

The Church is Open every day 9-4.30pm

**The Alpha Course @DSN
Tuesday, 22nd September 2026**

18:30 - 19:30 (GMT)

Meeting link:

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CHURCH**

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your own display or share
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Contact 07751323584

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 26th 10am
In Church
Contributions to Jackie/Ian Williams
07936681414/07713598106**

**HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE
10am on 11th October
Donations welcome for the food bank**

**THE AGAPE FOOD BANK BOX
IS AT THE BACK OF CHURCH FOR DONATIONS
(All year)**

Bell Ringing contact Paul Barrett 078026622145

Ring, Text or e-mail Erica : erica.crust@gmail.com
you wish to put something on the News sheet.
The Church is available for booking for activities/
meetings. Please ensure these are entered in
the church diary
by contacting **Carolyn Sumner Tel. 07808350802**



September 20th 2026 Trinity 16

**Welcome to Morning Prayer
9.30am**

HYMNS

**689 Thy hand O God has guided
1 Abba Father
598 Sing for God's Glory
695 To God be the Glory**

Music Carolyn Sumner

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen my **faith**
when I cannot see the way ahead; renew
my **hope** when my heart grows tired; and
deepen my **love** so that your kindness
flows through me. Keep me rooted in
your grace today and always. Amen.

**Next week
Sunday September 27th
Holy Communion 9.30am**

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COLLECT

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear
the prayers of your people who call upon
you;
and grant that they may both perceive
and know what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power
faithfully to fulfil them;
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.

FIRST READING Jonah 3:10 – end of 4

A reading from the book of Jonah.

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people

who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Or Exodus 16:2-15

PSALM Psalm 145:1-8

R *The Lord is near to those who call upon him.*

I will exalt you, O God my King,
and bless your name for ever and ever.
Every day will I bless you
and praise your name for ever and ever. **R**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be
praised;
there is no end to his greatness.
One generation shall praise your works
to another
and shall declare your power. **R**

I will ponder the glorious splendour of
your majesty
and all your marvellous works.
They shall speak of the might of your
wondrous acts,
and I will tell of your greatness. **R**

They shall publish the remembrance
of your great goodness;
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
The Lord is gracious and full of
compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness. **R**

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:21-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege

not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

GOSPEL Matthew 20:1-16

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

POST COMMUNION

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our
whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.