



Sunday 20 September 2026

16th Sunday after Trinity. Service of the word led by Vanessa.

Readings		Hymns		
1 st Lesson	Jonah 3: 10 - end 4	1	Be thou my vision	70
2 nd Lesson	Phil 1: 21 - end	2	Alleluia, sing to Jesus	12
Gospel Reading	Matt 20: 1 - 16	3	Shine Jesus, shine	419
		4	Love devine, all loves excelling	428

Collect for the day

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.

Notes from the parish pump

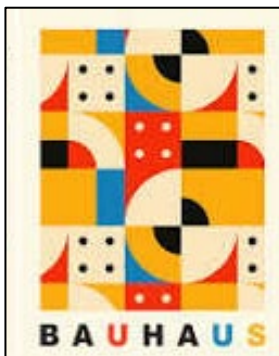
Chatting at work about AI with some colleagues this week, we felt that we are entering a new period of industrialisation - or indeed a post industrialisation - now with all the potential for the unknown that that entails. That's nothing new, I guess since in previous phases of industrialisation many people had fears - some of which were realised - about the tendency to reduce to what can be produced, measured, standardised, sold, or repeated without loss. Artists in particular have endeavoured to articulate those fears in terms which can be universally understood. Blake's dark Satanic mills symbolised his contempt for a philosophy that weighed and numbered the world while missing it entirely. Ruskin and Morris focused on people, arguing that a system which made men into components produced ugly objects because it had first produced diminished lives. The Romantics before them had claimed wonder as a faculty that industry was blunting, a deep loss for us all. More recently some artists like the Pre-Raphaelites retreated into myth, ritual, and the handmade. Others like the Futurists, Constructivists, the Bauhaus tried to celebrate the beauty of the mechanical, (with varying success in my view). What unites many, artists and ordinary folk alike, is a recognition of consequence, that attention, difficulty, and delight are not decorative luxuries but the faculties a mechanised society erodes first. As Edith Sitwell knew well, two world wars, and finally the bomb, gave that claim its bleakest confirmation. In the face of renewed change we must strive to retain our wonder and delight as to me that is the very essence of our humanity. The future by definition, is yet unknown and I pin my faith in man's ability to overcome and endure. New Blakes, Morrisons, Gropius's and Shelleys will show us the way.



A Pause for Thought:

The universe is change; our life
is what our thoughts make

Marcus Aurelius 121 - 180



New beginnings are often
disguised as painful endings.

Lao Tzu C 6th Century BC

Upcoming Services & Events: Please see below for full list for September
27 September, 09:30: St Marks, Service of communion, Revd. R. Thewsey presiding

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Stil falls the rain Edith Sitwell 1887 - 1964

Still falls the Rain—

Dark as the world of man, black as our
loss—

Blind as the nineteen hundred and forty
nails

Upon the Cross.

Still falls the Rain

With a sound like the pulse of the heart
that is changed to the hammer-beat
In the Potter's Field, and the sound of the
impious feet

On the Tomb:

Still falls the Rain

In the Field of Blood where the small
hopes breed and the human brain
Nurtures its greed, that worm with the
brow of Cain.

Still falls the Rain

At the feet of the Starved Man hung upon
the Cross.

Christ that each day, each night, nails
there, have mercy on us—

On Dives and on Lazarus:

Under the Rain the sore and the gold are
as one.

Still falls the Rain—

Still falls the Blood from the Starved
Man's wounded Side:

He bears in His Heart all wounds,—
those of the light that died,

The last faint spark

In the self-murdered heart, the wounds of
the sad uncomprehending dark,

The wounds of the baited bear—

The blind and weeping bear whom the
keepers beat

On his helpless flesh... the tears of the
hunted hare.

Still falls the Rain—

Then— O Ile leape up to my God: who
pulses me doune—

See, see where Christ's blood streames
in the firmament:

It flows from the Brow we nailed upon the
tree

Deep to the dying, to the thirsting heart
That holds the fires of the world,—dark-
smirched with pain

As Caesar's laurel crown.

Then sounds the voice of One who like
the heart of man

Was once a child who among beasts has
lain—

"Still do I love, still shed my innocent
light, my Blood, for thee."



Upcoming services

September 2026	St Mary Rostherne	Holy Trinity Little Bollington	St Paul Over Tabley	St Mark Dunham Massey
Sunday 6th Sept Green <u>Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity</u> <u>(Proper 18)</u> <i>Ezekial 33: 7 – 11</i> <i>Romans 13: 8 – end</i> <i>Matthew 18: 15 – 20</i>	11.00 Holy Communion Rev'd Robert Thewsey	11.00 Holy Communion Rev'd Sally Stutz	No service	9.30 CW Eucharist Rev'd Robert Thewsey
Sunday 13th Sept Green <u>Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity</u> <u>(Proper 19)</u> <i>Genesis 50: 15 – 21</i> <i>Romans 14: 1 – 12</i> <i>Matthew 18: 21 – 35</i>	8.15 Holy Communion Rev'd Robert Thewsey 9.30 Storytelling Service	11.00 Holy Communion Rev'd Robert Thewsey	No service	9.30 CW Morning Praise
Sunday 20th Sept Green <u>Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity</u> <u>(Proper 20)</u> <i>Jonah 3: 10 – 4: end</i> <i>Philippians 1: 21 – end</i> <i>Matthew 20: 1 – 16</i>	11.00 Holy Communion Rev'd Dan Young	No service	11.00 Holy Communion Rev'd Sally Stutz	9.30 CW Morning Praise
Sunday 27th Sept Green <u>Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity</u> <u>(Proper 21)</u> <i>Ezekial 18: 1 – 4, 25 – end</i> <i>Philippians 2: 1 – 13</i> <i>Matthew 21: 23 – 32</i>	8.15 Holy Communion Rev'd Robert Thewsey 9.30 Storytelling Service	11.00am at St Paul, Over Tabley Joint Harvest Festival Service Rev'd Robert Thewsey		9.30 CW Eucharist Rev'd Robert Thewsey