

PEW NEWS

Sunday 26 October 2025

Last Sunday After Trinity

WELCOME

Please stay for refreshments after the 10.30am service. At this service there are activities and learning for primary school aged children in the Den. The President will call them forward when it is time to join the group.

NOTICES

Church Open

Church is open on Friday mornings from 10.30am to 12 noon. On the second and last Friday of each month there is Crafty Coffee – an opportunity to bring your handicrafts and work alongside others or just have a coffee and chat. See you there. Next Crafty Coffee is this Friday 31 October.

Midweek Holy Communion

The Vicar and Churchwardens would like to reintroduce a midweek Holy Communion Service and would like to know if anyone would like to attend and which day and time (morning or afternoon) would suit. Please speak to Dianna, Deglan or Hilary. Thank you.

Refreshments after the 10.30am services CAN YOU HELP?

We all enjoy having a chance for chat and refreshments after the 10.30am service. The group of those preparing and serving could do with a few more volunteers. Could you consider offering one Sunday a month? To find out more what's involved please speak to those on duty this morning. Thank you!

Prayer Matters

If you would like the church family to pray for a loved one, please seek their permission to have them included on our prayer list. It is not necessary to print surnames. You may also wish to remember someone at their Years' Mind. For further information please speak to Dianna.

Half term Family Lunch Club – opportunity to help

During half-term North Camp Methodist Church provides a family lunch club on Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30 October. Volunteers are needed to greet guests, participate in children's activities and, importantly to cook. Their cook has just had to pull out. To find out more please speak to Dianna.

The Triangle Café and Christian Resource Centre

A resource at 64 Kingsmead for churches, school and individuals. Do pop in for a cuppa or to browse the wide selection of books, CDs, DVDs, cards and gifts. They have a range of Bibles in stock as well as reduced items. You'll also find a wide range of Advent calendars and books and gifts. There is a Christmas Open Evening on Tuesday 4 November from 4.30 to 8.30pm. There will be great Christmas gifts, cards and other resources. There will be refreshments, bargains and special offers. Membership discounts will apply. The Triangle online shop can be found at <https://trianglechristianshop.org.uk>.

Readings for next Sunday 2 November - All Saints' Day

Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18; Ephesians 1.11-end; Luke 6.20-31

TODAY'S COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning;
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Old Testament Jeremiah 14.7-10, 19-22

Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O Lord, for your name's sake;
our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you.

O hope of Israel, its saviour in time of trouble,
why should you be like a stranger in the land,
like a traveller turning aside for the night?

Why should you be like someone confused,
like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?

Yet you, O Lord, are in the midst of us,
and we are called by your name;
do not forsake us!

Thus says the Lord concerning this people:

Truly they have loved to wander,
they have not restrained their feet;
therefore the Lord does not accept them,
now he will remember their iniquity
and punish their sins.

Have you completely rejected Judah?
Does your heart loathe Zion?

Why have you struck us down
so that there is no healing for us?
We look for peace, but find no good;
for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord,
the iniquity of our ancestors,
for we have sinned against you.

Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;
do not dishonour your glorious throne;
remember and do not break your covenant with us.

Can any idols of the nations bring rain?

Or can the heavens give showers?

Is it not you, O Lord our God?

We set our hope on you,
for it is you who do all this.

New Testament 2 Timothy 4.6-8, 16-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Luke 18.9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

Post Communion Collect

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen