lord *
and call to mind thy wonders of old time.
- 12 **I will think also of all thy works ***
and my talking shall be of thy doings.
- 13 Thy way, O God, is holy *
who is so great a God as our God?
- 14 **Thou art the God that doeth wonders ***
and hast declared thy power among the people.

The First Lesson

Song of Solomon 2

Here beginneth the second chapter of the Song of Solomon.

I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys.

As a lily among brambles, so is my love among maidens.

As an apple tree among the trees of the wood,
so is my beloved among young men.

With great delight I sat in his shadow,
and his fruit was sweet to my taste.

He brought me to the banqueting house,
and his intention towards me was love.

Sustain me with raisins, refresh me with apples;
for I am faint with love.

O that his left hand were under my head,
and that his right hand embraced me!

I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
by the gazelles or the wild does:

do not stir up or awaken love until it is ready!

My beloved speaks and says to me:

‘Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away;
for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, in the covert of the cliff,
let me see your face, let me hear your voice;

for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely.

Catch us the foxes, the little foxes,
that ruin the vineyards – for our vineyards are in blossom.’

My beloved is mine and I am his;

he pastures his flock among the lilies.

Until the day breathes and the shadows flee,
turn, my beloved, be like a gazelle

or a young stag on the cleft mountains.

Here endeth the lesson.

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 4:7-14

Here beginneth the seventh verse of the fourth chapter of the first epistle of Peter.

The end of all things is near; therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

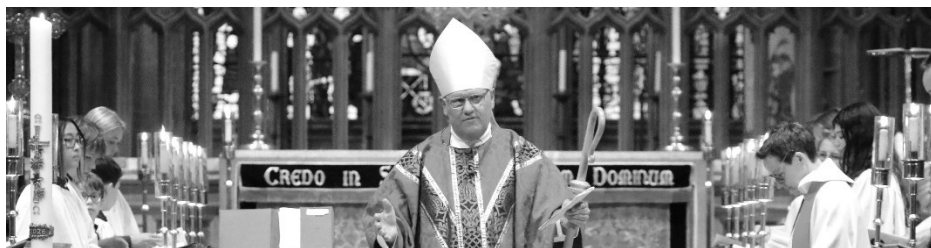
Here endeth the lesson.

Collect

O GOD, whose never-failing providence
ordereth all things both in heaven and earth;
We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things,
and to give us those things which be profitable for us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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PARISH NOTICES 26.07.2026



Confirmation Service

Thank you to everyone who supported those who were confirmed by Bishop Neil on Tuesday evening. Welcome to Violet, Wallace, Augustin, Hazel, Jez and Clinton as full communicant members of the Church. Please continue to pray for them.

Sunday Evensong Sermon Series

Over the next three Sunday evenings Canon Stephen will be giving talks on three Spiritual traditions and ways of praying found within them - the Benedictine (from St Benedict), the Franciscan (from St Francis) and the Ignatian (from St Ignatius Loyola). Each one appeals to different personality types and has much to offer all of us in our own Christian journeys. Come and find out.

Upcoming Free Lunchtime Recital

Please note: there is no Lunchtime Recital this coming week, but join us the following week on **Thursday 6th August** at 1:00pm for our Family Organ Recital. Claire Alsop is the Organist and Assistant Director of Music. This recital will be a narrated recital, suitable for all ages, especially the younger listener, and there will be an opportunity following the recital for young people to try the organ - no prior experience is necessary.

Beating the Bounds Parish Pilgrimage Rescheduled

The Beating the Bounds Parish Pilgrimage will now take place on **Sunday 9th August**, from 12:00pm to around 4:00pm (weather permitting). All invited to join this opportunity to explore the Parish of Redcliffe with Temple and St John's Bedminster.

Church Flowers

We are looking for volunteers to join our friendly flower arranging team. You do not need to be a professional florist. All you need is a love of flowers and a desire to share their beauty. We provide all the basics, and experienced members of the team will help show you want to do. If you are interested in joining us, please speak to Liz after the service or email her on church.wardens@st.maryredcliffe.co.uk.

Treefest Returns

Plans are already underway to fill the church with decorated Christmas trees to celebrate the wonderful diversity and creative talents of Bristol. Charities, local businesses and organisations donate a tree to illustrate the work they do. Do you want to enter a tree or do you know a local charity who would like to promote the work they do within Bristol? If yes, please pass on the following link so they can enter a tree. It's free to enter a tree.
stmaryredcliffe.co.uk/treefest2026

We need volunteers to welcome the visitors, look after the trees and help serve refreshments. Do you have a few hours to spare when you could part of this wonderful community event? If so, please speak to Liz (Churchwarden) or email; church.wardens@stmaryredcliffe.co.uk or Lucy on lucy.marshall@stmaryredcliffe.co.uk

Bristol Film Festival presents Faust (1926)

Bristol Film Festival are returning to St Mary Redcliffe on **Wednesday 21st October** as part of their Halloween season, for a special centenary screening of Faust. It's a must-see for any film fan and a masterpiece of expressionist cinema that still has the power to move and shock 100 years since its release. This remarkable film will be accompanied by a live, entirely improvised organ recital by the award-winning composer Dr. David Bednall.

Jesus Christ Superstar coming to Bristol Hippodrome, October 2027

We are planning a group trip and need to know the interest before booking tickets. Please express interest by emailing Liz & Jez on church.wardens@stmaryredcliffe.co.uk.

In our prayers

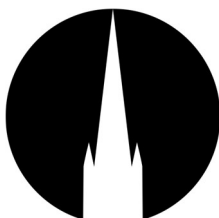
Joan & Lewis, John, Marley, Lucy, Sarah, Chris, Geoffrey & Nicole, George, Dennis, Frank, David, Mark, John

In remembrance on their anniversary of death

Thomas Tozer (30 July), Jacqueline Virtue, Ruth Stone (31 July), Cliff Weare (1 August)

This Week at St Mary Redcliffe

Sunday	9:30am Said Mattins 10:30am Sung Eucharist <i>with cantor (Preacher: The Vicar)</i> 5:30pm Choral Evensong <i>attended by members of the IAO</i> Preacher: <i>Canon Stephen Spencer</i> Responses: <i>Bernard Rose</i> Canticles: Evening Service in D <i>George Dyson</i> Anthem: Antiphon (Let all the world) <i>Ralph Vaughan Williams</i>
Monday	9:00am Morning Prayer
Tuesday	9:00am Morning Prayer 6:15pm Christian Meditation
Wednesday	9:00am Morning Prayer 11:00am Holy Communion <i>(Preacher: The Revd Peter Dill)</i>
Thursday	9:00am Morning Prayer
Friday	
Saturday	
Next Sunday	9:30am Said Mattins 10:30am Sung Eucharist <i>with cantor (Preacher: The Revd Simon Goodman)</i> 5:30pm Said Evensong <i>(Preacher: Canon Stephen Spencer)</i>



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