

# Sunday

2 August 2026 Ninth Sunday after Trinity

## COLLECT

Almighty God,  
who sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your  
Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of  
your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of  
the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;  
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 55:1-5

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

The LORD says this: Everyone who  
thirsts, come to the waters; and  
you that have no money, come,  
buy and eat! Come, buy wine and  
milk without money and without  
price. Why do you spend your  
money for that which is not bread,  
and your labour for that which  
does not satisfy? Listen carefully  
to me, and eat what is good, and  
delight yourselves in rich food.  
Incline your ear, and come to  
me; listen, so that you may live. I  
will make with you an everlasting  
covenant, my steadfast, sure love  
for David. See, I made him a  
witness to the peoples, a leader  
and commander for the peoples.  
See, you shall call nations that you  
do not know, and nations that do  
not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, for he has  
glorified you.

## Or Genesis 32:22-31

## PSALM Psalm 145:8-9. 15-end

**R** You open wide your hand,  
O Lord,  
[and satisfy the needs of every  
creature].

The Lord is gracious and full of  
compassion,  
slow to anger and of great  
kindness.

The Lord is loving to everyone  
and his compassion is over all his  
works. **R**

The Lord upholds all those who  
fall;  
he lifts up those who are bowed  
down.

The eyes of all wait upon you,  
O Lord,  
and you give them their food in  
due season.

You open wide your hand  
and satisfy the needs of every  
living creature. **R**

The Lord is righteous in all his  
ways

and loving in all his works.

The Lord is near to those who call  
upon him,  
to all who call upon him faithfully.  
He fulfils the desire of those who  
fear him,  
he hears their cry and helps  
them. **R**

The Lord preserves all those who  
love him,  
but he destroys all the wicked.  
My mouth shall speak the praise of  
the Lord;  
let all flesh bless his holy name for  
ever and ever. **R**

## SECOND READING

### Romans 9:1-5

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

I am speaking the truth in Christ.  
I am not lying; my conscience  
confirms it by the Holy Spirit.  
I have great sorrow and unceasing  
anguish in my heart. For I could  
wish that I myself were accursed  
and cut off from Christ for the sake  
of my own people, my kindred  
according to the flesh. They are  
Israelites, and to them belong the  
adoption, the glory, the covenants,  
the giving of the law, the worship,  
and the promises; to them belong  
the patriarchs, and from them,  
according to the flesh, comes  
the Messiah, who is over all, God  
blessed for ever. Amen.

## GOSPEL Matthew 14:13-21

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

When Jesus heard that Herod had  
beheaded John the Baptist, he  
withdrew in a boat to a deserted  
place by himself. But when the  
crowds heard it, they followed  
him on foot from the towns. When  
he went ashore, he saw a great  
crowd; and he had compassion for  
them and cured their sick. When it  
was evening, the disciples came to  
him and said, "This is a deserted  
place, and the hour is now late;  
send the crowds away so that they  
may go into the villages and buy  
food for themselves." Jesus said  
to them, "They need not go away;  
you give them something to eat." They  
replied, "We have nothing  
here but five loaves and two fish." And  
he said, "Bring them here to  
me." Then he ordered the crowds  
to sit down on the grass. Taking  
the five loaves and the two fish, he  
looked up to heaven, and blessed  
and broke the loaves, and gave  
them to the disciples, and the  
disciples gave them to the crowds.  
And all ate and were filled; and  
they took up what was left over of  
the broken pieces, twelve baskets  
full. And those who ate were  
about five thousand men, besides  
women and children.

## POST COMMUNION

Holy Father,  
who gathered us here around the  
table of your Son  
to share this meal with the whole  
household of God:  
in that new world where you reveal  
the fullness of your peace,  
gather people of every race and  
language to share in the eternal  
banquet of Jesus Christ our  
Lord.

# St Michael & All Angels, Stokenham

11 am Holy Communion

## Worship Leader and Preacher Rev Mark Kitchenside

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, Nan Whiston, Roger Chamberlain, Edward Noyce, Keith Ward, Melanie Felton and Reg Chapman.....

### 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 10th August 2026 2.30 pm in the Old Exchange. All are welcome.

### Date for your diary

Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Forthcoming Services:

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Wednesday 5th August    | Holy Communion                                            | St Michael's                                | 10.00 am                        |
| Sunday 9th August       | Holy Communion<br>Evensong                                | St Michael's<br>St Martin's                 | 11.00 am<br>6.00 pm             |
| Wednesday 12th August   | Holy Communion                                            | St Michael's                                | 10.00 am                        |
| Sunday 16th August      | Holy Communion<br>Evening Prayer                          | St Martin's<br>St Andrew's                  | 11.00 am<br>5.00 pm             |
| Wednesday 19th August   | Holy Communion                                            | St Michael's                                | 10.00 am                        |
| Sunday 23rd August      | Holy Communion (BCP)<br>Morning Praise<br>Village Service | St Michael's<br>St Michael's<br>St Andrew's | 8.00 am<br>11.00 am<br>11.00 am |
| Wednesday 26th August   | Holy Communion                                            | St Michael's                                | 10.00 am                        |
| Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> | Benefice Holy Communion                                   | St Mary's                                   | 10.30 am                        |