

Chesterfield Parish Church Saint Mary & All Saints

Where do I fit in?

Jesus—as we might expect—is quite revolutionary in the teaching we hear today.

To those who think there are special places set for ‘special’ people, he points out that the ‘poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind’ are those who deserve a place at the table—not because they have earned it, but because they *cannot* earn it.



As this made uncomfortable hearing for the Pharisees, so it is uncomfortable hearing in the context of those taking issue today over refugees and asylum seekers.

THE SOONER WE UNDERSTAND THAT WE OURSELVES DON'T HAVE A GOD-GIVEN RIGHT TO BE IN A BETTER PLACE OR CONDITION THAN OTHER MEMBERS OF THE HUMAN RACE, THE SOONER IT WILL DAWN ON US HOW CHRISTIANS SHOULD APPROACH THE ISSUES OF JUSTICE, WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY RIGHT ACROSS THIS WORLD WHICH GOD HAS GIVEN TO ALL.

Trinity XI (31st 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 4th September

Lunchtime Concert 12.15

Friday 5th September

Tower Tour 14.30

Saturday 6th September

New Life Church BBQ 12.00 - 15.00

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 from the Monday of the week when the tour takes 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 XI

SUNG MASS

Processional Hymn: 560

Setting: Merbecke (hymn book 684)

Collect Prayer

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**

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah Jer 2.4-13

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, 'Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?' I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, 'Where is the Lord?' Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

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

Gradual Hymn: 456

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord

Luke 14.1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

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

Homily, Creed, Intercessions & Peace

Offertory Hymn: 121

Post-Communion Hymn: 283

Voluntary: Toccata (Plymouth Suite) (Percy Whitlock)

SUNG COMPLINE

Separate Order of Service

Prayer Intentions This Week:

Today 31st August - Trinity XI

- For schools returning this week
- ◇ The Church of South India (United)
- ✦ Leonard Shipley; John Herring;

David Diamond, priest

Monday 1st September - Giles of Provence

- For schools and higher education colleges returning this month
- ◇ Oji River - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ Edward Wass, priest; Ida Oldfield; Mary McKenna; Nessie MacDonald; Agnes Beecroft; Beryl Hoole

Tuesday 2nd September - The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea

- For our three Archdeacons and archdeaconries
- ◇ Okene - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ Winifred Jones

Wednesday 3rd September - Gregory the Great

- The Derby Diocese Finance Department
- ◇ Oke-Ogun - The Church of Nigeria

Thursday 4th September - Birinus

- The Derby Diocese Communications Team
- ◇ Oke-Osun - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ Louis de Cas, priest; Paul Cutts; Marjorie Phipps; Gerald Crawshaw

Friday 5th September

- The Diocesan Chancellor, Registrar and legal team
- ◇ Okigwe - The Church of Nigeria

Saturday 6th September - Allen Gardiner

- Hardwick Deanery's leadership team and Synod
- ◇ Okigwe South - The Church of Nigeria
- ✦ John Sharratt

- Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
- ◇ Anglican Worldwide Cycle of Prayer
- ✦ Year's Mind

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Steven Tricklebank

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Parish Reader: John Gascoyne

Churchwardens: John Hague
Colin McKenna

Organist & Choirmaster:
Peter Shepherd choir@crookedspire.org

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; Rosemary Cain; Joan
Melbourne; Trevor Crane; Dorothy; Margaret
Seddon; Greta; Joshua Wilson; Anthony Duce;
Lisa; Nina Woolhouse
✦ Felicity Stephens, RIP
✦ Joan Bannerman, RIP
✦ Philip Raiswell, RIP

Lunchtime Recitals

The next lunchtime recital is on Thursday 4th
September at 12.15pm with John Butt at the
organ. Free entry, with retiring collection.

New Life Church BBQ

Our friends from the New Life Church will be
providing a free BBQ, live music and family fun
in the churchyard on Saturday 6th September,
12noon - 3pm.

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 - 7th September - Trinity XII

08.30 Holy Communion (1662)

10.30 Choral Mass
Readings: Jeremiah 18.1-11
Luke 14.25-33

18.30 Choral Evensong
Readings: Psalms 120 & 121
Isaiah 43.14-44.5
John 5.30-end

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