

Holy Trinity Church Tottenham

Parish Newsletter

Week of 12th Sunday after Trinity
23rd August 2026



'I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.' Romans 12.1

This morning you will have Mthr Patricia with you, and I am sure you will give her a warm welcome to Holy Trinity.

At the top page of our newsletters I take a verse from the readings for the day, sometimes it is a verse to offer encouragement, or reflection, sometimes it is more abstract. Today I wanted to offer a few words on the first verse of Romans chapter 12. Sometimes this passage has been used to suggest that our bodies are unimportant, and that it is only our minds that matter. But I don't believe that is what St Paul was saying. If we give ourselves as a living sacrifice, if it is our bodies that we bring before God, our bodies that have been made divine through Jesus' divinity, we are charged to care for our bodies. To look after them, and value them. Our bodies are varied and different, shaped differently, with different strengths and different weakness. All of us are valued by God, all of us are worthy of God's love; body, soul, and spirit. We are instructed in this passage to make ourselves acceptable to God, and I offer to you that we do that through caring for ourselves, for our bodies as best as we can. Let us nourish them, support them, and live within them, formed differently, uniquely, they are part of what makes us us, and what makes us us is what God sees and what God loves.

On Monday morning I had surgery on my ankle. In January after some issues with my ankle, and discovered that I needed surgery to repair damage from an old injury. I've waited in anxious anticipation. The surgery went well and I am now convalescing at home. I thank God for my successful surgery, for the skills of the surgeons, doctors, nurses, and hospital workers. I thank you for all your prayers and support in this time.

I also ask for your intercessions for those who continue to struggle in pain, who suffer with injuries and illnesses that continue, we pray for those whom we know and those whom we don't know.

As I came round in the recovery ward after surgery the nurse asked me to pray for them, and as I reflect on that, I reflect on how important it is to pray not only for those nurses in that ward, but for each person under their care that day.

Remembering our friends, loved ones, and acquaintances in our prayers is such an important part of our Christian life. But we are also called to pray for those whom we don't know. Those whom we know exist. There is something particularly important about praying for those who may not pray for themselves, or have others praying for them.

Currently I am following doctor's orders to rest and recover. I will have further information on my return to the parish after the first week of September.

Yours in faith, Mthr Emma

News and Notices

Foodbank, 9am to 1pm (distribution 12pm-1pm) on Saturday. Volunteers needed, please come and help for half an hour or hour if you can, any time you can give is appreciated. Please arrive before 11.30, help is especially needed early in the day. If you are available during the week to help with collections, please speak to Christiana.



Cleaning, 10am, Saturday.



PCC Meeting, Sunday 6th September, 12pm, the Extraordinary PCC Meeting chaired by Archdeacon John Hawkins will take place after the service on the 6th September. The agenda and papers have been sent to PCC members.

Prayer Diary for week commencing Date 2026

12th Sunday after Trinity 23/08	Prayer for the week, Collect for Sunday <i>Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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.</i>
Monday 24/08	St Bartholomew We pray for those in need of courage
Tuesday 25/08	We pray for those struggling due to the climate crisis, especially for farmers, and labourers.
Wednesday 26/08	We pray for social workers, social services, and all those seeking to support individuals and families in need
Thursday 27/08	St Monica, Mother of Augustine We pray for mothers
Friday 28/08	St Augustine We pray for writers and scholars
Saturday 29/08	Beheading of John the Baptist We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith

Intercessions

We pray for those in need, who are sick, in body, mind, or spirit, and those who have died or anniversaries of death fall during this time.

Please submit names to be added to the list to Mthr Emma, consent must be given by the individual or their next of kin, first names only will be used for those who are sick.

We pray for the sick and those in particular need: Elder Israel, Dorothy, Mthr Emma.

For those who have died: Michael and Agnes

Services Sunday 23rd August

9.30 Morning Prayer

Readings

Psalm 104.1–25

Ecclesiasticus 3.17–29 Revelation 1

Hymn Wait for the Lord

10.30 Parish Eucharist

Readings

Isaiah 51.1–6 Psalm 138

Romans 12.1–8 Matthew 16.13–20

Hymns at Parish Eucharist/Mass

All my hope: 19

There is a redeemer: 658

Mass Setting: Thorne

Brother sister let me: 88

Christ is made the sure: 97

Liturgical colours: Green

Services Sunday 30th August

9.30 Morning Prayer

Readings

Psalm 107.1–32

Ecclesiasticus 11.7–28

Revelation 3.14–end

Hymn O Lord hear my prayer

10.30 Parish Eucharist

Readings

Jeremiah 15.15–21

Psalm 26.1–8

Romans 12.9–end

Matthew 16.21–end

Hymns at Parish Eucharist/Mass

Great is thy faithfulness 249

For all the saints 177

Mass Setting: Thorne

At the name of Jesus: 54

O Lord, my God 511

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All orders of service are available at: www.holytrinitytottenham.org/oos

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