**Morning Prayer on The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Sunday 5th October 2025 at 9.30 (call in from 9.15)

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**Preparation**

Grace, mercy and peace

from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

O Lord, open our lips

*All* **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Dear Lord, some of us come today
in need of nourishment and refreshment,
some of us in need of company and friendship.
Some come with joy and hope to share.
Help us to all to join as one family, supporting each other,
and praising and worshipping you.
**Amen.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;

let us pray with one heart and mind.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,

so may the light of your presence, O God,

set our hearts on fire with love for you;

now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

### **A prayer of confession**

Heavenly Father, we confess that
we are so familiar with the stories in the Bible
that we take them for granted,
failing to see them for the treasured tales that they are.
Lord, forgive us for failing to care for and conserve
the treasures of our faith as a living tradition,
not a rusty collection of old rituals.
We commit ourselves to continuing your story,
the story of our faith, with renewed life and vigour,
passing on the things we have learned
as true witnesses to your Word, faithful to our calling.
**Amen.**

### **Assurance of forgiveness**

Into your arms we stumble again, O Lord;
your arms open in forgiveness of our foolishness and failings.
Thank you for calling us to be in your story,
and for forgiving us when we forget to play our part.
**Amen.**

**The Word of God**

First reading: 2 Timothy 1: 1-14

**1**Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

**2**To Timothy, my dear son:

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

**3**I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. **4**Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. **5**I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

**6**For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. **7**For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. **8**So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. **9**He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, **10**but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. **11**And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. **12**That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.

**13**What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. **14**Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

Psalm Psalm 37: 1-9

**1**Do not fret because of those who are evil
    or be envious of those who do wrong;
**2**for like the grass they will soon wither,
    like green plants they will soon die away.

**3**Trust in the Lord and do good;
    dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.
**4**Take delight in the Lord,
    and he will give you the desires of your heart.

**5**Commit your way to the Lord;
    trust in him and he will do this:
**6**He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn,
    your vindication like the noonday sun.

**7**Be still before the Lord
    and wait patiently for him;
do not fret when people succeed in their ways,
    when they carry out their wicked schemes.

**8**Refrain from anger and turn from wrath;
    do not fret—it leads only to evil.
**9**For those who are evil will be destroyed,
    but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land.

 Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

All **as it was in the beginning, is now
and shall be for ever.**

 **Amen.**

Second reading: Luke 17: 5-10

**5**The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

**6**He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you.

**7**“Suppose one of you has a servant ploughing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat’? **8**Won’t he rather say, ‘Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink’? **9**Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? **10**So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.’”

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

*We pause to reflect on the readings before turning to prayer.*

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**Intercessions**

We treasure God’s gift of faith to us.

**Everlasting God, we treasure your gift of faith to us.
Give us faith that you are at work in the world around us.**

Faithful God, we, your people, lift before you the world.
Across the globe, there are so many places in conflict,
torn apart by discord and violence.
We pray for an end to these wars and for peaceful resolutions to be found.
Would the plans to end the war in Gaza bring peace,
and would the needs of the vulnerable be safeguarded.
Give your guidance to world leaders
who negotiate and oversee these changes.
Lord, bring your gift of peace.

Everlasting God, we treasure your gift of faith to us.
**Give us faith to know that you are at work in the world around us.**

Faithful God, we pray for those around the world who are marginalised.
Those we are close to, those in our local communities,
and the people groups around the world who are downtrodden and persecuted.
We lift up the people of Afghanistan, where Taliban rule restricts their freedoms.
For the women and young people who are barred from education,
for those with restricted internet access that cuts off their communication,
restricting their news of the outside world and their ability to run businesses.
For those imprisoned for speaking out against the government.
Lord, bring your gift of freedom.

Everlasting God, we treasure your gift of faith to us.
**Give us faith to know that you are at work in the world around us.**

Faithful God, we lift before you the leadership of our country.
We pray for all who are anxious about the decisions of the government.
For those who fear changes that may impact their future,
their incomes and businesses, their education and financial stability.
We pray for those in leadership – local councillors, civil servants, MPs,
the Prime Minister and Cabinet ministers.
Help them to make wise decisions,
considering the impact on those who are already struggling.
Lord, bring your gift of wisdom.

Everlasting God, we treasure your gift of faith to us.
**Give us faith to know that you are at work in the world around us.**

Faithful God, we pray for those who are facing suffering;
those living with chronic pain, terminal illness and those facing degenerative disease. (Prayer list)
For their loved ones who care for them and hate to watch them suffer.
It can be hard to have hope in the midst of such difficulty.
Bring your healing touch and your outpouring of love,
so that those who suffer would know you as Christ who also suffered.
Thank you for the scientific breakthroughs
that are bringing healing and hope to those in need.
Help those in research to find new ways to alleviate suffering.
Lord, bring your gift of healing.

Everlasting God, we treasure your gift of faith to us.
**Give us faith to know that you are at work in the world around us.**

**Amen.**

Collect for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives’ end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

The Lord’s Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

*All* **Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power**

**and the glory are yours**

**now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

**We thank you God for your gift of faith to us.
For the many people who have gone before us,
the host of saints whose lives have enabled us to come to know you.
Help us treasure the faith we have received
and help us be willing and ready to share
the gift of faith with those around us.**

**We see a world, broken and needy, crying out in pain.
Ready us to share your gift of faith that brings peace,
freedom, wisdom, unity, healing
and everlasting love to those who receive it.**

*All* **Amen.**

**Blessing:**

The love of the Lord Jesus

draw us to himself;

the power of the Lord Jesus

strengthen us in his service;

the joy of the Lord Jesus

fill our hearts;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among us and remain with us

and those whom we love and pray for

today and always.

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**What’s on ….**

**Steph’s Update.**

“I am pleased to say that I have been given the all clear to begin a slow return to work. The very fact that this is even a possibility seems miraculous! So here I go …. And here we go. You have been on my heart and in my prayers and I am looking forward to being more fully present over the next few weeks and months. May the Holy Spirit rest on each of us and fill us with his love and joy”

**Exe Valley Community Lunch**

Our next lunch is on Thursday 9 October at Oakford Village Hall, 12.30pm. Please let the office know if you will be able to join us and if you need transport.

**Bible Study**

The next Bible study will be on Monday 3 November at The Cottage Washfield at 2.30pm with Tim Gorringe. We are looking at Genesis 1-11.

**Prayer Chain**

The Exe Valley Mission Community are starting a telephone prayer chain. If you like to be included for prayer or know someone who would like to be included, please contact the church office on 07733949295. Only first initials will be used on the prayer chain to ensure total confidentiality.

**Contacting Church Office.**

Email: office@exevalleymissioncommunity.org

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