



THE PARISH OF CHINGFORD

SS PETER AND PAUL WITH ALL SAINTS'

PEWS NEWS

for Sunday 23rd August 2026

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity



The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear
than we to pray
and to give more than either we
desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of
your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our
conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask
but through the merits and mediation
of 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

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Post Communion Prayer

God of all mercy,
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins
and given us your healing:
grant that we who are made whole in Christ
may bring that healing to this broken world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

8.00 am	Holy Eucharist at <i>Ss Peter & Paul's church</i>
10.00 am	Holy Eucharist at <i>All Saints Church</i>
Servers	Larry and Ian
Processional hymn	393
OT Reading	Isaiah 51. 1-6 Read by Gill Evans
NT Reading	Romans 12. 1-8 Read by Michelle George
Gradual hymn	69
Gospel	Matthew 16. 13-20
Sermon	<i>Canon Rodney Matthews</i>
Intercessions	led by <i>Diana Kennedy</i>
Hymn	235
	<i>(the collection will be taken during this hymn)</i>
Communion hymn	Brother, sister, let me serve you (The Servant Song) - 73
Final Hymn	Be thou, my vision - 56
 10.00 am	 Holy Eucharist at <i>Ss Peter & Paul's church</i>
Servers	Teresa and Jenny
Setting	<i>Dom Gregory Murray</i>
Processional hymn	140
OT Reading	Isaiah 51. 1-6 Read by Christine Rampton
NT Reading	Romans 12. 1-8 Read by Simon Goulter
Gospel	Matthew 16. 13-20
Sermon	<i>The Rector</i>
Intercession	led by Teresa Law
Offertory	383ii
	<i>(the collection will be taken during this hymn)</i>
Communion	Organ music
Final Hymn	467

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

Today's Readings for the Eucharist

Isaiah 51. 1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.
For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places,
and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord;
joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation;
for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples.
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.
Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Psalms 138

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; ♦
before the gods will I sing praise to you.
I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your love and faithfulness; ♦
for you have glorified your name
and your word above all things.
In the day that I called to you, you answered me; ♦
you put new strength in my soul.
All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, ♦
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, ♦
that great is the glory of the Lord.
Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly; ♦
as for the proud, he regards them from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you will preserve me; ♦
you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand will save me.
The Lord shall make good his purpose for me; ♦
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;
forsake not the work of your hands.

Romans 12 1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Matthew 16. 13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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' (occasionally Service of the Word)*

10.00am on Thursdays *at Ss Peter & Paul's Church*

Wednesday 26th August

10.00 am Service of the Word *at All Saints Church*

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

Sunday 30th August The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Jeremiah 15.15-21; Psalm 26.1-8; Romans 12.9-end; Matthew 16.21-end

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

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

Preacher: *The Rector*

Setting: *Dom Gregory Murray*

Communion: *Organ music*

Hymns: 357, 471, 401, 413.

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

For Your Devotions this Week

Monday	Acts 8. 26-end
Tuesday	Acts 9. 1-19a
Wednesday	Acts 9. 19b -31
Thursday	Acts 9. 32-end
Friday	Acts 10. 1-16
Saturday	Acts 10. 17-33

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, Terrance Clark, Rosemarie Rowe.

Year's mind this week:

Verna Webster.



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>

You are invited to take this sheet home with you for your reference during the coming week.

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Joint Service – On Sunday 30 August there will be a joint service of Holy Eucharist in the Parish Church at 10am. In other words, there will be no service at All Saints' Church that day.

Thursday Eucharist at the Parish Church – From October onwards, the midweek Eucharist at the Parish Church will be held on the first Thursday of the month only.

Ss Peter & Paul west end floor: the PCC has agreed to pursue the option of restoring the west end floor by refurbishing the stonework and floorboards (with replacement in a few places). This option has now gone forward to the Diocesan Advisory Committee for its consideration. The cost is some £7,000. An application for grant assistance has been made to the London over the Border fund: we shall know the outcome in the autumn.

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.

All Saints church Sunday club will continue as usual throughout the summer holidays.

The Parish Magazine. The July/August 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.

Flower arranging event at St Peter and St Paul's church. Do you have an eye for colour and enjoy flowers. Then come to a flower arranging event on Saturday 12th September at 10:00am at the Parish Church. We will be making some displays for both Churches. Let me, Christine Rampton or Kirsty Brown in the office know if you are interested.

Wednesdays in Summer at the Parish Church: More popular concerts of Lunchtime Organ Music 1.10 - 1.50pm
26th August - Emma Gibbins (Director of Music, Chelmsford Cathedral)
Admission free. Collection in aid of music funds.

Quiz on Saturday 3rd October - Doors at 6.30pm and starts at 7pm - Ss Peter and Paul Church Hall.

After the last few year's successful quiz nights where we raised in total nearly £3000 for the children's choirs we are arranging another quiz night! All profits raised from this quiz night will be for the boys and girls choir bursary.

Tickets are £18 each including a choice of three suppers from Sam's. We are also having a bar selling beer, prosecco, soft drinks and snacks.

If you would like to book a table (up to 8 people) please call or message Debbie on 07957277776. Debbie and Kirsty Shaw will be collecting the money for the tickets from 1st week in September and you can message now to secure your table.

There will be prizes for the winning team! There will also be amazing raffle prizes to be won on the night!

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.

Curiosity Sunday – Sunday 20 September at All Saints' and Sunday 27

September at the Parish Church will be 'Curiosity Sunday.' It's an opportunity to invite friends and neighbours to come and see what church is about. There will be printed invitation cards available in both churches for us to give to those we'd like to invite. A short meeting will be held at the Parish Church at 11.45am on Sunday 30 August (after the joint service) for anyone who would like to find out more or help with the arrangements.

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Safeguarding

The Parish of Chingford is wholly committed to the House of Bishops Safeguarding Policy for children, young people & adults. If you are concerned that someone you know is at risk of, or is being abused, or presents a risk to others, please seek advice from our Parish Safeguarding Officer, Teresa Law, who can be contacted on 07821 838598 or via

safeguarding@parishofchingford.org.uk.