



THE PARISH OF CHINGFORD

SS PETER AND PAUL WITH ALL SAINTS'

PEWS NEWS

for Sunday 26 July 2026

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity



The Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and
govern both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws and the
works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty
protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and
soul; through our Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from
despair, that we may trust in you
alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word

be deaf to clamour and dispute;

may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love

shine with the light of hope;

and may the bodies which have been fed with your body

be refreshed with the fullness of your life;

glory to you for ever.

Amen

8.00 am Holy Eucharist at Ss Peter & Paul's church
10.00 am Holy Eucharist at All Saints Church
 Servers Mary and Jan
 Processional hymn 56
 OT Reading 1 Kings 3. 5-12 Read by Mark Brown
 NT Reading Romans 8. 26-39 Read by Barbara Fox
 Gradual hymn 442
 Gospel Matthew 13. 31-33, 44-52
 Sermon *Rev'd Sandra Eldridge*
 Intercessions *led by Mary Robinson*
 Hymn 464
(the collection will be taken during this hymn)
 Communion hymn Christ be our light – Purple Praise
 Final Hymn Amazing Grace - 27

10.00 am Holy Eucharist at Ss Peter & Paul's church
 Servers Cynthia, Teresa, Rufus and Ivan
 Setting *Dom Gregory Murray*
 Processional hymn 339
 OT Reading 1 Kings 3.5-12 Read by Christine Rampton
 NT Reading Romans 8. 26-end Read by Margaret Vincent
 Gospel Matthew 13. 31-33, 44-52
 Sermon *Rev'd Nigel Anstey*
 Intercessions led by Cynthia Wenden
 Offertory 148
(the collection will be taken during this hymn)
 Communion Organ music
 Final Hymn 272

6.30 pm There will be no Said Evening Prayer at Ss Peter & Paul's church

Today's Readings for the Eucharist

1 Kings 3.5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

Psalms 119. 129-136

Your testimonies are wonderful; ♦
therefore my soul keeps them.

The opening of your word gives light; ♦
it gives understanding to the simple.

I open my mouth and draw in my breath, ♦
as I long for your commandments.

Turn to me and be gracious to me, ♦
as is your way with those who love your name.

Order my steps by your word, ♦
and let no wickedness have dominion over me.

Redeem me from earthly oppressors ♦
so that I may keep your commandments.

Show the light of your countenance upon your servant ♦
and teach me your statutes.

My eyes run down with streams of water, ♦
because the wicked do not keep your law.

Romans 8. 26-end

Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 13. 31-33, 44-52

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put

the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

‘Have you understood all this?’ They answered, ‘Yes.’ And he said to them, ‘Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.’

This week in the Parish Diary

Morning Prayer is usually said (but subject to change at short notice) at:

8.30am Monday *in the Parish church*

9.00am Tuesday, Thursday and Friday *in the Parish Church* and

Holy Eucharist will be celebrated:

10.00am on Wednesdays *at All Saints’*

Tuesday 28th July

10.30am Funeral of Donald Mann *at All Saints church*

Wednesday 29th July

10.00 am Holy Eucharist *at All Saints Church*

10.45 am Coffee and Bible Study *at All Saints Church Hall*

Sunday 2nd August The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Isaiah 55.1-5; Psalm 145.8-9,15-22; Romans 9.1-5; Matthew 14.13-21

8.00 am Holy Eucharist *at Ss Peter & Paul’s church*

10.00 am Holy Eucharist *at All Saints Church*

Preacher: *Canon Rodney Matthews*

Hymns: 188, 276, 427, 484, 106.

10.00 am Holy Eucharist *at Ss Peter & Paul’s church*

Preacher: *The Rector*

Setting: *Dom Gregory Murray*

Communion: *Organ music*

Hymns: 376, 372, 310, 368.

11.30am Interment of ashes of Pam Black *at Ss Peter & Pauls church*

6.30 pm There will be no Said Evening Prayer *at Ss Peter & Paul’s church*

For Your Devotions this Week

Monday	Luke 23. 13-25
Tuesday	Luke 23. 26-43
Wednesday	Luke 23. 44-46
Thursday	Luke 23. 47-56b- 24.12
Friday	Luke 24. 13-35
Saturday	Luke 24. 36-end

Please pray for:

Jill Bell, Tom Raven, Alison Goulter, Enid Day, Linda Lines, Claire Coan, Chris White, Geraldine Cleveland, Derek Boulind, Alice Melemendjian, Bruno, Ewa, Elisabeth Abbott, Jo Huber, Clare Daniel, Rosie Grove (11 yrs), Alex Wall, Grace Morl, Nicola Giles, Brenda Barker.

We also pray for those who have died:

John Bowles, Lois Noel Appiah, Janet Codd, Kenny Trigg, Reg Bedding, Janet Castle, Winifred Neville.

Year's mind this week:

Maude Page, Margaret Dredge, Rose Wood, Joy Gates, Winifred Maynes, Charles Hardy.



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Leave – The Rector will be on leave from 18 July to 1 August inclusive.
Mother Marilyn will be on leave from 20th July and will be back on 8th August.

Thursday 30th July 10am Eucharist service. There will not be a Eucharist service on this day at the Parish church.

Sadly, on the 3rd July Reg Bedding passed away. He had been a member of The Old Church and of our parish for many years. His cremation service will be held In Enfield Crematorium on Thursday 6th August 2026 at 11am, lead by Revd. Darren. All those wishing to attend are welcome. There will be a reception at the Royal Oak in Kings Head Hill afterwards. Family flowers only, but instead of flowers donations to R.N.L.I or Guide Dogs for the Blind would be very welcome.

