

**GIFT DAY (TODAY, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September):** Financial giving is an important part of discipleship, so please consider prayerfully your response to our annual Gift Day. We are about to embark on roof repairs which will cost in excess of £10,000, after which we hope to resurface the church drive. We do not receive any external funding, so need to raise these funds ourselves. Please pick up a letter today for further details.



The funeral of **Cissie Attrill** will take place in church on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October** at 1.30pm (Please note change of time).

**Welcome** to our services today  
**Prayer Ministry** is available during & after The 10.30 Service  
**Please join us for refreshments** after The 10.30 Service.

**Diary Dates**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December: Advent Fayre  
 Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019: Summer Festival

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018 – GIFT DAY**

0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 2)  
 1030 The 10.30 Service (Holy Communion)  
 1800 The 6.00 Service

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**This Week's Activities**

Wednesday 1400 Homegroup (Jacqui Wilson)  
 1930 Homegroup (Pauline Letters)  
 1930 PCC meeting (church hall upper room)  
 Thursday 1930 Music & Worship Committee (in church)  
 Friday 1415 Friday Friends (in church hall)  
 Saturday 0900 Church Cleaning  
 1430 Wedding of Aaron Matthews & Zoe Dear

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 – Trinity 17**

0800 The 8.00 Service (Holy Communion 1)  
 1030 The 10.30 Service

**Mission of the Month: Church Army**



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## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

### COLLECT

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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**

### FIRST READING: James 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup> Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. <sup>2</sup> We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check. <sup>3</sup> When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. <sup>4</sup> Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. <sup>5</sup> Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. <sup>6</sup> The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup> All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, <sup>8</sup> but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup> With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. <sup>10</sup> Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. <sup>11</sup> Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the

same spring? <sup>12</sup> My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

*This is the Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God**

### SECOND READING: Mark 8:27-38

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.*

#### **Glory to you O Lord**

<sup>27</sup> Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" <sup>28</sup> They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup> "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup> Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. <sup>31</sup> He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." <sup>34</sup> Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. <sup>36</sup> What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? <sup>37</sup> Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? <sup>38</sup> If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

*This is the Gospel of the Lord*

**Praise to you O Christ**

