

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.

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.

Or Genesis 45:1-15

PSALM Psalm 67

R *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 peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.] Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth. **R**

[Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.] 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.

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

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

[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. 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.

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.

St Martins of Tour

11 am Holy Communion

Worship Leader and Preacher Rev Mark Neave

If you are joining us for the first time, please introduce yourself. You are very welcome!
Please join us for tea/coffee after the service.

THIS WEEK WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

....The departed and those who mourn that they may be comforted and consoled and for those whose anniversaries we keep at this time, Jack Goodman (Benny) and Evelyn Caffrey...

Notices:

'Teas by the Seas' Every Sunday from 11 am to 4 pm and every Bank Holiday Monday from 11 am to 4 pm into September. Enjoy tea/coffee and cake at St Andrew's Church Beesands, helping to support many charities. If you can assist by baking cakes or serving, please contact Ann Foss 07970 702537.

Bible Study meets on the 2nd Monday of the month. The next Bible Study will be on 14h September 2026 2.30 pm in the Old Exchange. All are welcome.

Date for your diary

Saturday, 29th August Neil Martin will be presenting a history talk **'Pirates – from the Hams'** at St Michael and All Angels. 10 am for tea, coffee and cake. The talk will commence at 10.30am. All proceeds to the Church restoration.

Monday 31st August A History Stroll and Cream Tea event will be held at St Martins to raise money for the St Martins Improvement Fund. The Stroll will be from 12PM – 4PM with parking at the Village Hall. The cream tea without the walk is allowed!

Forthcoming Services:

Wednesday 19th August	Holy Communion	St Michael's	10.00 am
Sunday 23rd August	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Praise Village Service	St Michael's St Michael's St Andrew's	8.00 am 11.00 am 11.00 am
Wednesday 26th August	Holy Communion	St Michael's	10.00 am
Sunday 30 th	Benefice Holy Communion	St Mary's	10.30 am