



Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

4th October 2026

Welcome to our Services today

THE PRIORY CHURCH

8.00am	Holy Communion BCP (<i>Readings Page No: 185 in red prayer book</i>)
President:	Rev'd Carolyn Tibbott
10.00am	Sung Eucharist (<i>Please see inside of sheet</i>)
President:	Rev'd Angela Newton
Preacher:	Rev'd Canon Graham Newton
Choir:	Boys and Adults
Hymns:	394, Brother sister, Make Me a Channel (<i>Please see inside of sheet</i>), 263
Voluntary:	Charles Hubert Hastings Parry Choral Prelude on 'Rockingham'
Setting:	Joseph Haydn Missa Brevis Sancti Johannis de Deo
Motet:	Ralph Vaughan Williams O Taste and See
Voluntary:	June Nixon Acclamation
6.00pm	Choral Evensong
Officiant and Preacher:	Mr Will Howard – LLM
Choir:	Girls and Adults
Hymns:	359, 468, 476, 252
Psalm:	Psalm 136: 1-9 (<i>Page No: 522 in red prayer book</i>)
Responses:	Richard Ayleward
Canticles:	Matthew Coleridge Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis
Anthem :	Charles Villiers Stanford And I saw another angel
Readings:	Proverbs 2: 1-11 and 1 John 2: 1-17 (<i>Page Nos: OT 596 and NT 236 in Green Bible</i>)
Voluntary:	Johann Sebastian Bach Fugue in B Minor

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, JUMPERS

9.30am	Sung Eucharist	Rev'd James Robertson
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During this service there will be an opportunity to give towards the ministry, mission, maintenance, and music of the Priory Church. We depend on the generosity of everyone who comes to Priory, to help us preserve the building for future generations as a place of welcome, worship, and mission. Alternatively, you can make a donation using the QR code here with your Smart phone.



THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 5th October

9.30am Eucharist Rev'd Richard Partridge

Tuesday 6th October

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10.30am Private Ground Floor Tour – New Millenium Masters

7.00pm St George's Church Choir practice

Wednesday 7th October

11.00am Eucharist with Hymns Rev'd Richard Partridge

Thursday 8th October

10.00am Holy Communion (St George's) Rev'd Angela Newton

11.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Rev'd Carolyn Tibbott

12.30pm Organ Recital – Peter King (Bath) Free Admission with a Retiring Collection

Friday 9th October

1.00 – 4pm **No games afternoon at St George's Church, this event has now been cancelled due to the lack of interest.**

4.00pm Wedding Blessing Service Rev'd Canon Graham Newton

Saturday 10th October

10.30am RSCM arrive for rehearsals at 11am and 2pm

4.00pm RSCM Evensong Rev'd Richard Partridge

Sunday 11th October - Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

The Priory:

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Confirmation Service and Eucharist

President: Rev'd John Staples

President and Preacher:

Rt Rev'd Geoff Annas

Honorary Bishop in the Diocese of Winchester

Readings: Isaiah 25: 1-9, Philippians 4: 1-9, Matthew 22: 1 - 14

6.00pm Choral Evensong

Officiant: Mr Nick Straw – BCM

Preacher: Rev'd Richard Partridge

St George's:

9.30am No service at St George's Church today – All are invited to attend the Confirmation Service at Christchurch Priory

These services are in addition to the regular Morning Prayer at 8.30am (via Zoom) and Evening Prayer at 4pm (in The Priory) Monday to Thursday, to which all are welcome.

Christchurch Priory 10am Sung Eucharist (Readings also for the 9.30am Eucharist Service at St George's Church)

Readings

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 5: 1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

THE SECOND READING Philippians 3: 4b-14

Even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow, I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly^lcall of God in Christ Jesus.

THE GOSPEL READING Matthew 21: 33-end

‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” So, they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes”? Therefore, I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Collect for Today

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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**

Parish Prayers

The sick or in distress: Jill, Alana, Tom, Rhoda, Tom, Cora, Brenda, Shirley, Georgina, Gill, Archie, Lisa, Peter, Jenny, Craig, Jean, Margaret, Cindy, Ivy, Kimberley.

The long-term sick: Brian, Stewart, Valerie, Merrilyn, Chrissy, Chris.

Those recently departed:

Those whose anniversary of death falls at this time: Stephen Ruggier (4th), John Williams (Priest) (7th), Valerie Strawbridge (8th), Mike McCann (9th).

