

Town Church

St Peter Port, Guernsey



Choral Eucharist
The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 20th September 2020

Welcome to Town Church. Whether you are a regular or occasional visitor, we are pleased to have you as part of our worshipping community today. We hope you enjoy the service. Please join us for tea or coffee at the end of the service in the South Aisle

Bienvenue dans notre église dédiée à Saint-Pierre, mais connue sous le nom de "Town Church". Nous sommes heureux de vous accueillir à notre messe aujourd'hui. Nous espérons que vous apprécierez le service. Nous vous invitons à rester pour prendre le thé ou le café à la fin de la messe.

Laipni lūdzam St Peter Port baznīcā, ko sauc arī par Pilsētas baznīcu. Mēs priecājamies, ka esat izvēlēties (-usies) būt kopā ar mums šajā dievkalpojumā un ceram, ka Jums tas patiks. Lūdzam kopā ar mums iebaudīt tēju vai kafiju pēc dievkalpojuma.

Willkommen in unserer Kirche, die Sankt Petrus geweiht, aber als 'Stadtkirche' bekannt ist. Wir freuen uns, dass Sie sich entschlossen haben, an unserer Eucharistiefeier teilzunehmen und hoffen dass Ihnen unser Gottesdienst gefällt. Bitte bleiben Sie am Ende noch bei uns zu Kaffee oder Tee.



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Please ask one of the sidespersons if you would like one.



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Communion

If you need communion bringing to you in your place, or require a gluten-free wafer, please ask one of the sidespersons before the service, who will be pleased to arrange this.

Music

The musical setting for the service is the Darke in F

The Organist and director of The Town Church Choir is Stephen le Prevost

President & Preacher: The Revd Peter Graysmith
Deacon: The Revd Jill Mabire

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¶ The Gathering

Please stand to sing the opening hymn. (237)

**I will sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me,
how he left the realms of glory
for the cross on Calvary:
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me,
sing it with his saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.**

**I was lost; but Jesus found me,
found the sheep that went astray,
raised me up, and gently led me
back into the narrow way:
Days of darkness still may meet me,
sorrow's paths I oft may tread;
but his presence still is with me,
by his guiding hand I'm led:**

**He will keep me till the river
rolls its waters at my feet;
then he'll bear me safely over,
made by grace for glory meet
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me,
sing it with his saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.**

Francis H Rowley (1854-1952)

The president says

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All

Amen.

The Greeting

The president greets the people

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

All

Further words of welcome are said

Prayer of Preparation

All

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Please sit or kneel

Prayers of Penitence

Deacon Jesus said:
Before you offer your gift,
go and be reconciled.
As brothers and sisters in God's family,
we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

All **Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

Please remain seated while the choir sing the Kyrie

Kýrie, eléison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>
Kýrie, eléison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>
Kýrie, eléison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>

Christe, eléison.	<i>Christ, have mercy.</i>
Christe, eléison.	<i>Christ, have mercy.</i>
Christe, eléison.	<i>Christ, have mercy.</i>

Kýrie, eléison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>
Kýrie, eléison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>
Kýrie, eléison.	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>

The president says

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

We stand while the choir sing

Gloria

Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,
we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesu Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words

Let us pray.

God, who in generous mercy
sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church
in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent
in the fellowship of the gospel that,
always abiding in you,
they may be found steadfast in faith
and active in service;
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.

All

Amen.

Please sit

Old Testament Reading

Jonah 3.10 - 4.11

A reading from the book of Jonah

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

This is the word of the Lord.

All

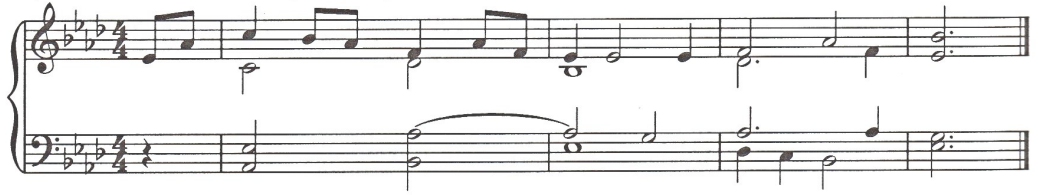
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145.1-8

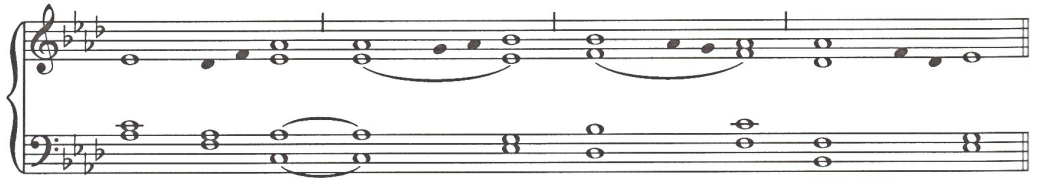
Andrew Moore

Response

cf. vs. 1, 2 I will bless you and praise you for e-ver, O God my King.



