

Your guide to this coming week:

Monday 2nd September

12pm Midday Prayer – In Church
6pm Bellringing – In Church
6pm Wedding rehearsal in Church

Wednesday 4th September

12pm Midday Prayer – In Church

Thursday 5th September

7pm PCC Meeting – Small Hall
(Tea & Coffee served from 6.45pm)

Friday 6th September


12pm Holy Communion – In Church
12.30pm Open Church (until 4pm)
1.15pm Coffee Concert – Steven Kirk (Organ)
6pm Choir Practice – In Church

Saturday 7th September

11.15am Visiting Bell Ringers
2pm Wedding of Mark Eaton & Zoe Button

Sunday 8th September

10am Sung Eucharist Service
6pm Choral Evensong




Coffee Concerts

Friday 6th Sept at 1.15pm
Steven Kirk (Organ)

&

Friday 13th Sept at 1.15pm
Tootie Frooties (Recorder Ensemble)



Anna Chaplaincy Fundraiser
Cake Sale - Sunday 8th September
(after the morning service)

Please support us and buy a slice of cake to eat in church or take home & help raise vital funds to support the ongoing and vital outreach work of the Anna Chaplaincy

HARVEST SUNDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

10AM HARVEST FESTIVAL - FOLLOWED BY A HARVEST LUNCH

If you'd like to come and enjoy a meal & fellowship, please sign the sheet at the back of the church.

Please add details of any dietary requirements to the list, so we can cater accordingly

VOLUNTEERS ALSO NEEDED TO HELP PLEASE

Please let Christine or the Office know if you can help.

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Welcome to



If you would like to make an offering to St. Margaret's please place your gift either on the collection plate *before* the service or use the card-reader at the back of church.

Your gift supports our ongoing mission work & helps towards the upkeep of this beautiful church.

Thank you for your kind gift.

Sunday 1st September 2024

14th Sunday after Trinity

10am Holy Communion

Presiding: Canon Simon
Preaching: Canon Simon
Deacon: Gill
Reader: Terri
Reading: James 1: 17-27
Gospel: Mark 7: 1-23
Intercessor: Gerda
Hymns: 708, 373, 790, 747 & 748
Anthem: Turn thy face from my sins - Attwood



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Tea & coffee are served in the Church Centre following the service. Please stay and join us.

11.45am Baptism Olivia Penelope Stokes

NO Evening Service

Services for Sunday 8th September 15th Sunday after Trinity

10am Sung Eucharist

6pm Choral Evensong

Large-print Service Sheets & Hymn Books available.
Toilets & Baby Changing are in the Church Centre.

The pew sheet has been kindly sponsored by

 **Patricia Raven** 

In loving memory of

Marjorie & Eric Snowling

Readings for Sunday 1st September

New Testament Reading: James 1: 17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore, rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act - they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Gospel Reading: Mark 7: 1-23

The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.) So, the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?" He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: "These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.' You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions." And he continued, "You have a fine way

of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions! For Moses said, 'Honor your father and mother,' and, 'Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.' But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is Corban (that is, devoted to God) - then you no longer let them do anything for their father or mother. Thus, you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that." Again, Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them." After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. "Are you so dull?" he asked. "Don't you see that nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them? For it doesn't go into their heart but into their stomach, and then out of the body." (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.) He went on: "What comes out of a person is what defiles them. For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come - sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and defile a person."

Collect (Prayer of the Week)

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Father of light,
in whom is no change or shadow of turning,
you give us every good and perfect gift
and have brought us to birth by your word of truth:
may we be a living sign of that kingdom
where your whole creation will be made perfect
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

LLM Licensing of Sarah Spall Saturday 21st Sept - Norwich Cathedral

Don't forget to add your name to the list at the back of church if you would like to go to Sarah's LLM Licensing and you need transport by minibus.

Cost to be confirmed, once we know final numbers