

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.



Stewardship Pledge Forms

If you have not already done so – please complete a pledge form and post it in the gold box. Thank you

Prayer Session

The Prayer Session at 2.30pm on Wednesday 18th October will concentrate on **Healing and Health**. It will be led by Father Simon.



The Well -Wolverhampton's Food Bank
We are now supporting those who need help from a food bank in Wolverhampton.



Can you add an extra item into your shopping trolley each week?

Searchlight Theatre Company

Searchlight Theatre Company are presenting **'There are no ordinary people'** (the story of St Barnabas) at Trinity Church at 7.15pm on Thursday 16th November. Tickets available from Helen Share ([07766 106615](tel:07766106615))

Tickets are £10 in October and £12 in November. Buy Early!

Sunday 15th October 8am

Sides, Reader, Offertory, Assist: Helen

Sunday 15th October 10.45am

Welcomers: Mary, Victor

Reader: Carole

Prayers: Mark

Offertory: Grace, June, Rita

Assist: Carole, Mark

Pebble Pool: Victor

Sunday 22nd October

Welcomers: Jean H, Gill

Reader: Carole

Prayers: Jo

Offertory: Sheila, Gill, Mary

Assist: Rebecca, Carole

Pebble Pool: Mary



The Church of England

Holy Cross Church

Serving the Community of Bilbrook in the Parish of Tettenhall Regis

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(10am-12noon Monday-Friday)



Sunday 15th October
Trinity 18

8am Eucharist

(Celebrant: Revd Simon Douglas)

10.30am Sunday Club

10.45am Sung Eucharist

(Celebrant: Revd Simon Douglas)

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: **303** Lift high the cross

Gradual: **490** The Lord's my shepherd (version 1)

Offertory: **384** O love that will not let me go

Communion: **66** Bread is Blessed and broken

250 In the Lord I'll be ever thankful

Recessional: **422** Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven

This Week

Mon	16	7.30pm Dementia Group (Trinity)
Tues	17	2pm Craft Group 7pm Eucharist
Wed	18	2.30pm Prayer Session (Healing & Health) 6.45pm Friendship Club 8pm Finance Meeting (Church Cottage)
Thur	19	9.30am Eucharist 10am Coffee Pop-In 4pm Funeral of Flos Luce at Bushbury Crematorium and afterwards at the Woodman
Fri	20	12noon Eucharist 2pm Ladies Circle
Sat	21	10am Place of Welcome
Sun	22	10.45am Sung Eucharist

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 25.1–9

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore, strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

SECOND READING Philippians 4.1–9

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable,

whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL Matthew 22.1–14

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

POST COMMUNION

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints forever.