



4th October 2026
Harvest Thanksgiving

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Celebrants Today

8.00 am The Rev'd Sarah Cumming
10.00 am The Ven Andrew Beane

Notices

Vision Meeting

We now know this important meeting with the Archdeacon will take place at 7.30 pm on Thursday 15th October.

Praying for the Future

A small group meets at 6.00 pm on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month to pray for St. James' and for our future incumbent. To know more, please contact Nigel or Joan Ridgway.

TODAY

4.00 pm Celebrate Together
6.00 pm Evening Prayer & Benediction

This Week

Morning Prayer is said at 8.30 am

Online: Mon, Wed

In the church: Tue, Thu, Fri

Mon 5th October Luke 10: 25– 37

2.30 pm Viewing of *The Chosen*

7.00 pm Choir practice

Tue 6th October Luke 10: 38 – 42

Wed 7th October Luke 11: 1 – 4

12.00 noon Eucharist

3.30 pm Messy Church

Thu 8th October Luke 11: 5 – 13

7.30 pm Home group

Fri 9th October Luke 11: 15 – 26

Sat 10th October Luke 11: 27 – 28

9.30 am St Mary's JSOC

Next Sunday: 11th October

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Matthew 22: 1 – 14

8.00 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Eucharist



10.00 am Music

Processional hymn 121

Offertory hymn 155

Communion anthem

Recessional hymn 705

Music Setting: Inwood et al.

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Fill Your Hearts With Joy and Gladness

Psalm 65

We Plough the Fields and Scatter

Sharing God's love through worship, fellowship and service

Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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: Deuteronomy 8: 7-18

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, I 6and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!



Gospel Reading: Luke 12: 16-30

Jesus told the crowd a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.' He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither store-house nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you – you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.'



Post-Communion Prayer

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Psalm 65

Thou O God art praised in Sion:
and unto thee shall the vow be performed in
Jerusalem.

Thou that hearest the prayer:
unto thee shall all flesh come.

My misdeeds prevail against me:
O be thou merciful unto our sins.

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest and receivest
unto thee:

he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with
the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy
righteousness, O God of our salvation:
thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and
of them that remain in the broad sea.

Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains:
and is girded about with power.

Who stilleth the raging of the sea:
and the noise of his waves and the madness of the
people.

They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth
shall be afraid at thy tokens:
thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and
evening praise thee.

Thou visitest the earth and blessest it:
thou makest it very plenteous.

The river of God is full of water:
thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for
earth.

Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the
little valleys thereof:
thou makest it soft with the drops of rain and blessest
the increase of it.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness: and thy
clouds drop fatness.

They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness:
and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.

The folds shall be full of sheep:
the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn that
they shall laugh and sing.