Almighty God, whose Church we are, help us to be open always to the leadership and guidance of Your Holy Spirit. Bless, we pray those who are called to discern Your will for our parish. And may Your Holy Spirit be a guide and strength to the priest You are calling and sending to be our new vicar. We pray that, in this next phase of our life together, we may be a visible witness to Your love for our town and its people. **Amen**

The Servant Song (Brother, sister let me serve you)

1

Brother let me be your servant
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I might have the grace to
Let you be my servant too

2

We are pilgrims on a journey
We are brothers on the road
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load

3

I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night time of your fear
I will hold my hand out to you
Speak the peace you long to hear

4

I will weep when you are weeping
When you laugh I'll laugh with you
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through

5

When we sing to God in heaven
We shall find such harmony
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony

6

Brother sister let me serve you
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant too

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Make Me a Channel

1

Make me a channel of your peace:
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Chorus

*Oh master, grant that I may never seek
So much as to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul*

2

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

Chorus...

3

O, Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Chorus...

4

Make me a channel of your peace:
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Parish Notices, News and Events

Christchurch Priory Autumn Course - A How to.... course

'The next fortnightly teaching and discussion 'How To' course led by Rev'd Tom Stuckey will take place in room 8 of Priory House on **Monday 12th October**, starting at 2.30pm and finishing at 3.30pm. Subject: 'How to recite the Creed'. No need to book. Just turn up. Bring your Bible.

Harvest Festival Donations - a note from Christchurch Foodbank Plus: "Thank you, wow what an amazing support the Priory and the Priory School have been to fill our shelves. We will add thanks and photos to our Facebook today. God bless you." We also need to note that staff from Aldi added to our Priory contribution by donating a number of boxes of food - cereals, rice, etc. Much appreciated. Thank you to everyone who contributed. We need to be reminded that the need does not stop here but continues. There are over 300 families in our area needing ongoing support from Christchurch Foodbank Plus, please see advert below..

Christchurch Foodbank+ - Thank you for your continued support and please consider supporting us if you can. We were able to help over 300 local families during the summer holiday and that always leaves stock a little short. **Our needs are tins of soup, tins of tomatoes, pasta sauce jars, tins of carrots and sweetcorn, and biscuits please.** Thank you for helping us to help others, Tracy Blick and the Team.

Hannah Hoskin Licensing Service

Dear All, as you may have read in Fr. Richard's last Pastoral letter, I have now finished my training as a Licensed Lay Minister and will be formally licensed by Bishop Philip at a special service in Winchester Cathedral. Not long to go! The service is on Saturday 10th October at 11am (not 10am as in the Pastoral letter). You have all been so supportive during my training, and I would be delighted for as many of you as are able to be there on the day. The service is a celebration of Lay Ministry (Diana Conway-French will also be receiving her BCM certificate), and I will have the great privilege of leading the prayers. If you would like to attend, but need transport, please let me know; likewise, if anyone is planning to attend and is willing to offer a lift. Hopefully we can make suitable arrangements for everyone. Either speak to me at church, or send me an email at: hannahoskinllm@icloud.com

Sunday 11th October 10am Parish Confirmation.

We now have 14 candidates for Confirmation; this is truly amazing! Please do try to be with us for the Service next Sunday morning and support those beginning this new stage in their lives as disciples of Our Lord.

CHRISTCHURCH PRIORY LUNCHTIME ORGAN CONCERTS THURSDAYS AT 12.30

September 10th SIMON EARL

(Christchurch Priory)

September 17th THE ORGAN BUILDER ENTERTAINS

(An insight into the organ renovation work with music)

September 24th GEOFFREY MORGAN

(Christchurch Priory)

October 1st ANDREW KIRK

(Bristol)

October 8th PETER KING

(Bath)

October 15th DAVID BEEBY

(Christchurch Priory)

October 22nd SIMON EARL

(Christchurch Priory)

October 29th AARON SHILSON

(Llandaff Cathedral)

November 5th DAVID BEEBY

(Christchurch Priory)

November 12th GEOFFREY MORGAN

(Christchurch Priory)



45 minutes of varied music

Admission free; retiring collection

Performer on view & TV screens in side aisles

Priory Tea Rooms open 10am-4pm

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Churchwardens: Hazel Baker and Pat Richards

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, JUMPERS ROAD - Deputy Churchwardens: John Hicks and Jeff Perkins

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