

PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY, PULBOROUGH

Matthew Chapter 13

³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and in the harvest time I will tell the reapers, "First, gather up the darnel weeds, and bind them in bundles to burn them; but gather the wheat into my barn." ' ' "



TRINITY 7

19th July, 2026

10.30am THE PARISH EUCHARIST

*We are very grateful that the leaflets today have been
generously sponsored*

Welcome to the Parish Eucharist on this Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Celebrant: Fr Paul

Preacher: Tony Holloway

Organist: Tony Hancock

The First Reading: Alyson Heath

The Second Reading: Andy Heath

The Intercessions: Bren Marks

Setting: The Pulborough Mass

Ministers of Communion: Tony Holloway and James Raynard

Please **ONLY** use a white gift aid envelope if you are a tax payer and able to fill in your details on the front of the envelope.

We also have a **sum-up machine** at the back of the church for paying by card or you can use our **QR code to the right**.

Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) is the **best way** to support us even when you are unable to attend church. Detail packs are at the back of church.

Thank you so much for supporting our church's ministry and mission



In the event of a fire or emergency in the Church, the exits available are: the West Door, the North Door, the South Door in the Chancel and the door through the Vestry. Please leave the building by an exit nearest to you.

Do join us for refreshments after the service

Opening organ music: "An interlude" Harold Darke.

Please stand when the bell is rung

The Entrance Hymn: NEH 440 (omitverses)
Joachim Neander (1650-1680), Catherine Winkworth (1827-
1878) and others**

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
come ye who hear,
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.**
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so
wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
all that is needful hath been
granted in what he ordaineth?**
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work,
and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
ponder anew
all the Almighty can do,
he who with love doth befriend thee.**
- 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with
praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for ay we adore him.**

✠ In the name of the Father, and
of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ be with you.

And also with you.

*Fr. Paul introduces the service and invites people to make an act of
penitence*

The Prayers of Penitence

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in
newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the Highest, and
peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, Heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away
the sin of the world; have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the
Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy one,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the most high,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the
Glory of God the Father. Amen**

The Collect for 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**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit

The First Reading: Wisdom of Solomon 12. 13, 16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom

There is not any god besides you, Lord, whose care is for all people,
to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly;
For your strength is the source of righteousness,
and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all.
For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of
your power,
and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it.
Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness,
and with great forbearance you govern us;
for you have power to act whenever you choose.
Through such works you have taught your people
that the righteous must be kind,
and you have filled your children with good hope,
because you give repentance for sins.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

The Second Reading: Romans 8. 26-end

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

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; or 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.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Please stand

The Gradual Hymn: NEH 357
Love Maria Willis (nee Whitcomb) (1824-1908), Samuel
Longfellow (1819-1892)

- 1 Father, hear the prayer we offer:
 not for ease that prayer shall be,
 but for strength that we may ever
 live our lives courageously.**
- 2 Not for ever in green pastures
 do we ask our way to be;
 but the steep and rugged pathway
 may we tread rejoicingly.**

- 3 **Not for ever by still waters
would we idly rest and stay;
but would smite the living fountains
from the rocks along our way.**
- 4 **Be our strength in hours of weakness
in our wanderings be our guide;
Through endeavour, failure, danger,
Father, be thou at our side.**

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 13. 24-30, 36-43

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus put before the crowd 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!

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit

The Homily

Please stand

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came
down from heaven, was incarnate from
the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
scriptures; he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Please sit or kneel

The Intercessions – the Prayers of the Church

The following responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us

The Intercessions may conclude with the following:

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Please stand

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Fr Paul introduces the Peace:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Peace



*At this point in the service a **collection** will be taken for the running of St. Mary's Church. Please only use a white Gift-Aid envelope if you are a tax payer and fill in the details on the front of the envelope. Thank you*

**The Offertory Hymn: O&N 409
Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024)**

- 1 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.**

- 2 **Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
 speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
 Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.**
- 3 **Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
 spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
 Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.**
- 4 **Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt you,
 loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you,
 Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.**
- 5 **Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
 self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
 Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.**

Pray my dear sisters and brothers that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

The Prayer over the Gifts is said

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

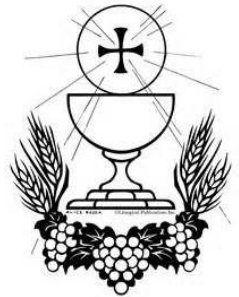
Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give thanks and praise

Fr Paul continues until the following is sung:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**



Fr Paul continues until the following is said:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**Dying you destroyed our death
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory**

*Fr Paul continues and leads into the conclusion of the prayer to
which all respond:*

**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever
and ever. Amen**

Please kneel or sit

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of Bread

**We break this bread to share in the body of Christ
Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**



The Giving of Communion

Fr Paul issues the invitation to communion in these or very similar words:

Jesus is the Lamb of God

who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Communion is administered in both kinds. Receiving consecrated wine directly from the chalice is offered for those who feel comfortable to do this. Please do not dip the consecrated wafer into the chalice.

