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Sunday 27th August, 2017 ~ 11th 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

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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.

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Sunday 3rd September, 2017 ~ 12th Sunday after Trinity

10.00 Holy Communion

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

Preacher: David Gray.

Readings: Isaiah 9:1 – 3 OT page 647
 Romans 12:9 - end NT page 158
 Matthew 4:12 - 22 NT page 3

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.**

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Sunday 10th September, 2017 ~ 13th Sunday after Trinity

10.00 Holy Communion

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

Preacher: Dr Marion Gray.

Readings: Ezekiel 33: 7 –11 OT page 815
 Romans 13: 8 - end NT page 158
 Matthew 9: 9 – 13 NT page 8



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!