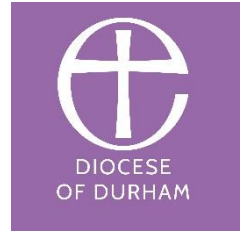




THE PARISH OF JARROW AND SIMONSDALE

*We aim to share our faith, hope and love in God with all,
through our worship, witness and service.*



Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity – 20th September 2026

You are warmly invited to worship with us this Sunday.

This week we gather at either St Simon's at 9:15am or St Peter's at 11am for a Service of the Word.

In the Gospel reading today, we hear the Parable of the Labourers in the Vineyard. In this parable we're asked to reflect on our own call to be sent out to minister in God's vineyard. How might God be speaking to you afresh today?

A special thank you to our Local Lay Worship Leaders Tony, Carol and Lynne for covering our services this morning.

This week we prayer for:-

- For Francesca and Luca Lowson who are being baptized this afternoon at St Peter's
- More people in our parish to come to know Jesus Christ.
- For the staff and students at Dunn Street Primary School and their headteacher, Michelle Trotter.
- All those who are caught up in conflict around the world.
- Those suffering today in body, mind or spirit.
- Those who are mourning a loved one at this time.

Service of the Word Hymn Numbers

St Peter's

233
178
195
496
183

St Simon's

240
169
189
451
171

PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

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Safeguarding Officer – Irene McConnachie

Ministers.

Rector- Vacant

Please pray for all those taking up extra responsibilities at this time.

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Revd Andrew's day off is Friday.

Collect

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Post Communion

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole
heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Jonah 3.10-end of 4 Conversion of Nineveh

3 The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, ² 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' ³ So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' ⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. ⁶ When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷ Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: 'By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. ⁸ Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. ⁹ Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.' ¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Jonah's Anger at the Lord's Compassion

4 But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the Lord, "Isn't this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. ³ Now, Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ But the Lord replied, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

Psalms 145. 1-8

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, ♦
and bless your name for ever and ever.
2 Every day will I bless you ♦
and praise your name for ever and ever. (R)
3 Great is the Lord and highly to be praised; ♦
his greatness is beyond all searching out.
4 One generation shall praise your works to
another ♦
and declare your mighty acts. (R)
5 They shall speak of the majesty of your
glory, ♦
and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

6 They shall speak of the might of your
marvellous acts, ♦
and I will also tell of your greatness. (R)
7 They shall pour forth the story of
your abundant kindness ♦
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
8 The Lord is gracious and merciful, ♦
long-suffering and of great
goodness. (R)

**Refrain:- Great is the Lord and highly
to be praised.**

New Testament Reading- Philippians 1.21-end

1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul's Prayer for the Philippians

³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Paul's Present Circumstances

¹² I want you to know, beloved, that what has happened to me has actually helped to spread the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ; ¹⁴ and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear. ¹⁵ Some proclaim Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from goodwill. ¹⁶ These proclaim Christ out of love, knowing that I have been put here for the defence of the gospel; ¹⁷ the others proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but intending to increase my suffering in my imprisonment. ¹⁸ What does it matter? Just this, that Christ is proclaimed in every way, whether out of false motives or true; and in that I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will result in my deliverance. ²⁰ It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be put to shame in any way, but that by my speaking with all boldness, Christ will be exalted now as always in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain.

Gospel Reading- Matthew 20.1-16 The Labourers in the Vineyard

20 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴ and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" ⁷ They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." ¹³ But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

Notices and News

Office Closure: Reminder that the office is closed now until Tuesday 6th October as Leanne is on holiday.

Evening Praise: Join us **this Tuesday, 22nd September**, at 7pm at St Peter's for an informal evening of praise, worship and teaching on the letter to the Philippians.

Soup Lunch: This Thursday, 24th September, we'll be providing a **Community Soup Lunch** at St Peter's from 12pm-2pm. This is completely free of charge and is open to anyone who would like to come. Please pop in if you're able- and invite some people to come along with you!

Next week! Harvest Festival: This year our services of Harvest Thanksgiving will take place at St John's at 9am and St Paul's at 11am. During this service, donations of non-perishable food items will be collected to be donated to the **Bede's Helping Hands Foodbank** on the Scotch Estate.

Line Dancing: On Friday 16th October at 7pm St John's will be hosting a Lince Dancing Evening. Tickets are £5pp and include refreshments. *Please contact Dorothy on 0191 4890924 if you wish to buy a ticket.* All monies raised will go towards our Parish Funds.

Confirmations 2026: 6 members of our congregation will be confirmed by Bishop Rick on Sunday 18th October at St Peter's at 6pm. Do come along and support them if you can and please be praying for Sandra, Suzie, Margaret, Oliver, Terry and Rob as they prepare.

Circle of Prayer At 2.00 pm on Monday

*Lord God
Help us to love one another,
because of our differences,
not despite them,
and to rejoice
in each person's individual part of the whole picture.
Help us to grow and work together,
spurring one another on towards love and good
deeds,
so that your will, not ours, will be done,
and your kingdom will come in this place.
Amen*



Gods world is like a beautiful embroidery, but we only see the back side, with the threads ends showing.

The Parish Prayer List

Chris Haynes, Grant MacBeth,
James Moore, Margaret Guy,
Harriet Frazer, Nora Lough,
Susan Pink, Jacqui Cullen, Muriel
Robinson, Margaret Graves,
George Dunn, Ryan and
Elizabeth Blackburn.

*(If you would like to add or remove a
name from our list,
please contact Leanne in the office.)*



For more information, please see our parish website:
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