Please wait to be directed to communion.

Choir Anthem Hymn: O&N 466 (1st Tune)

vv. 1-5 Sarah Fuller Adams (1805-1848), v. 6 Arthur Russell Tozer (1806-1874)

1 *Nearer, my God, to thee,
nearer to thee!
e'en though it be a cross
that raiseth me,
still all my song would be:
'Nearer, my God to thee,
nearer to thee!'*

2 *Though, like the wanderer,
the sun gone down,
darkness be over me,
my rest a stone,
yet in my dreams I'd be
nearer, my God to thee,
nearer to thee!*

- 3 *There let the way appear
steps unto heav'n—
all that thou sendest me
in mercy giv'n—
angels to beckon me
nearer, my God to thee,
nearer to thee!*
- 4 *Then, with my waking thoughts
bright with thy praise,
out of my stony griefs
Bethel I'll raise;
so by my woes to be
nearer, my God to thee,
nearer to thee!*
- 5 *Or if on joyful wing
cleaving the sky,
sun, moon, and stars forgot,
upwards I fly,
still all my song shall be:
'Nearer, my God to thee,
nearer to thee!*

**Post-Communion Hymn: O&N 249
Thomas O Chisholm (1866-1960)**

- 1 **Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.**

***Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!***

2 Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
Chorus

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Chorus

The Prayer after Communion

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son
Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and
bodies to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

Notices and Banns of Marriage are now given out

Please stand

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.
and also with you

The Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

**The Recessional Hymn: NEH 413
Martin Rinkart (1586-1649)
Tr Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)**

- 1 Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands
and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world
rejoices.
Who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love and still is ours today.**
- 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.**
- 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;
the Son and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

*Concluding organ music: – “Trumpet Tune in D” Paul Fey.
In memory of Patrick Carr.*

MISSION TO SEAFARERS

Following last week's **Sixth Sunday of Trinity and Sea Sunday**, thank you so much to those who gave donations towards the **Mission to Seafarers**. There is still an opportunity to support this very worthy charity and envelopes are available at the back of the church. Thank you for your support.

For your prayers this coming week.

*We pray for **Pope Leo XIV** and his ministry to the world-wide church.*

*We pray for the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally, **Archbishop of Canterbury**.*

*In the **Anglican cycle of we pray for:**
The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan*

*In our **Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for:**
In our Diocese we now pray for Bishop Will as the Acting Bishop of Chichester and Bishop Ruth working with him as they oversee the Diocese during the vacancy.*

*Pray for **Children and Youth workers** throughout the Diocese
We pray for the work of SPLASH in their work with young people across the Deanery.*

*We pray for the work of the **Friends of Pulborough Parish Church (FPPC)** as they work towards the launch of the major appeal for our Church restoration and for its success.*

*We pray for **our nation and government:**
For King Charles and his family. We pray for our Government and all members of Parliament especially Andrew Griffith our own MP*

*We pray for **peace and an end to the conflict in the Middle East**, praying especially for all world leaders and those who advise them.*

*We pray for the work of **Education West Africa**, the people of Sierra Leone and the work of the Church there remembering especially the Dioceses of Freetown and Bo.*

*We continue to pray for **the work of FSW** across the Diocese. We pray for our **local Care Homes**: Hillside Lodge, The Anchorage, Petworth Cottage Nursing Home, Rotherlea and Barlavington Manor*

Those who are now in need of healing:

Toni Hayes, Sarah and James Ross, Frances Usher-Smith, Matt, Don Hubert, Kelvin Tatum, John Raynard, Dylis Laker, Howard Robson, Peter Robson, Jo Wotton and Peter Johnstone

Those who are in need of on-going prayer:

Rachel Webbe, James McDonagh, Victoria and Tim

Pray to rest in peace: *Patrick Carr and Fr David Charles*

Anniversary of death: *Eugene Frey*

Village Prayers: *Together with the other churches in the village we pray for all who work for Broomers Hill Lane, Mare Hill Road, West Mare Lane, Kings Lane and Batts Lane*

**FSW SPONSORED WALK –
Tuesday 28th July from 10am**

This year we will be doing an eight mile circular walk starting at the Church in aid of Family Support Work. This is one of our **major fund-raising events for FSW**. We will have just one sponsor form for the whole group. Our **sponsor form is available today** at the back of the church. There will also be a list for walkers, do consider joining us.