Verse



- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King,
and bless your name for e | ver and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you
and praise your name for e | ver and ever.
- 3 Great is the Lord and highly | to be praised;
his greatness is beyond all | searching out.
- 2 4 One generation shall praise your works | to another
and declare your | mighty acts.
- 5 They shall speak of the majesty | of your glory,
and I will tell of all your won | derful deeds.
- 3 6 They shall speak of the might of your mar | vellous acts,
and I will also tell | of your greatness.
- 7 They shall pour forth the story of your a | bundant kindness
and joyfully sing | of your righteousness.
- 4 8 The Lord is gra | cious and merciful,
long-suffering and | of great goodness.

New Testament Reading

Philippians 1.21-30

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 20.1-16

Please stand and turn to face the Gospel reader

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord.
No one comes to the Father except through me.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew

All, (sung) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

‘For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.”

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them

also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All, (sung) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Revd Peter Graysmith

The Creed

Please stand when the president stands

All **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary and was made human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church. We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel. At the end of each bidding the following response is used

All Lord, hear us
Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end this ending is used.

Merciful father
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Please stand

The president introduces the peace

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace

Offertory Hymn (288)

*during the following hymn a collection is taken,
the table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.
if you wish to donate, but do not have cash; contactless
card/phone payments can be made after the service, by the
door.*

**King of Glory, King of Peace,
I will love thee;
And that love may never cease
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast,
Thou hast spared me.**

**Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
And the cream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
Thou didst clear me;
And alone, when they replied,
Thou didst hear me.**

**Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
In my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
To enrol thee:
E'en eternity's too short
To extol thee.**

George Herbert (1593-1633)

The president receives the prayer cards which have been left in the church by visitors during the past week.

We come to you, loving God seeking your grace,
we offer to you the people
of many different races, cultures and beliefs
who have used this holy place in recent days.
We bring before you the concern on their hearts,
the thoughts in their heads
and the situations for which they have prayed.
And now we offer you our concerns
that as we receive this sacrament of bread and wine;
your grace may lead us on the journey which is before us.
In Christ's name we pray.

All

Amen.

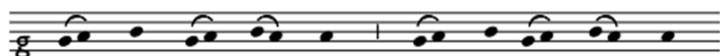
God of all goodness and grace,
receive the gifts we offer;
and grant that our whole life
may give you glory and praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

The president takes the bread and the wine

The Eucharistic Prayer



The Lord be with you R. and al-so with you.



Lift up your hearts. R. **We lift them to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



R. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ,
your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you
in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

The choir sing the Sanctus and Benedictus

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory:
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high. Amen*

*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna in the Highest
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.*

Please sit or kneel

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith

All **Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice
made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Saint Peter and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

*A short silence is kept before we pray the Lord's Prayer
in our first language whichever that may be.*

Nous récitons le Notre Père dans notre langue maternelle.

Mēs lūdzam Tēvreizi katrs savā dzimtajā valodā.

Wir beten das Vaterunser in unserer Muttersprache.

As we join our prayers with the Church Universal,
so we say, each in our own language, the prayer that Jesus
taught us.

<i>All</i>	Our Father, who art in heaven	<i>Notre Père....</i>
	hallowed be thy name;	
	thy kingdom come;	<i>Vater Unser....</i>
	thy will be done;	
	on earth as it is in heaven.	<i>Mūsu Tēvs</i>
	Give us this day our daily bread.	
	And forgive us our trespasses,	<i>Padre Nuestro....</i>
	as we forgive those	
	who trespass against us.	<i>Pai Nosso....</i>
	And lead us not into temptation;	<i>Onze Vader....</i>
	but deliver us from evil.	
	For thine is the kingdom,	<i>Ein Tad....</i>
	the power and the glory,	
	for ever and ever.	<i>Ojcze Nasz....</i>
	Amen.	

