

**Chesterfield Parish Church
Saint Mary & All Saints**

The Signs of the Times

We might give a wry smile at the way Jesus uses forecasting of the weather as an example to show how we read the signs of the world around us.

If we think about it, though, we are constantly looking out for signs of what is going on.

Do we then look out for the signs of God's presence around us?

Whatever our grumbles, the world is a better place than we deserve. Thank God for all the blessings you can see, and also for those you don't notice!



TRINITY IX (17th August 2025)

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)
10.30 Sung Mass
18.30 Sung Compline

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES

MONDAY-SATURDAY

MORNING PRAYER 09.00

EVENING PRAYER 16.00 (Thursday 17.00)

MONDAY Mass 12.15

TUESDAY Mass 09.30

WEDNESDAY Holy Communion (1662) 09.30

THURSDAY Mass 17.30

FRIDAY Mass 12.15

SATURDAY Mass 09.30

NEXT SUNDAY See back page

The church is open for private prayer and visiting Monday-Saturday 09.00 - 16.00

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thursday 21st August

Lunchtime Concert 12.15

Friday 22nd August

Tower Tour 14.30

Saturday 23rd August

Blessing of the Well Dressing 10.00

Tower Tour 14.30

Full details of events may be found at crookedspire.org, on the notices displayed in church, or from the organisers.

Tickets for Tower Tours are available from the church Gift Shop in the week prior to the tour taking place.

Please respect those who wish to prepare for Mass in quiet prayer; also those who wish to listen to the closing Organ Voluntary.

TRINITY IX

SUNG MASS

Processional Hymn: 436

Setting: Merbecke (hymn book 684)

Collect Prayer

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

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah Isaiah 5.1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Gradual Hymn: 548

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 12.49-56

Jesus said to his disciples, 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed!

Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 439

Post-Communion Hymn: 367

Voluntary: Recessional (William Mathias)

SUNG COMPLINE

Separate Order of Service

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 17th August - Trinity IX

- For the peace of the world as we mark the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II
- ◇ The Scottish Episcopal Church
- ✦ *Dorothy D'Silva*

Monday 18th August

- For all who grieve or carry the scars of war, for the work of the British Legion & Burma Star branches
- ◇ Southern Nyanza - The Anglican Church of Kenya
- ✦ *Albert Nouch; Dorothy Lockhart*

Tuesday 19th August

- For the gift of peace between former enemies and for those working to end violence & conflict today
- ◇ Nzara - The Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Wednesday 20th August - Bernard;

William and Catherine Booth

- For peace in Ukraine
- ◇ Del Occidental - The Anglican Church of Mexico

Thursday 21st August

- For understanding between those involved in conflict, and for all peacemakers
- ◇ Offa - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Rose Dillon*

Friday 22nd August

- For local communities working for understanding, harmony and the building up of our common life
- ◇ Ogbaru - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Harold Bradford; Paul Martin*

Saturday 23rd August

- For children, schools and friendships between different ethnic groups
- ◇ Ogbia - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ *Marjorie Naylor; Robert Abraham; Dennis Rodgers; Ron Sherwood*
- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- ◇ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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Our prayers have been asked for:

John Robinson; Jean Madin; Colin Hutson; Jean Morris; Wendy Layton; Ambrose Mason; Paul Bates; Tony Ragan; Sue Hastings; Barbara Carter; Joseph Watson; Imelda Davies; Ralph Turner; John Nickols; Terry; Les & Lynn Metcalfe; Jackie Turner; Shirley Francis; Olivia, Sebastian & baby Ophelia; Cathy; June Robinson; Joe Martin; Rosemary Cain; Joan Melbourne; Trevor Crane; Dorothy; Margaret Seddon; Greta; Joshua Wilson; Anthony Duce; Lisa

✦ *David Pedrick, RIP*

✦ *Felicity Stephens, RIP*

✦ *Joan Bannerman, RIP*

Lunchtime Recitals

The next lunchtime recital is on Thursday 21st August at 12.15pm with Tiffany Vong at the organ. Entry is free, with a retiring collection for the music fund.

Well Dressing 2025

Construction of this year's Well Dressing starts on Monday 18th August, with the Blessing taking place on Saturday the 23rd. This year's theme is 'The 1700th Anniversary of the First Nicene Council'.

The German Organ Mass

Peter Shepherd and the Church Choir present Bach's complete Clavierübung III with chorales on Saturday 4th October, 6 - 8.30pm. Entry is free with a retiring collection for the music fund.

Christmas Tree Festival 2025

This year's Festival runs from Saturday 15th November until Sunday 30th November. The rota for volunteer stewards is now available at the back of church. Please sign up!

Next Sunday - 24th August - Bartholomew the Apostle

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)

09.30 Morning Prayer (St Leonard's, Spital)

10.30 Sung Mass

Readings: Isaiah 43.8-13
Luke 22.24-30

18.30 Sung Compline

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