

Holy Trinity Church Tottenham

Parish Newsletter

*Week of the 15th Sunday after Trinity
13th September 2026*



*We adore you o Christ, and we bless you,
because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.
- acclamation of the Holy Cross from a prayer of St Francis.*



This prayer is one that we use as we pray the Stations of the Cross. On Monday the church celebrates Holy Cross Day. A day where we celebrate the Cross of Christ. It is a joyful reflection on the cross, rather than the sorrowful one of Holy Week, once a symbol of death and crucifixion, the Cross has become a symbol of the hope and the victory of Jesus over death. In his suffering Christ comes alongside us in our own, and we recall his humanity and divinity.

The sign of the cross has become for us a regular recollection of the cross and its meaning. It is the sign that is made during baptism, and one we use to remember it, and that we belong to Christ.

When we make the sign of the cross as we enter church and through the service, it is a physical expression of prayer, where we trace the cross with our hand or forefinger to the forehead, chest, left shoulder, right shoulder, and heart. At the acclamation of the Gospel, instead of a large cross along the body, small crosses are made at the forehead, lips and heart, as we pray for the word of God to be in our minds, upon our lips, and within our hearts.

In the Franciscan tradition Cross prayers are made on Fridays, with arms outstretched the congregation face the Cross of Christ and say prayers, their whole bodies entering into that physical remembrance of the Cross. I have included the picture above from the Chapel in St Mary's Convent, Freeland where the Community of St Clare live, they are part of the Society of St Francis within the Anglican Communion. This carving was made by a late sister of the community, the simplicity in the carving, intentional to offer a figure that we complete in our own minds, but also a Christ victorious, his eyes to heaven, and not bowed in sorrow. Our images, and symbols offer opportunities for reflection, to reflect on who we are as Christians, who Christ calls us to be, and opportunity to reflect on the Cross of Christ, as a symbol of hope.

Yours in faith, Mthr Emma

News and Notices

Choir practice, Wednesdays, 6.30pm in Church.



Foodbank, 9am to 1pm (distribution 12pm-1pm) on Saturday.



Cleaning, 10am, Saturday, please come and join us to help with church cleaning.



Update on Mthr Emma, she is recovering well from her ankle surgery, and will be off for a further few weeks with an update on or after the 20th September.

Visiting Clergy, a warm welcome to Rev'd Cindy Kent who will be taking our Mass this morning.

Prayer Diary for week commencing 13th September 2026

15th after Trinity 13/09	Prayer for the week <i>God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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. Amen.</i>
Monday 14/09	Holy Cross Day Our daily struggles and renewal in Christ
Tuesday 15/09	St Cyprian of Carthage Those persecuted for their beliefs
Wednesday 16/09	St Ninian and Edward Bouverie Pusey Monastic and religious communities
Thursday 17/09	St Hildegard of Bingen Musicians, writers and the natural world
Friday 18/09	Peace and justice in the world. Those who work for reconciliation
Saturday 19/09	St Theodore of Tarsus Unification of the Global Church

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 and Dorothy

Services Sunday 13th September

9.30 Morning Prayer

Readings

Psalm 119.65–88

Isaiah 44.24 – 45.8

Revelation 12.1–12

Hymn Bless the Lord my Soul

10.30 Parish Eucharist

Readings

Genesis 50.15–21

Psalm 103.1–13

Romans 14.1–12

Matthew 18.21–35

Hymns at Parish Eucharist/Mass

All creatures of our God: 6

There's a wideness: 662

Mass Setting: Thorne

Lead us heavenly father: 379

Praise my soul: 565

Liturgical colours: Green

Services Sunday 20th September

9.30 Morning Prayer

Readings

Psalm 119.153–end

Isaiah 45.9–22

Revelation 14.1–5

Hymn In the Lord

10.30 Parish Eucharist

Readings

Jonah 3.10 – end of 4

Psalm 145.1–8

Philippians 1.21–end

Matthew 20.1–16

Hymns at Parish Eucharist/Mass

Glorious things of you are spoken 205

Be still and know: 66

Mass Setting: Thorne

Guide me o thou: 252

Tell out my soul: 631

Liturgical colours: Green

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

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