

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**



Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon. (Matthew 15:21)

**Sunday 16th August 2026
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

Chaplain (Locum)

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Shirley Rowson

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COMMUNION SERVICE

NOTICES & MUSICAL PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN # 197 For the fruits of his creation, thanks be to God

WELCOME & PRAYER OF PREPARATION

CONFESSION, KYRIE, ABSOLUTION, GLORIA

COLLECT PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

(45:1-15)

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; **he has made me a father to Pharaoh**, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all



that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.' Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

A READING FROM ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS (11:1-2a, 29-32)

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received **mercy** because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive **mercy**. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

Mercy comes down from heaven to earth so that man by practising it may resemble God

Giambattista GIRALDI (1504-1573)

Mercy imitates God and disappoints Satan

Saint John CHRYSOSTOM (c.347-407)

There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;

Frederick William FABER (1814-1863)

GOSPEL HYMN # 792 We cannot measure how you heal

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

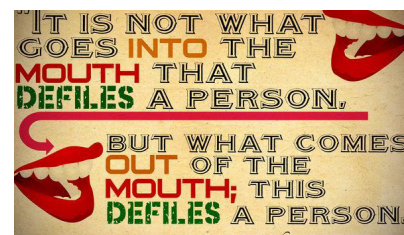
Gospel Reader: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew

All: Glory to you, O Lord

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO SAINT MATTHEW

(15:10-28)

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: **it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.**' Then



the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not

see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.' Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out

and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

SERMON "Satan Revisited"

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

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OFFERTORY HYMN # 40 Angel voices ever singing

The service continues on Page 12 of the Service Booklet

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FINAL BLESSING

FINAL HYMN # 432 Let us build a house where love can dwell

SENDING OUT & POSTLUDE

The service is followed by coffee

NOTICES

1. Advance Notice - Our Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 13th September and will be followed by the September Lunch (originally planned for 20th September).
2. The Choir will be giving a performance of **God's Green Planet**, which we last performed in September 2019, on Friday 18th September at 18:00 hrs and we hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend.

Service for Sunday 23rd August : (Twelfth Sunday after Trinity)
Communion with Canon Douglas OUSLEY
Exodus 1:8-2:10 ; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

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