

Sunday 16th August 2026

11th Sunday of Trinity

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



Collect

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 56.1,6-8

56 Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to
the Lord,

to minister to him, to love the name of
the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices

will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Psalm 67

- 1 God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
- 2 **That your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.**
- 3 *Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.*
- 4 **O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
for you will judge the peoples righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.**
- 5 *Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.*
- 6 **Then shall the earth bring forth her
increase,
and God, our own God, will bless us.**
- 7 God will bless us,
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Romans 11.1-2a,29-32

¹¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By
no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant
of Abraham, a member of the tribe of
Benjamin. ² God has not rejected his people
whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the
scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God
against Israel?

²⁹ for the gifts and the calling of God are
irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient
to God but have now received mercy because of

their disobedience, ³¹ so they have now been
disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown
to you, they too may now^[a] receive mercy. ³² For
God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that
he may be merciful to all.

Matthew 15.21-28

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the
district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a
Canaanite woman from that region came out
and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord,
Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a
demon.' ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And
his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send
her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' ²⁴ He
answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of
the house of Israel.' ²⁵ But she came and knelt
before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶ He
answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's
food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁷ She said, 'Yes,
Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall
from their masters' table.' ²⁸ Then Jesus
answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it
be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter
was healed instantly.

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