

not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.'

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

REFLECTION BY A WORSHIP LEADER

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

THE APOSTLES CREED

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION

The service continues on Page 7 in the silver or
Page 8 in the blue Service Booklet

OFFERTORY HYMN # 549 O God you search me and you know me

FINAL HYMN # 241 God is here! As we his people

SENDING OUT & POSTLUDE

The service is followed by coffee.



Apostles Creed

NOTICE There is a Church luncheon on 21st September. Please sign-up on the list on the notice board, indicating whether you will be prepared to bring a dish.

*Service for Sunday 14th September : (Holy Cross Day) Thirteenth
Sunday after Trinity Morning Service with Peter OWEN
Numbers 21:4-9; Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17*

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et tout le monde est bienvenu

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE THIS MORNING



Whoever
does not
carry the
cross and
follow me
cannot be
my disciple.

Luke 14:27

**Sunday 7th September 2025
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

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Warden & Secretary
Warden
Music Director & Vice-Chair
Congregational Worship Leader

Bishop Patrick Rooke	
Peter Owen	07 86 05 81 12
Bérendère Ross	04 94 76 17 70
Shirley Rowson	06 60 71 93 54
Alastair Ross	04 94 76 17 70

MORNING PRAYER leading to COMMUNION NOTICES & MUSICAL PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN # 582 O worship the King all glorious above

INVOCATION BY A WORSHIP LEADER AND RESPONSES

CONFESSION, KYRIE, CONDITIONAL ABSOLUTION, GLORIA

COLLECT PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH

(18:1-11)

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: ‘Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.’ So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one



moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the

good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, **I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you.** Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God**

A READING FROM THE LETTER TO PHILEMON

(1-21)

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather



Saints Onesimus and Paul

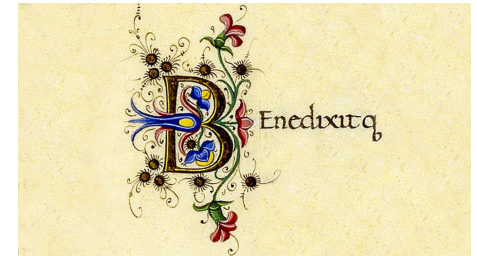
appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, **Onesimus**, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

THE BENEDICTUS

(Page 4—said together)



**GOSPEL HYMN # 205 From heaven
you came, helpless babe**

Benedictus

Gospel Reader: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Gospel Reader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke

All: Glory to you, O Lord

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE

(14:25-33)

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, ‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. **Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.** For which of you, intending to build a tower, does