

### **Collect**

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:  
grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.**

### **New Testament Reading**

#### **James 3.1-12**

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the

cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue - a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

### **Psalm 116.1-8**

**<sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, because he has heard  
my voice and my supplications.**

**<sup>2</sup> Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long  
as I live.**

**<sup>3</sup> The snares of death encompassed  
me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on  
me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.**

**<sup>4</sup> Then I called on the name of  
the LORD:  
'O LORD, I pray, save my life!'**

**<sup>5</sup> Gracious is the LORD, and  
righteous;  
our God is merciful.**

**<sup>6</sup> The LORD protects the simple;  
when I was brought low, he saved  
me.**

**<sup>7</sup> Return, O my soul, to your rest,  
for the LORD has dealt  
bountifully with you.**

**<sup>8</sup> For you have delivered my soul from  
death,  
my eyes from tears,  
my feet from stumbling.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

### **Gospel Reading**

#### **Mark 8.27-end**

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' <sup>29</sup>Jesus asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three

days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' <sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### **FOR YOUR PRAYERS**

#### **ST MICHAEL**

##### **Baptism**

Jacob Robbins

##### **Wedding**

Stephen Hope & Emma Spooner, Rob Wilson & Danielle Walker

##### **Those newly in need of prayer**

Arthur Palin, Janet Broughall, Lyn Shiel, Viv Oliver, Marcus Davies-Friend

##### **Those in continuing special need of prayer:**

Steve Baker, Mark Berry, Elizabeth Chapman, Chris Clayton, Dorothy Clayton, Jo Cobb, Dottie Collins, Martin Dewes, Chris Dickerson, Colin Eastwood, Phillip Goodwin, Robert Harris, Sam Hughes, David Kendrick, Chris Kirk, Alison Knight, Doug Little, the Martel family, Marielouise Oliver, Norah Palin, Nick Rutter, Anthony Staples aged 7, Alison Toplis, John Tipper, Sheila Vaughan, Judith Watson, Renee Wellings, Anne Whatson, Felicity Woodfield, Jamie.

##### **Those who have died**

Graham Stevens,  
John Roberts (interment of ashes)

### **ST JOHN**

##### **Those in continuing special need of prayer:**

Moira and Allan Law, Pat Crowe, Jo Hearn, Ann Kinson

### **SERVICE SHEET** **12<sup>th</sup> September** **Trinity 15**

#### **ST MICHAEL**

**8:00am      Holy Communion**

**President:** Revd Jeyan Anketell

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**10:00am      Holy Communion**

**President:** Revd Chris Baker

**Deacon:** Kay Martin

#### **Hymns**

Processional	690
Gradual	612
	(choir only)
Offertory	451
Communion	642
Recessional	765

#### **Intercessions**

Father of mercy

**Let your kingdom come.**

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**4:30pm      Messy Church**

**President:** Revd Ruth Bull and Team

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#### **ST JOHN**

**10:00am      Morning Worship**

**President:** Christine Higgs

#### **Hymns**

Processional	362
Gradual	293
Recessional	465