



The Seventeenth Sunday *after* Trinity

Sunday 27 September 2026, 11am

President and Preacher: **The Revd Nicol Kinrade**

WELCOME

to all who are joining us today, whether in church or online.

All Hallows is a member of Inclusive Church and we are delighted you have joined our worship today. Please ask one of our welcomers if you need any assistance during the service. If you are able, we'd love you to join us for refreshments when the service has finished.

For those with children you will find space in the south aisle where you will be able to see and participate in the whole service. You will find some activity sheets to enable you and any children you have brought with you to engage with our service. Please ask one of our friendly welcomers if you need anything before or during the service.

We will be taking a collection during the service, and we encourage those who are UK tax payers to use one of the gift aid envelopes which are available in the pews. This will increase the value of your gift by 25% at no extra cost to you.

You can also make a debit/credit card donation to All Hallows by using the donations machine at the back of the church, by using the QR code on your phone, or via our website at **www.ahbtt.org.uk/donate**



Thank you.

Security Notice

We advise you not to leave personal belongings unattended and to keep them in sight at all times. Do not leave bags on the floor by your feet, and make sure you take any valuables with you when you go up to receive Communion. For additional safety and security, 24 hour CCTV recording is in operation on these premises.

Our church services are recorded and streamed on our website in an official capacity. You may be filmed during the service, and pictures of you may be transmitted online and as mobile content. By sitting in the main body of the church you consent to such filming and to the transmission of any official broadcast on our livestream. If you do not wish to be filmed please speak to one of the welcome team who will direct you to an unfilmed area in the north aisle. We also ask that in order to respect other people at prayer, you do not film, record or take photographs in an unofficial capacity during services.

Music before the Service
Trio Sonata No.1 - Adagio BWV 525 – J S Bach
Organist: David Cook

The Gathering

Hymn

Please stand

**Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Sion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed thee for his own abode:
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.**

**See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove:
Who can faint, while such a river
Ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord the giver,
Never fails from age to age.**

**Saviour, if of Sion's city
I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name:
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure
None but Sion's children know.**

John Newton (1725-1807) Tune: Austria

Welcome and introduction

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

Words of welcome and introduction are said.

Prayer of Preparation

All **Almighty God,**
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Prayers of Confession

Dcn God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

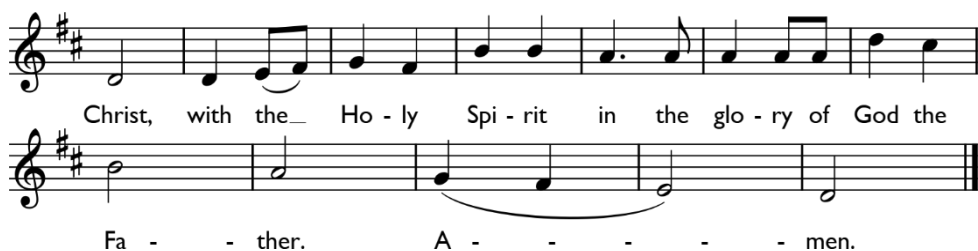
All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,**
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

Almighty God,
 who forgives all who truly repent,
 have mercy upon you,
 pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
 confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
 and keep you in life eternal;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Gloria

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
 earth. Lord God, hea - ven - ly King, al - migh - ty God and
 Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a -
 - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us; you are
 sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive our
 prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -
 - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus



The Collect

Let us pray

Almighty God,

you have made us for yourself,

and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:

pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,

and so bring us at last to your heavenly city

where we shall see you face to face;

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.

Please sit.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-end

Read by Howard Redgwell

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalms 25.1-8

Sung by Allie Scott



To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me.
Let none who look to you be put to shame,
but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated. **R/**

Make me to know your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you have I hoped all the day long. **R/**

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions,
but think on me in your goodness,
O Lord, according to your steadfast love. **R/**

Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.
He will guide the humble in doing right and teach his way to the lowly. **R/**

Second Reading Philippians 2.1-13

Read by Dulce Merritt

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that

was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading Matthew 21.23-32

Please stand and face the Gospel.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord be with you

All And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I

tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Revd Nicol Kinrade

The Nicene Creed

Please stand.

All **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Please sit or kneel.

Prayers of Intercession

Led by Sarah Alder

Lord, in your mercy,
All **hear our prayer.**

At the end:

Merciful Father,
All **Accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Please stand.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God
in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
All **and also with you.**

Dcn Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

During the hymn a collection will be taken towards the ministry of this church. If you are a UK Tax Payer, you can increase the value of your gift by 25% by completing one of the Gift Aid envelopes which are available in the pews. Thank you.

