

**WE REMEMBER THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND IN OUR PRAYERS:**

Vivienne Bell, Joyce Powell, Ann Bordess, Claire Froud, Nathaniel, Pete Henderson, Marion Neville, Harry Hindess, Ashley Powell, Colin Graham, Stephen Scott, Maureen Palmer.

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY BECOME ILL:**

Pat Watson, Mary Gunn, Julie Ann Parson, Elsie Smith, Jimmy Hunter, Eileen Smith, Florence Regan, Rev. John Scorer, Rachel Paterson, Val Judson, Evie Owens, Victoria Harper, Phil Cork.

**WE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY:**

Robert Walmsley, Jennie Willis.

**WE REMEMBER THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH FALLS AT THIS TIME:**

George Wright, Joan Heslop, John Sowerby, Yvonne Roughhead.

**CHURCH DIARY THIS WEEK****Tuesday 13 October**

10.00am Holy Communion in church  
12.30pm Funeral Robert Walmsley  
7.00pm Confirmation Class  
7.00pm Quiz Night (online)

**Wednesday 14 October**

9.30am Trinity Tots  
6.00pm Office Hour (drop in)  
7.00pm Baptism Preparation (by invitation)

**Thursday 15 October**

7.30pm Choir Practice

**Saturday 17 October**

7.00pm Fundraiser at Keelboat Pub

**Sunday 18 October – Twentieth Sunday after Trinity**

08.00am Holy Communion in church  
10.00am Holy Communion in church and with choir

**Bible Readings for next Sunday:**

**Reading** 2 Timothy 4.5-17

**Gospel Reading** Luke 10.1-9

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**11 October 2026**

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**SUNDAY 10.00am Holy Communion in church and with choir**

**TUESDAY 10.00am Holy Communion in church**

**COLLECT**

Faithful Lord,  
whose steadfast love never ceases  
and whose mercies never come to  
an end:  
grant us the grace to trust you  
and to receive the gifts of your  
love,  
new every morning,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**POST COMMUNION COLLECT**

Holy and blessed God,  
you have fed us with the body and blood of  
your Son  
and filled us with your Holy Spirit:  
may we honour you,  
not only with our lips  
but in lives dedicated to the service  
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**FIRST BIBLE READING**

**Philippians 4.1-9**

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown,  
stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I  
ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled  
beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my  
co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be  
known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in  
everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be  
made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,  
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

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## GOSPEL READING

**Matthew 22.1-14**

Alleluia, Alleluia

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life.

**All Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, “Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.” But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with

guests.

‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?” And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

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## NOTICES THIS WEEK

### Confirmation Classes

Confirmation Study Nights are to be held at 7pm on 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> October. **All** are welcome to attend these sessions for personal reflection and development and to come and support our candidates.

### Holy Trinity Community Support Group Fund Raising Night 17<sup>th</sup> October at The Keelboat Community Pub

This should be a great evening. Tickets are £5 to include a hot beef dip. Please see Phyllis to get your ticket. Donations for Raffle and tombola prizes will be gratefully received. All the money raised will go to the Church funds.

**\*We are selling raffle tickets in church so even if you cannot attend the event, please see Phyllis to get your raffle tickets. There are lots of fabulous prizes!\***

### Mothers Union Christmas meal

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30pm at the Shepherd and Shepherdess. If you would like to go, please put your name on the list at the rear of church, marking if you require transport. Menus are available from Susan. Could you please return these together with a £5 deposit in an envelope by Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October to Susan. Thank you.

### **Christmas Fair Water or Wine stall**

It's that time of year again when we need your help to repeat the popular 'Water or Wine?' stall at the Christmas Fair. We would be very grateful for any donations of bottles of wine (unopened!) OR empty, washed wine bottles complete with screw top. Also, if you have any festive bottle bags that you don't need, they can be very helpful too. If you can help, please give your full or empty bottles to Jan. Many thanks.

### **Hello and welcome to our curate, Revd. Rachael Phillips**



If there's a Bible character I most identify with it's John the Baptist; an edge-dweller, a curiosity, a person who both drew crowds and was misunderstood, and of course he was a wild-haired, locust eating wilderness preacher. I'll leave it to you to decide how good a fit that is, once you get to know me. Speaking of the wilderness, I met God and began my Christian journey in a shipping container on the edge of a desert in southern Afghanistan, back when I was a soldier. It is no surprise really that I feel most connected with God when I'm outside, ideally barefoot in a wood, though I'll settle for a beach or field.

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I am a very physical person; I love playing rugby and going to the gym, and my faith life is expressed through the senses; I love smelling incense, listening to music, using holy oil, eating bread and drinking wine. I love reading stories of how Jesus connected physically with people. He touched untouchables and washed the guilty clean. What an example! Exploring 'embodied spirituality' is something I'm keen to discuss if you're interested.

I'm also passionate about the place of children in our churches and wondering what Jesus meant by becoming like them to enter the kingdom of heaven. Perhaps asking lots of questions is the best thing they can teach us. I certainly have lots of those. I also have two daughters of my own, two stepdaughters, a growing tribe of Godchildren, a husband and a cat. I'm looking forward to seeing how God blesses us all as I join your church community in these coming months.

**The Sunday service** will begin at 10am. If you would like to join us online, please email [office.htcw@gmail.com](mailto:office.htcw@gmail.com) to be included in our circulation list. If you would like to join the service by phone, please dial 0131 460 1196. The meeting ID number is 850 2953 3415 followed by # (hash). The password is 473130, followed by # (hash).

### **Quiz/Games Night – Tuesdays at 7pm**

All are very welcome to join in, just click on the link in this month's email, or if you are joining by phone, please dial 0131 460 1196 the meeting ID is 870 6505 4582 followed by # (hash) and the password is 726138 followed by # (hash) and remember to press \*6 to talk to us.