Church and Liturgical Diary

Monday 20th: *St Margaret of Antioch, Martyr*

10am -12noon The HUB meet in Pulborough Library

7.30pm Tower Bellringing

Tuesday 21st: *Feria*

9.30am Morning Prayer

2pm Sing for Pleasure at Pulborough Village Hall

Wednesday 22nd: *St. Mary Magdelene*

(St Mary's School end of term)

9.45am Morning Prayer

6pm The Holy Eucharist (*Please note change of time*)

7pm 'Meeting Matthew' at 86 Glebelands

Thursday 23rd: *St Bridgit of Sweden, abbess 1373*

9.30am Morning Prayer

Friday 24th: *Feria*

12noon The Holy Eucharist

Saturday 25th: *St James the Apostle*

9am to 12noon Pulborough Village Market

Sunday 26th: **TRINITY 8**

8am The Holy Eucharist - Said

10.30am The Parish Eucharist

Readings: 1 Kings 3. 5-12, Romans 8. 26-end and
Matthew 13. 31-33. 44-52

12.30pm Holy Baptism of Maisie Amelia Lamb-Collins

SING FOR PLEASURE

This Tuesday in the Meadows Hall at Pulborough Village Hall from 2pm to 3.30pm. Led by Michael Pioli singing songs from the decades. Not a choir, no audition, just a love of singing. Interval the tea, coffee and biscuits. £5 per session.

A BIRTHDAY INVITATION

Jane Aylott is celebrating her Birthday in our garden at Swift Cottage, Barn House Lane, RH20 2BS on **Sunday the 2nd August**. We would love to share our Party with you; you are invited to come **between 2.00 to 5.00pm**.

If you are able to bring a folding chair that would be a help and also, please follow the quote attributed to Marie Antoinette – “Let them eat cake” – so please bring some “cake” that you are happy to share.

Tea and soft drinks will be provided; wine will be sold in aid of the Friends of the Parish Church.

We will have a marquee on the lawn if required for the weather and a few things for younger children to do.

Please park in the Lower Street car park (free parking on Sundays) and walk down the steps to Barn House Lane and on to the Party balloons.

LEAFLET SPONSORSHIP

Thank you so much to all who have sponsored the Sunday leaflets over the past few months. Your support of the sponsorship scheme **enables us to cover the cost of printing and paper** of the Sunday leaflets and enables us to have just one booklet for people to use.

Looking ahead into late summer and autumn the dates we have are:

Sunday 9th, 16th, 23rd or 30th August

Sunday 6th or 20th September

Sunday 4th, 11th or 18th October.

We ask for a £25 donation, gift-aided, if possible.

Do contact Ann Kaiser ([**ann.kaiser@live.co.uk**](mailto:ann.kaiser@live.co.uk)) if you can help

ECUMENICAL BOWLING EVENING – A FUN EVENING!

Thursday 13th August at 6pm. Tickets £12 to include bowling fee, tuition if needed and delicious buffet supper. Please add your name to the list at the back of the church. Cash to Alyson Heath paid on the evening please.

PULBOROUGH VILLAGE MARKET

Before its summer break the Village Market will be this **Saturday from 9am to 12noon in Pulborough Village Hall**. St Mary's Church will have a stall selling local produce. Home-made quiche and salad sounds a good idea in this warm weather! Do come and support us and at the same time visit the Market café and local stall holders. Look forward to seeing you!

A NEW BISHOP FOR CHICHESTER

During this time of Vacancy in See, and as we look ahead to the ministry of a new Bishop of Chichester, we invite you to join a monthly diocesan prayer gathering, held on Zoom on the first Monday of each month at noon.

Please see the Diocesan website for all detail

DATES TO SAVE IN SEPTEMBER....

7pm Friday 11th September

Friends of Pulborough Parish Church (FPCC) event

"Who is Jonathan?"

Tales and pictures from a remote island in the middle of the South Atlantic.

Tickets (including wine and St. Helena food) £20 can be purchased via the 'Friends' website:

www.friendsofpulboroughparishchurch.org

Saturday 12th September

Ride and Stride event for **Sussex Historic Church Trust**. Fr Paul is planning a walk around the churches and chapels in Chichester. We will have one sponsor form for the group. Monies raised by us will be divided between SHCT and St Mary's church.

Sunday 13th September

6pm Patronal Festival Evensong

Saturday 19th September

The Friends of Pulborough Parish Church will be **launching their Appeal on this day**. "Strength in Stone, Spirit in Community" launch to the parish. This will be our big launch event to include "Beating the Bounds" parish boundary sponsored walk, a parish celebration with food, drink and light show.

Saturday 26th September

Harvest Fair Day. We will have the church open from 11am to 4pm serving cream teas and refreshments.



Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits thou hast given me,
for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for
me.

O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may

I know thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
and follow thee more nearly, day by day.
Amen