

A word of thanks.

I'd like to use my first opportunity of writing in the pew sheet to say a big thank you to all the very many people who made my licensing service on Monday evening so special. To those involved in any part of the service, in making the church look so lovely, and those who organised refreshments afterwards - thank you. The delicious cake is safely in the freezer, and will be continuing to be enjoyed by my family for a long time!

I'd also like to say a big thank you to those who have helped over the vacancy. I know lots of priests have taken services over the last year or so, but a very particular thanks goes to Rev'd Sarah Mounoury for her six months with St Thomas. And, of course, our own Fr Terry, whose sacramental ministry and wisdom has sustained both the Sunday and midweek Eucharists. Thanks too to our hardworking churchwardens and many volunteers who have kept the wheels turning in many often unseen ways. I feel very grateful to be coming into a parish with so many talented people with such passion for St Thomas and seeing God's love made known within this community.

Me, Paul, and our boys Arthur (14), Rowan (9) and Jude (5) really look forward to getting to know you all over the coming weeks and months.

Rev'd Hannah



NEXT SUNDAY 20.09.26 Trinity 16 with Baptism
10.30am in the Church



OT Jonah 3: 10 -end of 4
NT Philippians 1: 21-30
GOSPEL Matthew 20: 1-16

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St Thomas, Exeter

13th September 2026

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30am in the Church

Today

Sung Eucharist

Hymn Numbers

422 Praise my soul, the King of heaven

328 Make me a channel of your peace

*226 I cannot tell how he whom angels
worship*

186 Great is thy faithfulness

Wednesday 16th September

10am Holy Communion (BCP)

Thursday 17th September

9.30-11am St Thomas Tots

10.30-12noon Knit & Natter at Jenny
Tuckett's house

Friday 18th September

9.30am Morning Prayer

10am Staff Meeting



Collect

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. **Amen**

Genesis 50: 15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Romans 14: 1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all

days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Matthew 18: 21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what

had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Post 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. **Amen**

Notices

Saturday 19th September 6pm

The Churchwardens and PCC of the Parish of St Peter, Budleigh Salterton warmly invite you to come and welcome the Revd Sarah Mounoury as Vicar of the Parish of St Peter, Budleigh Salterton at a service of Institution, Induction and Licensing.

Anyone who has an email can RSVP to **raleighmc@gmail.com**

Heritage Open Days. On Saturday 19th September the bellringers will be holding drop in sessions to learn more about bellringing in our church. Also at 11am, 12 noon and 1pm, Ian will be running short tours of the church highlighting the history and heritage of our building. Come along and learn something new!