Summer Schedule – The Parish Choirs are now taking a well-earned break from parish duties for the summer, recommencing on Sunday 13 September. There will be no Sunday evening 6.30pm service in the Parish Church on intervening Sundays, i.e. Sunday 19 July to Sunday 6 September inclusive. 82 members of our choirs will be spending a week together in Devon, singing the daily services in Exeter Cathedral from August 3rd – 9th.

Sunday Club and Cherubs at St Peter & St Paul's church. volunteers and leaders will be having a break over the summer holidays. Sunday 19th July will be the last session and will be recommencing on 13th September.

Congratulations to our Organ Scholar Luke Jones, who has completed his university music degree and graduated with a first! He therefore now has BMus (hons).

Finance Officer: following interviews, we are very pleased to announce that Silvia Garrido Kemp will be taking the role of Finance Officer from 19 August. She is succeeding Neil Taylor, to whom we are very grateful for his service since 2023. Silvia was in fact his predecessor!

The Parish Magazine. The July magazine is now available. Please pay in cash via the wall safe or contact Christine at Magazine@parishofchingford.org.uk to set up an annual payment of £10. There are several pages in a children's section to keep your little ones busy in the school holidays.

Sermons Online – Audio recordings of the Rector's sermons are available on the parish website on <https://parishofchingford.org.uk/all-sermons/>

Do you have a flair for flower arranging? We are looking for volunteers to join a team to help with the flower displays in the Parish church. If this is something you feel you are called to do or would like more information, please contact Kirsty office@parishofchingford.org.uk or Mother Marilyn mthr.marilyn@parishofchingford.org.uk.

Wednesdays in Summer at the Parish Church: More popular concerts of Lunchtime Organ Music 1.10 - 1.50pm
29th July - Joel Colyer (Director of Music, St Francis of Assisi, Welwyn)
5th August - Stuart Whatton (Organist, Esher Parish Church)
12th August - John Rippin (Organist Emeritus, Chingford Parish Church)
19th August - David Cook (Organist, All Hallows by the Tower)
26th August - Emma Gibbins (Director of Music, Chelmsford Cathedral)
Admission free. Collection in aid of music funds.

The Chingford Cemetery Cafe will be meeting on Friday 31st July. There will be a speaker talking about Victorian Mourning Customs. He gives the following information about the talk: "At no other period in British history were there such excesses in funerary pomp at all levels of society as in the 19th century. An examination of Victorian attitudes to death and the associated paraphernalia, including the hearses, mourning dresses and keepsakes." Doors open at 2pm.

The Old Church social Club. We meet on the 1st and the 3rd Thursday' of each month in the Hall from 1pm until 3pm. The cost of this is only £3 including refreshments. A raffle is also held and there is also entertainment which may include a speaker or a singer or a quiz or Bingo. We are a friendly mixed group of people who love getting together for an afternoon of fun. New members are also welcome to join us so why not come along and have a good time, make friends and you may even see people you already know. Contact Karon Fordham on 07956 236 517 if you require any further information.

Organ Scholarship Appeal. We welcome any donations towards the annual cost of funding our Organ Scholarship. It has been hugely successful having a good Organ Scholar assisting with our music at both the PC and OC, which provides the occupant of the post with a really worthwhile experience and pathway into the world of professional music. We are pleased to have been able to re-appoint Luke for a second year and look forward to all his

continued help. The amount needed is again £5500.00 for the year and we are already well on the way, so a huge thanks to all our annual and one-off contributors! Any amount given, no matter how small, is really helpful and appreciated. If you are able to contribute towards the appeal at any time this year, it can be paid by bank transfer to Chingford parish church parochial church council, 20-52-74, a/c 40235172. Please make sure the reference is marked Organ Scholarship. Alternatively hand any donations to the Churchwardens, stewards or Director of Music. Thank you

Cornerstone: Helping Our Church Grow in Generosity

Cornerstone is a free Church of England tool that helps churches understand their finances and strengthen giving. It provides:

- Insights – a clear picture of our church's financial health, trends over time and how we compare with similar churches, to help us see our strengths and where we can grow.
- Pathways – nearly 50 simple, step-by-step actions, including templates, videos and guidance to help us make small and large improvements (at our own pace), to grow generosity and support volunteers.
- Grants Database – access to over 650 grants tailored for churches, for buildings, heritage and repairs, community projects and mission and ministry.

We're invited to join a Cornerstone Workshop (2.5 hours), where a small team from our church can learn how to use the tool, review our strengths, and leave with a practical action plan. Other churches describe the workshop as "enlightening", "encouraging", and "a real step change". We're looking for 2-4 volunteers to be part of that small team to join a Cornerstone Workshop. You don't need to be part of the PCC or have a role within the church already. If you care about the future of our church and want to help us grow in generosity and financial confidence, this is a great opportunity. No expertise is needed, just a willing heart and a desire to make a difference. Please see <https://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/uploads/files/Cornerstone-Project-Pack.pdf> for more information and speak to Jacqui Neophytou.

Supporting the work of Chingford Parish



It is now possible to support the work and ministry of Chingford Parish by electronic giving, through the "Give A Little" Scheme. Visit this website or use this QR code:

<https://bit.ly/ChingfordGiving>

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