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ

All **Though we are many we are one body,
Because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

The choir sing the Agnus Dei as the bread is broken.

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.*

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Grant us thy peace.*

Giving of Communion

The president says the following invitation to communion

The table of bread and wine is now ready.

It is the table of the company of Jesus

And with all those who love him.

*It is the table of the poor of the world,
with whom Jesus identified himself.*

It is the table of communion with the earth

In which Christ became incarnate.

So come to this table,

You who have much faith

And you who would like to have more;

You who have been to this sacrament often,

And you who have not been for a long time;

You who have tried to follow Jesus,

And you who have struggled. Come.

All

It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

All those who wish to receive communion are welcome to receive communion here today. Communion will be received in one kind (bread only). If you do not wish to receive communion, but would like a blessing please come forward with everyone else and hold this service booklet in your hands as an indication of this wish. If you do not want to do either of these then please feel free to stay in your seat. Communion may be received kneeling or standing as is your preference.

The president and people receive communion.

Please keep a prayerful silence for the duration of Communion to allow others to prepare to receive the sacrament and to pray afterwards.

Communion Anthem

During Communion the Choir will sing:

Bevan - There's a wideness in God's mercy

Prayer after Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church,
with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you
our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

All

Faithful God,
in baptism you have adopted us as your children,
made us members of the body of Christ
and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom:
we thank you that in this Eucharist
you renew your promises within us,
empower us by your Spirit to witness and to serve,
and send us out as disciples of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Notices are given

Final Hymn (394)

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!**

**Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.**

**Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.**

**These, though we bring them
in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.**

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!**

John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875)

The Blessing

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All

Amen.

The deacon says

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

All

In the name of Christ, Amen.

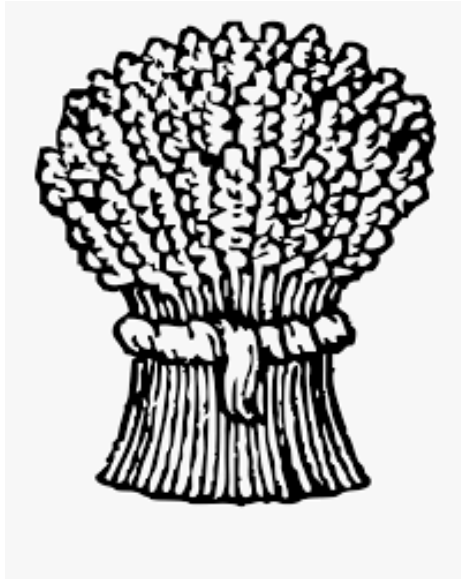
Organ Voluntary

Toccata from the Plymouth Suite - Whitlock

Please join us for refreshments in the South Aisle

SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER

HARVEST FESTIVAL



11 am Festival Eucharist

**12.30 pm Bring and Share lunch
in the Church**

NOTICES

Harvest Festival

Next Sunday is our Harvest Festival.

We will be decorating the church as in previous years. If you are able to donate fruit and vegetables for the displays please do so before Saturday. Please don't bring soft fruit and veg as it is impossible to keep it fresh. (Suggested items are: Potatoes, swedes, carrots, apples, onions, parsnips etc.)

Harvest Bring and Share lunch

After the 11 am service next Sunday we will have a bring and share lunch in the church. Please bring items of food for the buffet. There is no charge for the lunch - although there might be a raffle!

Please bring your friends, all are welcome.

St. John's Church Quiz Night

7 pm Friday 10th October at St. John's Hall

Teams of up to 6 people, £10 per person, includes Ploughman's supper. To reserve tickets and tables please e mail: stjohnschurchgsy@gmail.com

Donations

If you would like to donate to the Town Church, donations can be made online to;

Town Church,
Sort Code: 30-93-73
Account: 07458933
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What's on this week

Morning Prayer (online)

8.15 am Monday - Saturday

Evening Prayer (online)

5.30 pm Monday - Saturday

Wednesday 23rd September

10 am - 12 noon Wednesday Welcome

Thursday 24th September

1.10 pm Come to the Quiet

Said Eucharist

Next Sunday 27th September

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am Said Eucharist (BCP)

The Revd Peter Graysmith

11.00am Harvest Festival Eucharist

President: The Revd Peter Graysmith

Preacher: The Revd Penny Graysmith

12.30 pm Bring and Share Harvest Lunch in the Church

6.30 pm Choral Evensong

The Revd Peter Graysmith



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