

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.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY BECOME ILL:

Maureen Palmer, Jennie Willis, Pat Watson, Mary Gunn, Julie Ann Parson, Elsie Smith, Jimmy Hunter, Eileen Smith, Florence Regan, Rev. John Scorer, Rachel Paterson, Val Judson, Evie Owens.

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

Don Nevins, George Robson.

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

Ernest Hepworth, Belle Danks, Jan Krawczyk, Danielle Pattison, Florence Ferry, Colin Leach, Edna Padgett.

CHURCH DIARY THIS WEEK

Monday 21 September

1.30pm Craft Group

Tuesday 22 September

10.00am Holy Communion in church

7.00pm Quiz Night (online)

Wednesday 23 September

9.30am Trinity Tots

Thursday 24 September

7.30pm Choir Practice

Saturday 26 September

1.00pm Adult Baptisms Alisha Walmsley & Oliver Lewins

2.30pm Church on the Hill

Sunday 27 September – Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Holy Communion in church and with choir

1.30pm Baptisms Arthur Michael & William Alfred Wales, Laura Pattison

1.30pm Baptism Annabella Eve Farley

2.30pm Baptisms Theo Hunter Small & Rowan-Reign Coombs

Bible Readings for next Sunday:

Reading Philippians 2. 1-13

Gospel Reading Matthew 21.23-32

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20 September 2026

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SUNDAY 08.00am Holy Communion in church

10.00am Holy Communion in church and with choir

PLEASE NOTE THIS SERVICE WILL NOT BE STREAMED ON ZOOM TODAY

TUESDAY 10.00am Holy Communion in church

COLLECT

Lord of creation, whose glory is
around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with
reverence and know your peace at
our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son that love
is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole
heart and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FIRST BIBLE READING

Philippians 1.21-end

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is

evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God’s doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 20.1-16

Alleluia, Alleluia

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

All Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.” When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought

they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” So the last will be first, and the first will be last.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you, O Christ.

NOTICES THIS WEEK

Zoom Streaming

Please note that the 10am service today will not be streamed on Zoom as the entire team are away on holiday (not together I hasten to add!). Normal streaming will resume next Sunday 27th September.

Friends of Washington Village Old Churchyard

Our small team is judged by Northumbria in Bloom for our conservation work in the Wildlife Area and Community Space behind the church.

The awards ceremony took place on 16th September with 260 people in attendance.

We are delighted to have received a 2026 Gold Award.

The written remarks began with:-

' The renovation of this old churchyard is truly inspiring '.

Washington Village collected several awards including, Best Village and the prestigious awards - Young Community Champion and Best Overall Entry.

There is a lot to be proud of. Mary.

Memorial Book

We are still discovering errors and omissions in the memorial book. Over the next few weeks, could you please check that the names of any loved ones who you believe should be listed are in fact there? If not, please complete a new pink form from the back of church and leave in the office. Thank you.

Thank You

We would like to express our thanks to everyone for their good wishes, visits, telephone calls and prayers during our recent period of illness. It is hugely appreciated and makes such a difference to our recovery. Thanks again. With our love – Val & Geoff.

Harvest Festival Sunday 4th October 8am and 10am

Please join us as we celebrate harvest and give thanks for all God's gifts. This coincides with our regular Foodbank Sunday and your donations are gratefully received.

MU October Service

Please note that the October Mothers' Union meeting will be the Deanery Overseas Service at Burnmoor Church on Monday 5th October at 2pm. Lifts may be possible so please speak to Helen. Thank you.

Confirmation Classes

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

Harvest Supper

We are planning a Bring and Share Harvest Supper on Saturday 10th October at 7.00 pm. There will be music with our own Ceilidh band, dancing, games and a raffle. This will be a chance to enjoy the evening with other church family and friends. There will be no charge but donations to church funds can be made on the night. Tickets available from Phyllis.

Holy Trinity Community Support Group Fund Raising Night 17th 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 of the money raised will go to the Church funds.

The Sunday service will begin at 10am. If you would like to join us online, please email 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.