

St. John's Anglican Church, St. Raphaël

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St. John's is an inclusive congregation and
welcomes everyone to worship with us.

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le monde est bienvenu.

**A VERY WARM
WELCOME TO OUR
SERVICE THIS
MORNING**

**The Parable of the Sower
Matthew 13**

**Sunday 12th July 2026
Sixth Sunday after
Trinity**



**Chaplain (Locum)
Warden
Music Director & Lay-Chair
Secretary
Congregational Worship Leader**

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COMMUNION SERVICE

NOTICES & MUSICAL PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN # 352 In Christ alone my hope is found

WELCOME & PRAYER OF PREPARATION

CONFESSION, KYRIE, ABSOLUTION, GLORIA

COLLECT PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding; pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF GENESIS

(25:19-34)

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, 'If it is to be this way, why do I live?' So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, 'Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.' When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterwards his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob. Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, 'Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!' (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.' Esau said, 'I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?' Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God



A READING FROM ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

(8:1-11)

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL HYMN # 767 Thou whose almighty word

Gospel Reader: The Lord be with you **All: And also with you**

Gospel Reader: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew

All: Glory to you, O Lord

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW

(13:1-9, 18-23)

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!' 'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what



was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

Gospel Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord
All: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON "Faith on demand"

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

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OFFERTORY HYMN # 43 As the deer pants for the water

The service continues on Page 12 of the Service Booklet

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FINAL BLESSING

FINAL HYMN # 491 Love divine, all loves excelling

SENDING OUT & POSTLUDE

The service is followed by coffee

NOTICES

1. We have had an update from Richard Foster about Rhianne in the Philippines. A few months ago we contributed towards a bone marrow transplant for her. Unfortunately her leukaemia has become active again and they can't do the transplant until further attempts to clear the leukaemia with more chemotherapy have been successful. Full details are already displayed in the side aisle but more have been added. Please read this as there is a touching letter from Rhianne herself, which makes our support more personal.

Service for Sunday 19th July : (Seventh Sunday after Trinity)
Communion with Canon Douglas OUSLEY
Genesis 28:10-19a ; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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