

17th August 2025 9th Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to St Peter's, especially if you are visiting us for the first time.

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.

AMEN



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

AMEN

First Reading: Hebrews 11:29-12.2 By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned.

By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days.

By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection.

Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.

They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword;

they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gospel: Luke 12.32-40 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptised, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son, and son against father, mother against daughter, and daughter against mother, mother in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so, it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?'

Our Prayers this week

- **For those who live in:** Beeches Court, Church Street, High Street, Jennery Lane, Penn House
- **For those who are ill and have asked for prayer including:** Michelle, Joan, Dorothy Smith, Shirley, Dawn, Brian May, Paula
- **For those who have recently departed:** Mike Rogers, Lynda Castle
- **At their year's mind we remember:** Revd Derek Strickland, William Blackmun, Kathleen Gibbard

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

Tuesday	9am Morning Prayer	5pm Evening Prayer
Wednesday	9:30am Parish Eucharist	5pm Evening Prayer
Thursday	9am Morning Prayer	5pm Evening Prayer
Friday	9am Morning Prayer	5pm Evening Prayer
Sunday	8am BCP	10am Parish Eucharist

OFFICE - Pam is currently on bereavement leave, so the office will only open on occasion. Please email/phone any general queries or if urgent, please speak to Revd Josh or the wardens. Thank you for your understanding. We send our love to Pam and her girls; please keep them in your prayers.

PRAYERS - If you would like us to pray for someone during August, please see sheet on heater cover. Please write the person's names in **CAPITAL LETTERS** so it can be read easily. Thank you.

BIRTHDAYS - A very happy birthday to all our church family members who have birthdays this week! If you would like to be included in the birthday book, please contact the Office.

CARE AND SHARE Currently, any donations - especially tinned foods & pasta sauces - are very welcome. Many thanks to everyone who continues to contribute to the welfare of our community.

CHURCHYARD Can you help to keep our churchyard looking beautiful? If you have your own tools and some spare time on a Saturday morning, that'd be wonderful! Please see Fiona or David for details.

See the Monthly News Sheet for details on mission, special events, social and fundraising and more.

Cornerstone Office: admin@stpetersburnham.org (9:30am-12pm)

Tel: 01628 664338

Vicar: Revd Josh Cleaver: vicar@stpetersburnham.org

Wardens: Peter Lewis and Steve Dobson

Safeguarding: Emma Warburton safeguarding@stpetersburnham.org

Tel: 07724 092473



Website: <http://stpetersburnham.org>
Registered Charity Number: 1129189

