

THE PARISH OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL BLACK NOTLEY



Creationtide 2

Sunday 21st September

9.30 am

Sung Eucharist

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land -
Jeremiah



The Guardian

Please don't take photos or videos during the service unless you have consent.
Please be aware that this service may be live-streamed

Collect for Today

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your
presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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

Post Communion Collect

Lord God, the source of
truth and love,
keep us faithful to the
apostles' teaching and
fellowship,
united in prayer and the
breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity
of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Please find the Prayer for Mission on cards in your pews

Jeremiah 8: 18 - 9:1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick. Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: “Is the Lord not in Zion? Is her King not in her?” (“Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?”) “The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.” For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored? O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

Psalm 79: 1 - 9

1 O God, the heathen have come into your heritage; ♦

Luke 16: 1 - 13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’

And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

What's going on?

Jesus said: "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are my brothers and sisters you did it to me."

Support Babystuff Braintree

(see Susan Pedder) through prayer and donations



Support Wethersfield

through prayer and donations of clothes for young men



Please find boxes in the porch for donations Sports teams coached by young woman on the left

News from the pews!

- **Harvest: Foodbank collection and Bring and Share lunch - 28th September.** We invite you to make donations of food which will be taken to the **Braintree Area Foodbank**. A leaflet detailing the Foodbank's present needs is on the outside Noticeboard. Please note that NO fresh food is required. There is a box in the porch in which donations may be placed in advance this week. If you are unable to make a donation of food there is information on the leaflet about the Foodbank Just Giving Page. There will also be a **bring and share lunch** on September 28th following our Harvest Festival Service. Everyone is invited. There is a list at the back of the Church for people to say what they are bringing. Please do sign up and come along!
- **Weekday Holy Communion:** Wednesday morning at 10am at All Saints Rayne led by Rev Marie. Coffee served beforehand, all welcome. People are welcome to park outside the church.
- **Are you wanting to explore your faith more deeply?** Why not try the **We Believe** course which will be exploring the Nicene Creed since this year marks the 1700th anniversary. There will be a group gathering in Rayne led by Rev'd Marie to explore this on Wednesdays 7.30pm in October. For more information and to book your place please contact Rev'd Marie at segal.marie@btinternet.com
- **Course in Christian Studies:** Starting Wednesday evenings in January 2026 in the Florence Slater Room. This is a two year course covering many aspects of the Christian faith e.g. the Bible, Church History, Ethics. If you are interested, please speak to Rev Roman.
- **Small and Medium Dreams** We are delighted to say that the PCC have approved the painting of the interior church walls and the installation of a new carpet, scheduled for January 2026. The PCC have also voted to submit a Faculty for the installation of the John Ray window to mark the 400th anniversary of his birth in 2027. Thank you to the PCC, the Fabric Committee and the Stained Glass Window sub group who have worked hard to get these projects in motion!
- **Youthcharist service 🎸 - Taylor Swift twist, 19th October 7.00pm**

**We pray for all those who are bereaved and for those
who are sick in body, mind or spirit and by name**

Josie and Pat
Gina
Jason and his Family
Graham
Ernie Andrews
Dorothy
All families in crisis

Lord, send us the gift of
peace. We pray for the
gift of peace, that
hatred may turn to
understanding, anger
to compassion and
horror to hope.



Alan
Carole and Geoff
Joshua Manning
Penny and Mike
Derek and Jo
Sheila Vince
Arthur and Pauline
Colin and Judy

Holy Communion

Wafers will be offered and the common cup. If you feel uncomfortable about sharing the chalice, receiving the bread alone is not a lesser action.

If you would like a Blessing only, please bring your service booklet to the Altar rail.

Protocol concerning the dipping of wafers in the wine: The recommendation from the Church is that we should not dip the wafer as a matter of hygiene. If this at all worries you, please do not hesitate to discuss it with a member of the Clergy.

The Coming Week

Morning Prayer There will be Morning Prayer on Zoom at 9.00am

Meeting ID 884 8189 2518 Passcode Cj7500

Morning Prayer live is held at church every Friday morning at 9 a.m. All are very welcome to join us.



Sept 28th All-Age **Harvest Eucharist **11.00am****

Third Sunday of Creationtide

Readings: Jeremiah 32: 1 - 3a, 6 - 15 ; Luke 16: 19 - 31

- Morning and evening prayer are available at:
- <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

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Please see the Website and Newsletter for more information

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