



The Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity
13th September 2026

*Welcome to St. Peter & St. Paul, Bromley
...especially if this is your first visit.
You are very welcome here and we are glad you have come to visit.*

We welcome children and have a play and pray area in church for children to use as they wish. For more energetic play toys can be found in our rooms through the doors at the back of church. Parents are welcome to use this space with their children. The service is relayed to the TV screen in the rooms.

All are welcome to receive the bread and wine in our church, please come forward when indicated if you wish to receive. Gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available on request. If you would prefer to receive a prayer of blessing please bring your service sheet with you at the time.

Step free access is also available via our church rooms.

Toilets can also be found in our church rooms through the doors at the back of church together with baby changing facilities. Church is fitted with a loop system for hearing aids. Please set hearing aids to the T setting.

Our Services are live streamed and can be joined from home on our Bromley Parish Church YouTube channel.

If you would like to know more about us do complete our visitor's form and leave in the box at the back of church. To receive our weekly e-newsletter from James our vicar contact the church office with your email address.

We hope you enjoy your time with us

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



09:00 Breakfast Church

Leader: Rev'd Laura Polaine

10:30 Parish Eucharist

President: Rev'd Laura Polaine

Preacher: Peter Cheshire

Hymns: Guide me, O thou great redeemer – 652
 There's a wideness in God's mercy – 806
 In Christ there is no east or west – 679
 Christ is made the sure foundation – 291 (v.5–end)

Anthem: Mass of St Thomas – Thorne
 Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake – Farrant

Voluntary: Prelude and Fugue in C Major – Bach

Readings: Exodus 14.19–end read by Daniel Hutton
 Romans 14.1–12 read by Charmaine Yip
 Matthew 18.21–35

Intercessions: led by Hugh Jones

18:30 Choral Evensong

President: Rev'd James Harratt

Old Testament

Exodus 14.19–end

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

New Testament

Romans 14.1–12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written,

‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.’

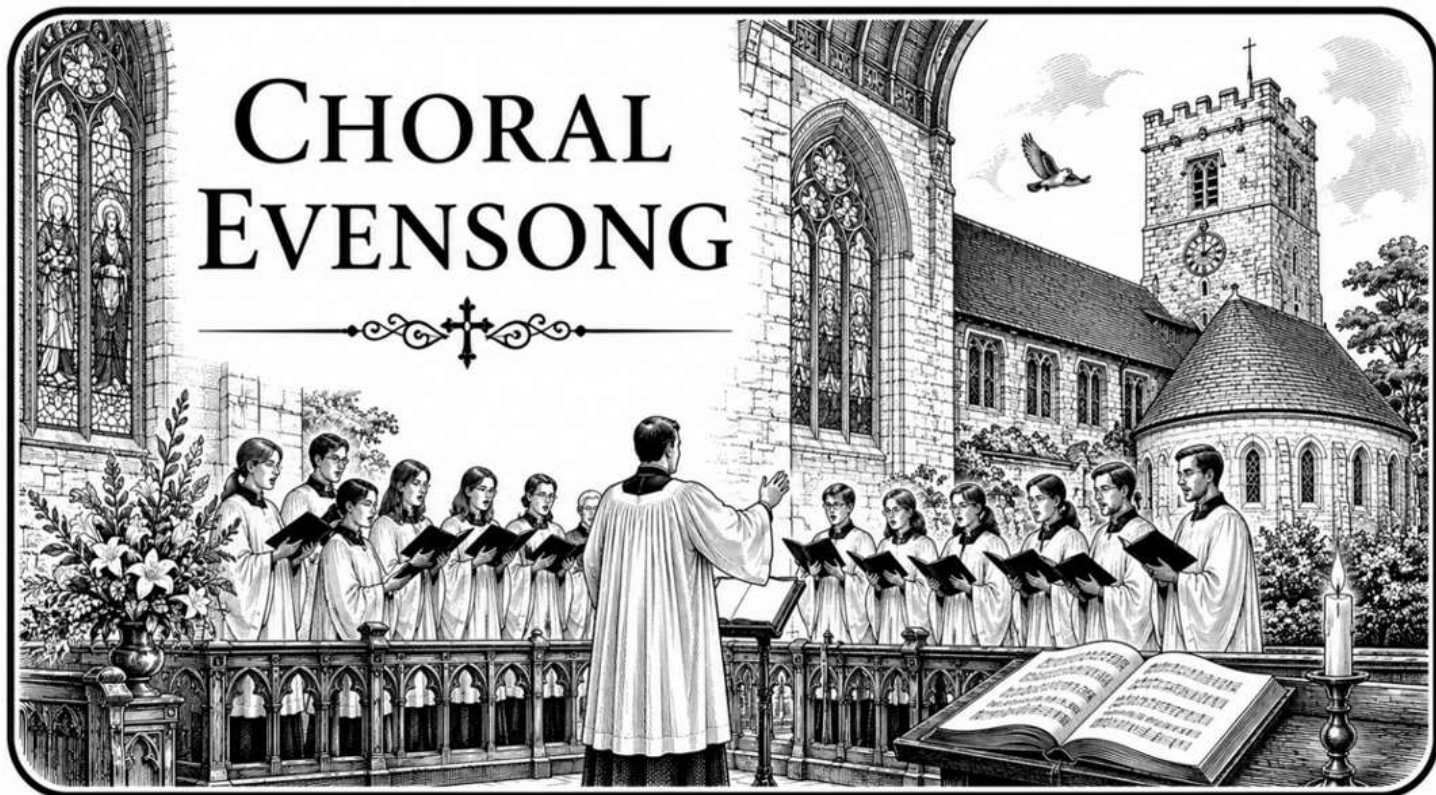
So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18.21–35