**Inspired by love and anger,
disturbed by need and pain,
Informed of God's own bias,
we ask him once again:
'How long must some folk suffer?
How long can few folk mind?
How long dare vain self interest
turn prayer and pity blind?'**

**From those forever shackled
to what their wealth can buy,
The fear of lost advantage
provokes the bitter cry,
'Don't query our position!
Don't criticise our wealth!
Don't mention those exploited
by politics and stealth!'**

**God asks, 'Who will go for me?
Who will extend my reach?
And who, when few will listen,
will prophesy and preach?
And who, when few bid welcome,
will offer all they know?
And who, when few dare follow,
will walk the road I show?'**

**Amused in someone's kitchen,
asleep in someone's boat,
attuned to what the ancients
exposed, proclaimed and wrote,
a Saviour without safety,
a tradesman without tools
has come to tip the balance
with fishermen and fools.**

John L Bell (b 1949) and Graham Maule (1958-2019) Tune: Salley Gardens

The Preparation of the Table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

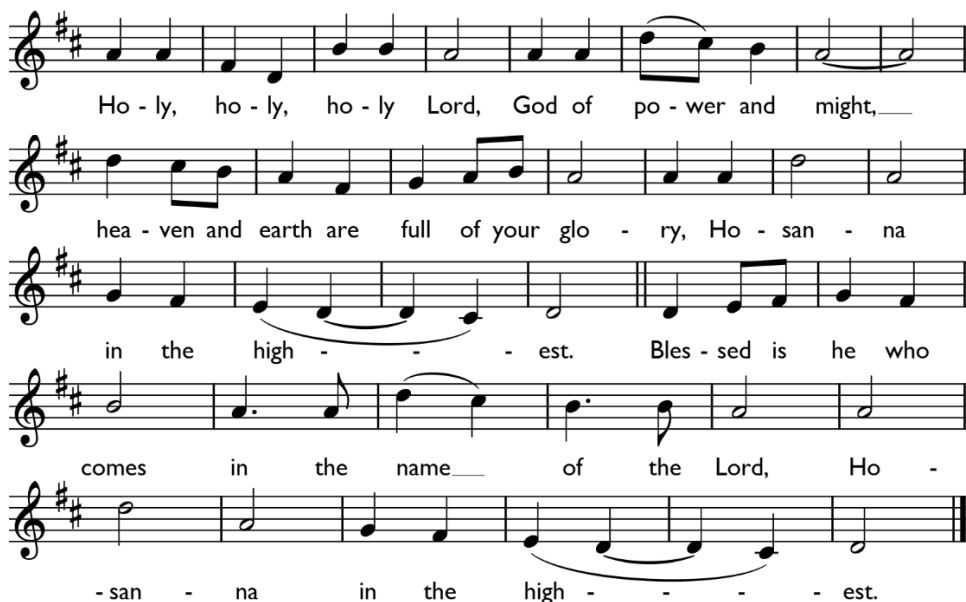
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,
for Christ has risen from the tomb
and scattered the darkness of death
with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,
unfolds for us your word,
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.

And though the night will overtake this day
you summon us to live in endless light,
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.

And so, with choirs of angels
and with all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join their unending song of praise:



Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
 grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
 and according to your holy will,
 these gifts of bread and wine
 may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
 took bread and gave you thanks;
 he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
 do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
 he took the cup and gave you thanks;
 he gave it to them, saying:
 Drink this, all of you;
 this is my blood of the new covenant,
 which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this, as often as you drink it,
 in remembrance of me.

Dcn Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei



Invitation to Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Communicant members of all Christian churches are invited to receive Holy Communion at All Hallows. All others may come forward for a prayer of blessing - please indicate this by bowing your head.

Music During Communion

Morning has broken (Gaelic melody)

Post-Communion Prayer

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

**All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Notices

The Dismissal

Final Hymn

Please stand.

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?**

Daniel L Schutte (b. 1947) Tune: Here I am, Lord

The Blessing

The Lord be with you
All And also with you.

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Dcn Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Music after the Service

Trio Sonata No.1 - Allegro BWV 525 – J S Bach

You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

Notices



People's Emergency Briefing meeting

We had an excellent turnout on Tuesday 22nd September for the screening of the People's Emergency Briefing. After watching the film, we held a discussion to explore how people are feeling about the climate and nature

crisis - and what positive and hopeful next steps we might each take. Because this isn't just about the weather or decreasing biodiversity - our world is intimately interlinked. The climate crisis is about food security, national security, economics, and health.

If you haven't yet seen the film, we at All Hallows encourage you to go to a screening, or consider arranging one yourself. If you have a screen or a television, you can host a briefing - church, office, community hall. The more people that see this film, the more we can face the challenges and work together to find the solutions.

