

Sunday

9 August 2026

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble
servants;
and that they may obtain their
petitions
make them to ask such things as shall
please you;
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 1 Kings 19:9-18

A reading from the first book of Kings.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and

whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Or Genesis 37:1-4. 12-28

PSALM Psalm 85:8-13

R Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land. **R**

Mercy and truth have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven. **R**

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness shall go before him,
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet. **R**

SECOND READING Romans 10:5-15

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For,

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

GOSPEL Matthew 14:22-33

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

Immediately after feeding the crowd with the five loaves and two fish, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

POST COMMUNION

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust
in you:
look upon us with your favour
that we who follow the path of your
will
may never wander from the way of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

St Michael & All Angels, Stokenham

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, Kathleen Hannaford, John Hannaford, and Winifred Fraser....

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, 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.

Forthcoming Services:

Wednesday 12th August	Holy Communion	St Michael's	10.00 am
Sunday 16th August	Holy Communion Evening Prayer	St Martin's St Andrew's	11.00 am 5.00 pm
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