



26th August 2018

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

(Proper 16 - Green)

*A very warm welcome to everyone worshipping with us today.
All Christians who are full members of any denomination are
invited to receive Communion; or if not a communicant,
to come to the altar rail for a blessing.*

*If you are visiting, please take our greetings back to your church, or
if you have recently moved into the area, please make yourself known
to our priest, the Revd. Canon Rachel Watts, or a churchwarden.*

Please take these Parish-Notes home

Collect:

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

First Reading: Joshua 24. 1-2a, 14-18

¹Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel:

¹⁴'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.'

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¹⁶Then the people answered, *'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'*

Second Reading: Ephesians 6. 10-20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Gospel: John 6. 56-69

⁵⁶*Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.*

⁵⁷*Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'* ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, *'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?'* ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, *'Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that*

I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.’ For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, ‘For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.’

⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, ‘Do you also wish to go away?’ ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, ‘Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.’

Please remember in your prayers:

We remember in our prayers the victims of war, terrorist attacks, and natural disasters across the world. Nearer to home we pray for all those known to us in need of help and assistance.

Post Communion:

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Hymns:

- 467 Through all the changing scenes of life.
- 297 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us
- 436 Praise my soul the King of Heaven

***Please join us for tea / coffee
after the service***



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Forthcoming Services & Events

Date	Location	Time	Service / Event
26 th August Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	St. Peter's church	9:00 AM	Morning Service (cw)
Wednesday 29 th August	St. Peter's church	8:15 AM	Morning Service (said)
Friday 31 st August	Belton House Care Home	2:00 PM	Holy Communion (cw)
2 nd September Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity	St. Peter's church	9:00 AM	Holy Communion (bcp)
Wednesday 5 th September	St. Peter's church	8:15 AM	Morning Service (said)
9 th September Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	Loddington Lane, Belton	11:00 AM	Harvest Festival (see below)

bcp = Book of Common Prayer

cw = Common Worship



***CHURCHES TOGETHER
IN UPPINGHAM & BELTON***

**HARVEST
FESTIVAL**

at

**Loddington Lane, near Belton-in-Rutland,
on**

**Sunday 9th September at 11:00 am
and followed by a 'Bring & Share' Lunch**