You can learn more: <https://www.nebriefing.org>. And please consider signing the Parliamentary Petition, calling for a UK-wide briefing: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/767687>

Harvest Festival Weekend

Please join us next weekend as we celebrate Harvest Festival:

Harvest Service We will be joined by the Temple City Singers for a special service. *Saturday 3 October, 12.30pm*

Harvest Festival Eucharist The Harvest celebrations continue with the Sung Eucharist and a collection for the Foodbank. *Sunday 4 October, 11am*

Making The Gleaner gleam for Ken

Many of you will remember that Ken Marshall stepped down as our Churchwarden last year. One of our model ships, The Gleaner, will be restored and kept in a glass case to honour Ken's outstanding contribution to All Hallows. If you'd like to contribute towards this, please let Nicol, Di or Robert know, or contact Michael in the office.

Our prayers for James and Martin

A statement from Martin Carr:

'My husband James was involved in a bellringing accident on 13 September at St Luke's Chelsea, during the course of which he sustained serious chest injuries and a fracture to his spine. He was admitted to St Mary's hospital in Paddington, where he has been operated on to stabilize the situation and he is receiving round the clock care. Many of you know James, and I hope you will join me in praying for him as he begins a slow recovery. The long-term outlook is uncertain and our lives may look different in the future, but the love and support of friends, family and the church has and will continue to give us encouragement and hope. On a practical level, James is in pain and we are regulating visitors but if you would like to see him, let me know and we can arrange that in the coming weeks. I have set up a WhatsApp group where I am posting updates and requests and anyone can helpfully join that to stay connected, just drop me a message. Thank you all for your love for us both.'

Please continue to keep James, Martin and their families in your prayers.

Concert for the Chime, Sunday 27 September, 12.30pm

Our Tower Captain, Scott Orr, is giving a free concert after the service on Sunday 27 September. Why not grab some refreshments and join us on the Plaza for a wonderful concert, featuring composers from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

Churchwarden to 'drive' sheep over Southwark Bridge

After the Chime Concert on 27 September, our Churchwarden Di will be joining other Freeman of the City of London to participate in the ancient "right" to bring sheep to market over the Thames, toll free; all in aid of raising funds for The Woolmen Charity and The Lord Mayor's Appeal. This year's Sheep Drive takes place on Southwark Bridge.

The Livery Fair will be located on Queen Street and Queen Street Place, this magnificent Livery Fair is free to attend and offers visitors the opportunity to learn all about the Sheep Drive and the wonderful causes it supports and – and brings together a number of specialist stall holders, displaying and selling their wool-based products, textiles, arts & crafts, quality gifts and food & drink. Other fun activities include expert blade shearing displays and some wonderful rare breed sheep! More information at: <https://woolmensheepdrive.london/>

Two Cities Eco Tip

It's Fairtrade Fortnight. How can you save the planet and help struggling farmers at the same time? The Fairtrade mark guarantees farmers in the developing world a good wage, so switch to Fairtrade today, if you haven't already. Find out more at <https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/>

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The Week Ahead

Church Opening Times

Monday-Friday: 8am-5pm Saturday-Sunday: 10am-5pm

Services at All Hallows

You are welcome to join us for any of our services in church.
Our Sunday Eucharist and Taizé services are streamed on YouTube.

Monday 28 September

8.30am Morning Prayer

4.30pm Evening Prayer

Tuesday 29 September

8.30am Morning Prayer

12.30pm Holy Communion for St
Michael & All Angels

4.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 30 September

8.30am Morning Prayer

6pm Taizé Prayer

Thursday 1 October

8.30am Said Eucharist

Saturday 3 October

12 noon Harvest Service with the

Temple Voices Choir

4.30pm Evening Prayer

Sunday 4 October: Harvest Festival

11am Parish Eucharist; Preacher: The Revd Nicol Kinrade

Taizé Prayer – Wednesdays at 6pm

Our weekly Taizé service takes place **in church and online**. You are welcome to join us for this meditative time of prayer, music and reflection.

If you can't attend in person and would like to join us online, you can view the livestream at ahbtt.org.uk/livestream.

Zoom links are included in our weekly email, but if you would like a link for a particular service or event please email parish@ahbtt.org.uk.

Weekly Email

Sign up to our email to receive our weekly news – go to ahbtt.org.uk, enter your email address in the 'Join our Mailing List' box and click 'Subscribe'.

Byward Kitchen & Bar

The Byward Kitchen is open for drinks, meals and light refreshments from 9am-3.30pm, with indoor and outdoor seating available.

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