

Sunday 28th September, 2025

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Musical Director: Mr. Alan Craig. B.Mus., P.G.C.E.

Members of the congregation who are able to stand are invited to do so as the Bible is brought in and taken out of the Church.

Welcome & Intimations

- **The Sunday School** will meet in **Room 2** today.
- Please ensure all **mobile phones** 📱 are **switched off or in silent mode** during the Service.
- **Please place your offering in the Offering Plates** as these are uplifted during the Service.
- **Tea and Coffee** will be available after Church **today in the Cameron Hall**.
- There will be a **Vestry Hour** at 10am on **Wednesday 1st October, 2025** followed by our **midweek Service** at 11.10am.
- **SPRINGFIELD CAMBRIDGE FESTIVAL CHORUS - JUNIOR CHORUS** We are starting with a taster session on Monday 6th October, from 5.30 -7.00pm in Room 2, Springfield Cambridge Parish Church, Bishopbriggs. Come along and join the fun. Boys and Girls aged 7 - 14 are all welcome to come and see what it's like to sing! No audition required and no fee. All music will be provided on the day. Join in a fun session of vocal games and Christmas music, under the direction of Emma Fairbairn, our Junior Chorus leader and get an idea what it's like to be part of this great choir. If you would like your young singer to attend this event please register by either:
☎ Catherine Taylor at catherinejtaylor@btinternet.com or 📞 text Catherine on 07511 629 272. Please provide your child's name, a parent or carer's name, an email contact and a mobile contact.
- The **Kirk Session** will meet in the **Cambridge Chapel** on **Tuesday 7th October, 2025 at 7.30pm**

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 202 Stand up and bless the Lord;

- 1 Stand up and bless the Lord;
all people now rejoice;
stand up and bless the Lord your God
with heart and soul and voice.
- 2 Though high above all praise,
above all blessing high,
who would not fear his holy name,
give thanks and glorify?
- 3 O for the living flame
from his own altar brought,
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,
and wing to heaven our thought!
- 4 God is our strength and song,
and his salvation ours;
then be his love in Christ proclaimed
with all our ransomed powers.
- 5 Stand up and bless the Lord,
the Lord your God adore;
stand up and bless his glorious name
both now and evermore.

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Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 205 Lord, can this really be?

1 Lord, can this really be?
Is this your Church, the people that I see,
who gather here and worship you with me?

2 And must I love them all,
shoulder their loads, and answer when they call,
forgive their faults and raise them when they fall?

3 Are these the ear, eye, hand,
your body, Lord, bound firmly in one band
and learning to obey your great command?

4 Is this the very place,
the school of love, where we would see your face,
and through your Spirit gain enabling grace?

5 Our faith a channel make
to bring us grace. Our judging hearts now take,
and lead us into oneness for your sake.

6 The true Church we'll become
when all the world will see us live as one,
and know you, Jesus, as the Father's Son.

Coda:

Lord, could this really be?
Lord, let it really be.

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Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. ²At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, ³where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, 'Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the LORD: I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it;

⁶Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me: ⁷Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.' ⁸Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

⁹And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. ¹⁰I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. ¹¹Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; ¹²and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. ¹³In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, ¹⁴Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. ¹⁵For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Anthem

St. Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham.^[a] The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.^[b] ²⁴He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my

tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.”²⁵ But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.”²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.”²⁷ He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.”²⁹ Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.”³⁰ He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.”³¹ He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.””

Hymn 55 Safe in the shadow of the Lord (Psalm 91)

- 1 Safe in the shadow of the Lord
beneath his hand and power,
I trust in him,
I trust in him,
my fortress and my tower.
- 2 My hope is set on God alone
though Satan spreads his snare;
I trust in him,
I trust in him,
to keep me in his care.
- 3 From fears and phantoms of the night,
from foes about my way,
I trust in him,
I trust in him,
by darkness as by day.
- 4 His holy angels keep my feet
secure from every stone;
I trust in him,
I trust in him,
and unafraid go on.

- 5 Strong in the everlasting Name,
and in my Father's care,
I trust in him,
I trust in him,
who hears and answers prayer.

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Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayers of Intercession & The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Hymn 252 As a fire is meant for burning

1. As A Fire Is Meant For Burning
With A Bright And Warming Flame
So The Church Is Meant For Mission
, Giving Glory To God’s Name.
Not To Preach Our Creeds Or Customs,
Let us Build A Bridge Of Care,
Joining Hands Across The Nations,
Finding Neighbours Everywhere.
2. We Are Learners; We Are Teachers;
We Are Pilgrims On The Way.
We Are Seekers,; We Are Givers;

We Are Vessels Made Of Clay.
By Our Gentle Loving Actions
We will Show That Christ Is Light.
In A Humble Listening Spirit,
We will Live To God's Delight.

3. As A Green Bud In The Springtime
Is A Sign Of Life Renewed,
So May We Be Signs Of Oneness
'Mid Earth's Peoples, Many Hued.
As A Rainbow Lights The Heavens
When A Storm Is Past And Gone,
May Our Lives Reflect The Radiance
Of God's New And Glorious Dawn.

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Benediction

Choral Amen