

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

(Isa 25:1-9)

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore, strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

PSALM 23: The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.**A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.**

(Philippians 4.1-9)

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Hear the gospel of Our lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

(Matthew 22.1-14)

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again, he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

HYMN NUMBERS:**SEE HYMN BOARD****NOTICES****100 CLUB RENEWALS ARE DUE NOW PLEASE**

- it is £20 for the year, with a chance to win your money back! See Jan Coleman for details

NOTICE TO ALL THOSE HOLDING A DBS

CLEARANCE..... Please check your certificate and let Charlotte have the date of its expiry. Thank you.

ALL SOULS:

There is a list at the back of the church for 'Those to Be Remembered'.

A Big Thank you to all who have knitted POPPIES.

There will be plenty for a splendid display. Please leave at back of the church or hand to Rosie.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED HARVEST LUNCH, we raised £157

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MEN'S BREAKFAST: 24th OCTOBER:

The Woolpack Inn, Fishbourne.
Speaker Chris Mould who leads Ffald-y Brenin Trust, a
Christian Retreat Centre in Wales

SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER: There will be no Healing
service as Fr. Steve will be Baptising
his Granddaughter, Phoebe

AS ANNOUNCED BY FR. STEVE,

Fr. Steve will be retiring as **from 1st November**. After
that service, we will be having a celebratory lunch when
friends of Fr. Steve and Earnley congregation are invited
to join with us at the service and our lunch.

ST. PETER'S ECUMENICAL TAIZE SERVICE

Sunday 15th November at 4.00pm

They are asking for **someone to do a Reading**. Any
volunteers? Please let Barbara know asap. Thanks

ADVENT QUIET DAY – 12th December

An Advent Quiet Day is being planned – This will be a
day to **'take a breath and still your mind'**.
More details later

SOCIAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

(more information later)

Saturday 21st November: St. Anne's Hoedown
December 4th-6th: Christmas Tree Festival & Fair
December 12th – ADVENT QUIET DAY
PHOTOS, IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE TO BARBARA

REGULAR EVENTS:

BIBLE STUDY:

MONDAYS – 2.00pm at St. Anne's church

QUIET PRAYER "PEACE ADVENTURE":

SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, at Wind Demons,
West Brack Drive from 2pm-4pm
& 7pm to 8pm

HEAR HERE CLINIC: 11-12noon

FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
WATCH FOR UPDATES

Services this Week

All services at St. Anne's unless otherwise stated

TUESDAY 7.00pm – Said Eucharist

WEDNESDAY 10.00am Said Eucharist

Midweek services are held in the side chapel

Services Next Sunday

(Last Sunday in the month 8.00am BCP)

18th October 2026 – Trinity 20

8.00am Said Eucharist St. Anne's

9.00am Sung Eucharist Earnley

10.15am Sung Eucharist St. Anne's

Readings: Isaiah 45:1-7

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22: 15-22

Please send any notices for Pews News to

Barbara Blundell no later than

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

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We welcome all visitors to our churches.

All communicant members of Christ's church are warmly
invited to receive the Sacraments. If you do not receive the
sacraments then please come forward for God's Blessing.
(All services are at St. Anne's unless indicated)

11th October, 2026

Trinity 19

**Before the service and after the second bell, talk to God
through quiet prayer and silent devotion, bringing to the
Lord those events of your past week, and after the
service, then talk to your friends.**

If you are a visitor to our church, making a donation in the
collection, and you are a taxpayer, the PCC would be very
grateful if you could put your donation in one of the
envelopes available at the end of the pews, and sign the Gift
Aid Declaration on the envelope. In this way, the Church
can claim a further 25p for every £1 you give. Thank you.
PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO "E.W.P.C."

Services today

(Last Sunday in the month 8.00am BCP)

8.00am Said Eucharist St. Anne's

9.00am Sung Eucharist Earnley

10.15am Sung Eucharist St. Anne's

4th SUNDAY of the month – Healing & Anointing

Intercessions

The sick and those who have asked of our prayers:

Fr. John, Judy Williams, Nick Carter, Lorraine Hall,
Florence Sumakoloyl, Margaret Bate, Ava Kirby,
Michael Pettman, Karen Grunert, Joan Whiteside,
Greg Brooke, Bob West and members of our
congregation who may be unwell today.

From our families and friends, we remember

Matthew Finch, Dot Finch, Sherline Smith,
Jules Pettitt, Ben, Jess and family, Kelly Saby,
Tula Hunt and her family, Robin Leney, Lizi Benjamin,
Ann & Jeff Parks, Pat & John Cox, Barbara Woodley,
Jon Hall, Hamish Ilton, Rose, Simon Gray. Also, all
those in our local nursing homes & rest homes, the
housebound, those who care for them, and all who
have been recently bereaved

The Recently Departed

Colin King, Matthew Kennewell, Vlasta Reed,
Helen Hocky,

Those whose years mind falls at this time

Stanley Bowler, Dorothy Tongenan, Cyril Ellison,
Johnny Gardner, Jeff Hibbert, Susan Hookham,
Bertram Silver, Kenneth Kirkin, Bob Norris,
Betty Gibbs, Wendy Campion