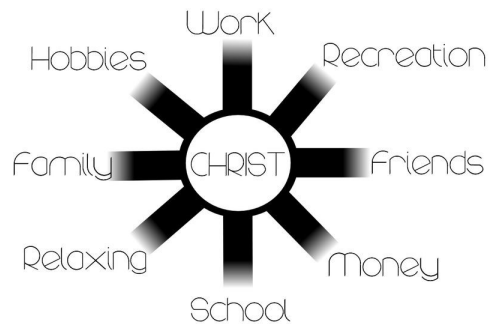


**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 ~ 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
**10.00 Holy Communion**

President and Preacher: Revd Sr. Elizabeth Shearcroft, C.A.

Readings: Isaiah 51: 1-6 OT page 691  
Romans 12:1-8 NT page 157  
Matthew 16:13-20 NT page 17



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**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 ~ 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
**10.00 Morning Praise**

Leader: Dr. Marion Gray; Preacher: David Gray

Readings: 1 Kings 19: 9-18 OT page 336  
Romans 10:5-15 NT page 156  
Matthew 14:22-33 NT page 15

Collect

**Almighty God,  
who sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;  
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.**



**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 ~ 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
**10.00 Holy Communion**

President and Preacher: Revd Alan Gadd

Readings: Isaiah 56: 1. 6-8 OT page 696  
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 NT page 156  
Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28 NT page 16

**Collect**

**Let your merciful ears, O Lord,  
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;  
and that they may obtain their petitions  
make them to ask such things as shall please you;  
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.**



**Prayer Pointers**

**Circle me, Lord. Keep protection near and danger afar.**  
**Circle me, Lord. Keep hope within, keep doubt without.**  
**Circle me, Lord. Keep light near and darkness afar.**  
**Circle me, Lord. Keep peace within, keep evil out. Amen.**

(David Adam)

For all you pray for during the summer remember that the Lord encircles each and every one in His Love. (As you pray try replacing 'me' with 'us' or 'them')

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**Summer Musings**

A lot of our readings throughout Trinity this year encourage us to consider our response and responsibility in faith. You and I have to work out for ourselves the difference between responding to God's outrageous and unconditional love ~ which we accept as a free gift from Him and trying to work to gain or keep that gift as if we are fearful it will be snatched away from us if we don't spend our time doing things for God while telling Him and ourselves that we are doing His work! The two main dangers are that we either overstretch ourselves or don't do anything in response to that love. The key is to place Christ in the centre of all you do, how you live your life and how others see you live it!

We have to give up saying things like ~ "I have to put my family first" in a way that means we pay no attention to God. If Christ is in the centre of all we do and we have been blessed with a family ~ they will naturally 'come first' in terms of not being neglected by us because they are given to us by God and we have a responsibility for all we are given.

During the summer give it a go ~ rethink your routine so that you know Christ is in the centre ~ at least say good morning and good night to Him (that is the start of praying) and then add in some thank you's and requests and even the occasional apology (confession) knowing that you will be forgiven!

Note what difference it makes to you ~

**Knowing Jesus and making Him known**