Then Peter came and said to him, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.’

‘For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.” Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’



18:30 Farewell Evensong for Yiming Guo, Assistant Organist

President: Rev'd James Harratt

Hymns: Praise, my soul, the King of heaven – 766 (omit v.4)
O praise ye the Lord! – 753

Preces and Responses: Rose

Canticles: Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in G – Stanford

Anthem: I was glad – Parry

Soloists: Ashleigh Maclaine and Sebastian Maclaine

Voluntary: Litanies – Alain

Psalm: Psalm 119 (v.41–48)

Readings: Ezekiel 20.1–8, 33–44
Acts 20.17–end

Next Week – The Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity

08:30 Holy Communion

President: Rev'd James Harratt

10:30 All Age Eucharist

President and Preacher: Rev'd James Harratt

Old Testament

Ezekiel 20.1–8, 33–44

In the seventh year, in the fifth month, on the tenth day of the month, certain elders of Israel came to consult the Lord, and sat down before me. And the word of the Lord came to me: Mortal, speak to the elders of Israel, and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: Why are you coming? To consult me? As I live, says the Lord God, I will not be consulted by you. Will you judge them, mortal, will you judge them? Then let them know the abominations of their ancestors, and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: On the day when I chose Israel, I swore to the offspring of the house of Jacob—making myself known to them in the land of Egypt—I swore to them, saying, I am the Lord your God. On that day I swore to them that I would bring them out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had searched out for them, a land flowing with milk and honey, the most glorious of all lands. And I said to them, Cast away the detestable things your eyes feast on, every one of you, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt; I am the Lord your God. But they rebelled against me and would not listen to me; not one of them cast away the detestable things their eyes feasted on, nor did they forsake the idols of Egypt.

Then I thought I would pour out my wrath upon them and spend my anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.

As I live, says the Lord God, surely with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out, I will be king over you. I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out; and I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will enter into judgement with you face to face. As I entered into judgement with your ancestors in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgement with you, says the Lord God. I will make you pass under the staff, and will bring you within the bond of the covenant. I will purge out the rebels among you, and those who transgress against me; I will bring them out of the land where they reside as aliens, but they shall not enter the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the Lord.

As for you, O house of Israel, thus says the Lord God: Go, serve your idols, every one of you now and hereafter, if you will not listen to me; but my holy name you shall no more profane with your gifts and your idols.

For on my holy mountain, the mountain height of Israel, says the Lord God, there all the house of Israel, all of them, shall serve me in the land; there I will accept them, and there I will require your contributions and the choicest of your gifts, with all your

sacred things. As a pleasing odour I will accept you, when I bring you out from the peoples, and gather you out of the countries where you have been scattered; and I will manifest my holiness among you in the sight of the nations. You shall know that I am the Lord, when I bring you into the land of Israel, the country that I swore to give to your ancestors. There you shall remember your ways and all the deeds by which you have polluted yourselves; and you shall loathe yourselves for all the evils that you have committed. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I deal with you for my name's sake, not according to your evil ways or corrupt deeds, O house of Israel, says the Lord God.

New Testament

Acts 20.17–end

From Miletus Paul sent a message to Ephesus, asking the elders of the church to meet him. When they came to him, he said to them:

‘You yourselves know how I lived among you the entire time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears, enduring the trials that came to me through the plots of the Jews. I did not shrink from doing anything helpful, proclaiming the message to you and teaching you publicly and from house to house, as I testified to both Jews and Greeks about repentance towards God and faith towards our Lord Jesus. And now, as a captive to the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and persecutions are waiting for me. But I do not count my life of any value to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the good news of God’s grace.

‘And now I know that none of you, among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom, will ever see my face again. Therefore I declare to you this day that I am not responsible for the blood of any of you, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son. I know that after I have gone, savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Some even from your own group will come distorting the truth in order to entice the disciples to follow them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to warn everyone with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified. I coveted no one’s silver or gold or

clothing. You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions. In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." '

When he had finished speaking, he knelt down with them all and prayed. There was much weeping among them all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, grieving especially because of what he had said, that they would not see him again. Then they brought him to the ship.



