

Sunday 2nd August 2026

9th Sunday of Trinity

St Andrew's church, Billingborough
South Lafford and Billingborough Group of Parishes



Collect

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Isaiah 55.1-5

55 Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
² Why do you spend your money for that which is
not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to
you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of
Israel,
for he has glorified you.

Psalm 145.8-9, 15-end*

8 The Lord is gracious and merciful,
long-suffering and of great goodness.
9 The Lord is loving to everyone
and his mercy is over all his creatures.
15 The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up all those who are bowed down.
16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.
17 You open wide your hand
and fill all things living with plenty.
18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and loving in all his works.
19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him,
to all who call upon him faithfully.
20 He fulfils the desire of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and saves them.
21 The Lord watches over those who love him,
but all the wicked shall he destroy.
22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord,
and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever
and ever.

Romans 9.1-5

9 I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying;
my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— ²I
have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my
heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were
accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my
own people, my kindred according to the
flesh. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the
adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of
the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them
belong the patriarchs, and from them, according
to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all,
God blessed for ever. Amen.

Matthew 14.13-21

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from
there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But
when the crowds heard it, they followed him on
foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he
saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for
them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening,
the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a
deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the
crowds away so that they may go into the villages
and buy food for themselves.' ¹⁶ Jesus said to
them, 'They need not go away; you give them
something to eat.' ¹⁷ They replied, 'We have
nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' ¹⁸ And
he said, 'Bring them here to me.' ¹⁹ Then he
ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass.
Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked
up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves,
and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples
gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were
filled; and they took up what was left over of the
broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those
who ate were about five thousand men, besides
women and children.

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