

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.

Notre Église est une congrégation inclusive, et tout
le monde est bienvenu.

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

Matthew 13

**Sunday 19th July
2026
Seventh Sunday
after Trinity**

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

Canon Douglas **Ousley**
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COMMUNION SERVICE

NOTICES & MUSICAL PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN # 19 All my hope on God is founded

WELCOME & PRAYER OF PREPARATION

CONFESSION, KYRIE, ABSOLUTION, GLORIA

COLLECT PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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

(28:10-19a)

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that **there was a ladder set up on the earth,**

the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.' So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.



Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

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

(8:12-25)

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL HYMN # 311 Holy Spirit, come, confirm us

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

(13:24-30, 36-43)

Jesus put before his disciples another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, **an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat,** and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore



grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together

until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." ' Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of



the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. **Let anyone with ears listen!**

Gospel Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON “Waiting for Hope”

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

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

The service continues on Page 12 of the Service Booklet

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FINAL BLESSING

FINAL HYMN # 747 There's a wideness in God's mercy

SENDING OUT & POSTLUDE

The service is followed by coffee

NOTICES

Service for Sunday 26th July : (Eighth Sunday after Trinity)

Communion with Canon Douglas OUSLEY

Genesis 29:15-28 ; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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