BIBLE COURSE

Explore. Ask. Grow.

A 6-WEEK JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

FAITH • CONNECTION • UNDERSTANDING

Whether you're new to the Bible
or want to go deeper,
you're very welcome here! ♥



STARTING
Sunday
6 September
at **7:30pm**



6-week course to
explore the Bible,
ask questions and
deepen your faith.



Interested?
Sign up at
the back of
the church.

MODULES

Session 1: Genesis: The Story Begins

Session 2: Exodus: The Story of Freedom

Session 3: Exile: The Story of Loss

Session 4: Jesus: The Story of Rescue

Session 5: Acts: The Story of Mission

Session 6: Revelation: The Story Completed



Location: Clubroom of Bromley Parish Church



*Come and be part of a friendly,
open and encouraging group.*



*Learn together.
Share together.
Grow together.*

**EVERYONE
WELCOME!**



BIBLE READING GROUP

Wednesday 23 September • 10.30am • Shortlands Room

ALL WELCOME

Come to listen, learn or debate



Prayers

We pray for

- ~ our world, that it may know the peace Christ brings.
- ~ our church and community
- ~ our link church, St Paul's in Highfield, Harare in Zimbabwe
- ~ those who live with conflict, fear and oppression
- ~ our government and those in positions of authority and leadership
- ~ peace in the middle east
- ~ the unity of Christ's church

~ those in immediate need of our prayers: Norma Classen, Orlando Boyd, Barbara Broadbent, Frank Roddy, Clive Whitmore.

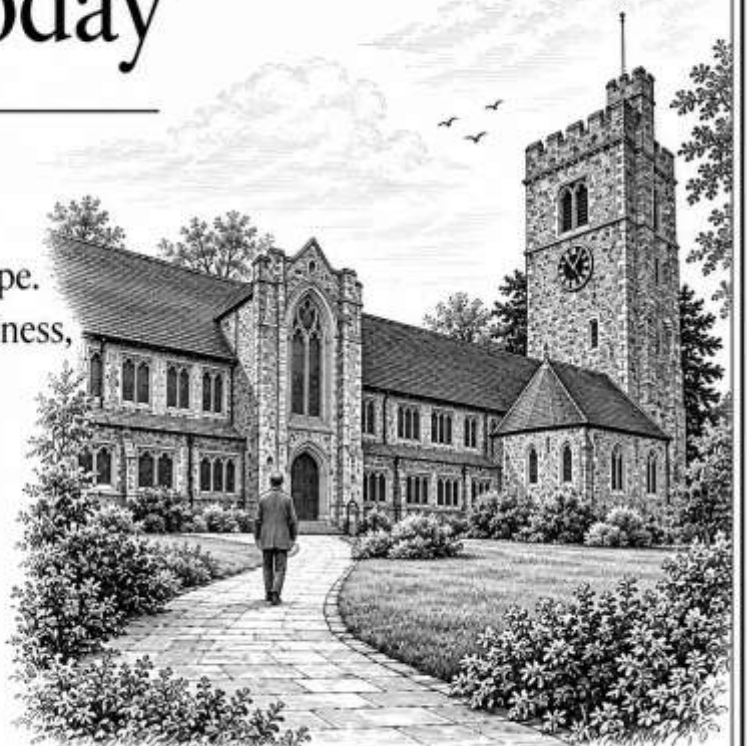
~ those in continuing need of our prayers: James McGill, Eve Dewdney, Margaret Billings, Sue Gilder, John Townsend, Tim Pike, Emile Riley, Alice and Dennis Potter, Charlie Steel, Geoffrey Walsh, Malcolm Horner, Peter Riley, Rafferty Woods, David Vernon, Sue Smith, Sue Bayon, Hannah Westerman, Joyce Chivral, Audrey Alder, Peter Spencer.

~ those who receive communion visits at home or in residential care, Norma Classen, Barbara Broadbent, Brian Writer, Terry Carpenter. ~ for the recently departed near and far. We give thanks for their lives and remember their family and friends at this difficult time.

A Prayer for Today



Heavenly Father,
As we step into a new day,
quiet our worries and renew our hope.
Teach us to notice those who need kindness,
to speak with grace,
and to serve with joyful hearts.
Bless our church and community,
and draw us closer to You
and to one another.
In Jesus' name,
Amen.



Notices



**Bumps
and Babies**

10:30 TOMORROW

We meet in the church!
All are very welcome.



**Knit
and Natter**

11:30 TOMORROW

We meet in the church!
Everyone welcome!



**Toddler
Praise**

11:00 ON TUESDAY

We meet in the clubroom!
Everyone welcome!

