

**Please remember in your prayers**

Pray for those who are not well at this time and pray for the souls of the recently departed, may they rest in peace.



**Week of Prayer for World Peace**

This week is the 'Week of Prayer for World Peace' for which we have some booklets available at the back of church.

**District Church Council**

The next meeting of the DCC is at 7.45pm on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October.

**The Children's Society**

Thank you to those who have returned their Children's Society Box to me for emptying. I have paid £454.80 Box money into the bank, plus £127 which was raised from our Christingle Service.

Mike

**Searchlight Theatre Company**

Searchlight Theatre Company are presenting 'There are no ordinary people' (the story of St Barnabas) at Trinity Church at 7.30pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Tickets available from Helen Share (07766 106615)  
Tickets are £10 in October and £12 in November. Buy Early!

**Sunday 8th October**

**Welcomers:** Jean H, Ruth

**Reader:** Kathryn

**Prayers:** Carole

**Offertory:** Sheila, Gill, Victor

**Assist:** Carole, Janet

**Pebble Pool:** Mike

**Sunday 15th October**

**8am Sides, Reader, Offertory, Assist:** Helen

**10.45am**

**Welcomers:** Mary, Victor

**Reader:** Carole

**Prayers:** Mark

**Offertory:** Grace, June, Rita

**Assist:** Carole, Mark

**Pebble Pool:** Victor



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**Holy Cross Church**

Serving the Community of Bilbrook in the Parish of Tettenhall Regis

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**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

**Trinity 17**

**10.30am Sunday Club**

**10.45am Sung Eucharist**

(Celebrant: Revd Richard Reeve)

**Coffee/Tea will be served at the back of church after the 10.45am Eucharist.**

**Please stay and join us.**

**Hymns for Sung Eucharist**

**Introit: 82** Christ whose Glory fills the skies

**Gradual: 148** From Heaven You came

**Offertory: 346** My song is love unknown

**Communion: Choir** How deep the Father's love

**222** I am the bread of life

**Recessional: 10** All for Jesus

**Week of Prayer for World Peace**

Mon	9	
Tues	10	2pm Craft Group <b>7pm Eucharist</b> 7.45pm DCC Meeting
Wed	11	6.45pm Friendship Club
Thur	12	<b>9.30am Eucharist</b> 10am Coffee Pop-In 7.30pm Deanery Synod (Perton)
Fri	13	<b>12noon Eucharist</b>
Sat	14	10am Place of Welcome 12noon – 10pm Board Games Day (Christ the King)
Sun	15	<b>8am Eucharist</b> 10.30am Sunday Club <b>10.45am Sung Eucharist</b>

## **Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

### **COLLECT**

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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 forever.

### **FIRST READING     **Isaiah 5.1–7****

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

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting: he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**All:       Thanks be to God**

### **SECOND READING   **Philippians 3.4b–14****

#### **A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.**

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow, I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

**All:       Thanks be to God**

### **GOSPEL       **Matthew 21.33–46****

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

#### **All: Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?' Therefore, I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.' When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realised that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord

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

### **POST COMMUNION**

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.