The Dioceses of Rochester and Canterbury invite you to their **2026 Eco Conference at Rochester Cathedral: THINK GLOBAL, ACT LOCAL** Saturday 19 September 2026 at 9:30am – 1:00pm at Rochester Cathedral. An opportunity to explore practical ways our churches and communities can respond to climate change and care for God's creation. For more information and for **FREE TICKETS** visit: rochester cathedral.org/new-events/2026/9/19/eco-conference-2026-think-global-act-local or search: Rochester Cathedral Eco

Our next **Fellowship Meeting** will take place on Thursday 24 September at 2.15pm in the Lounge. We are delighted to welcome Andrew Burton, who will give a fascinating talk exploring Winston Churchill's connection with Biggin Hill and the important part the area played in Britain's wartime history. Join us for an interesting afternoon, followed by tea, cake and time to chat. Everyone is very welcome!

The deanery confirmation service will be on Sunday 11th of October at 4pm at St John's, Park Road. Preparation courses will run in September – get in touch with James or Laura if you are interested in being confirmed.

Bromley Parish Church will be hosting an **advent quiz night** in aid of Freedom From Torture on the 5th of December at 7pm. Please put the date in your diary now and start inviting your friends along.



COFFEE ROTA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Could you help on the third Sunday of each month?

Please contact Justine in the church office:
administrator@bromleyparishchurch.org



HARVEST SHARED LUNCH

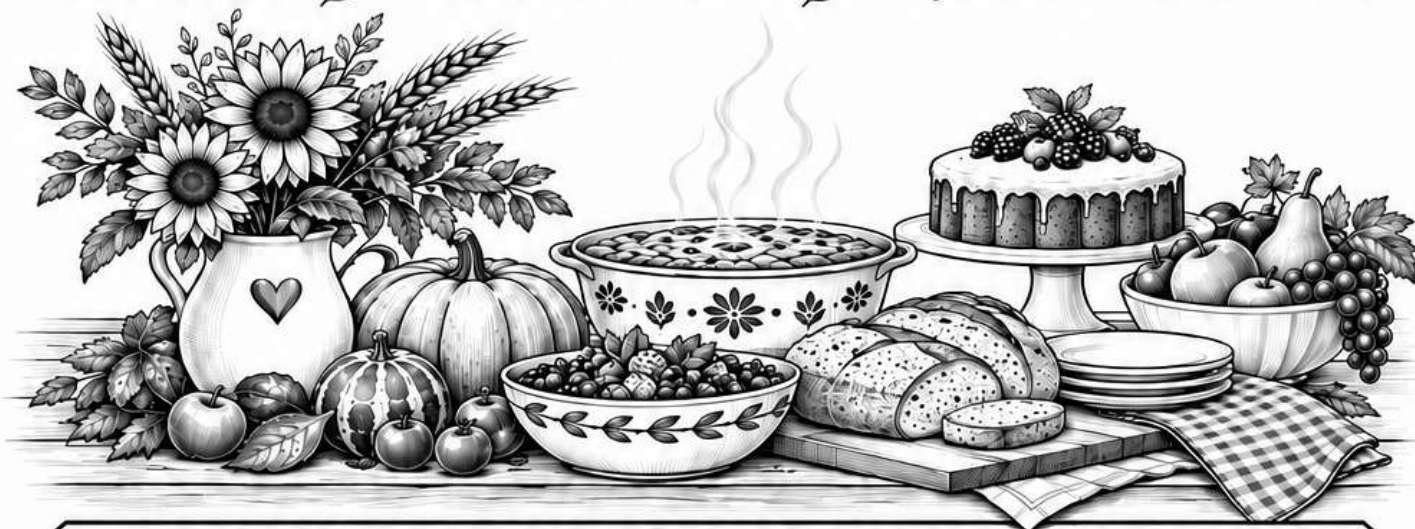
Sunday 27 September

After the service

Come and celebrate Harvest together!

Please bring a main dish or pudding to share,
as well as any produce that has survived the summer
from the plants we gave out in spring.

GOOD FOOD  WARM COMPANY  A JOYFUL CELEBRATION



BROMLEY BOROUGH FOODBANK MOST NEEDED:



Cereals • Long-life fruit juice • Squash
Long-life desserts • Tinned cold meats • Sweets
Shaving gel/foam • Shampoo • Shower gel
Laundry sheets/gel

Please take donations directly to Bromley Borough Foodbank.

Everyone Welcome!

Donations to the church may be made by scanning the QR Code



The Week Ahead

Monday	10:30	Bumps and Babies
	11:30	Knit and Natter
Tuesdays	11:00	Toddler Praise
Wednesday	12:00	Midweek Communion
Sunday	08:30	Holy Communion
	10:30	All Age Eucharist

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