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Praying and Growing in Christian discipleship
and **Serving** the people of Devon with joy

Sunday 26th July 2026
Eighth Sunday after Trinity

1 Kings 3. 5 - 12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

Romans 8. 26 – 39 The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he

justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 13. 31 – 33, 44 – 52

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it." "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Post Communion Collect

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen**

Requests to Guide Your Prayers

(Please contact clergy for inclusion)

Residential Home: CROFT LODGE

The healing and wholeness of:

Nicholas Brixton, James Chivers, Josh Burton and Ian Norman.

Circle of Care: Max Guy, Marion Delaney, Cynthia Mosely, Wendy Dominguez, Val Hammond, Diane Anderson, Jennifer and Michael Britton and Pamela Langley. (Duncan Caine – remembered in silence)

The recently departed and their family and friends: David Traylor and Bonita Day.

Services Next Sunday 2nd August

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: Isaiah 55. 1-5 ; Romans 9.1-5 ;
Matthew 14.13-21

9.30am - St John's: Create Church
9.30am - St Michael's: Holy Communion
9.30am - St Nicholas': Matins
10.30am - Bishopsteignton Methodist Church:
United Service
11.00am - St James': Holy Communion with
Healing Prayer
11.00am - St Peter's: Holy Communion
11.00am - St Michael's: Family Praise
6.30pm - St Mary's: Evening Service

Services During the Week

Tues 28th 9.30am-St Michael's: Holy Communion
Wed 29th 11am - St Michael's: Tower Appeal
Prayer Meeting
Thurs 30th 9.30am - St Peter's: Morning Prayer

Mission Community - Notices & News

Church clean up at St Peter's - Friday 31st July, 10am.

Chalice Assistant Training. Rev Sue Astbury is kindly able to offer us more chalice assistant training. This is for new or current (as a refresher) people. Thurs 30th July at 11am in St Johns, Bishop and 13th August at 11am in St Johns (part 2). Please contact Rev Carol with queries.

'The Deep Adventure' Holiday Club is running at St Michael's 17th to 21st August, from 9.30-11.30 daily, an ocean-themed week of crafts, games, songs, an adventure story and Bible stories. Open to children aged 5 - 14. **Voluntary** contributions of £5 for the week. Please email Lydia Sweet: lydia.dockray@gmail.com for a consent/booking form. We are also still looking for additional DBS-checked helpers from any of our churches, to do some or all of the sessions - please email Lydia if you think you could help - we'd like to make this a whole-team event!

Thornley House Fundraiser for St James Roof & Lantern Appeal raised £345. Thank you to Caryl, your staff, the volunteers and all who attended. Especially lovely to see James.

Save the dates Sat 10th to Mon.

12th October 10th Quiet Day, 11th Team Council Workshop and Mon. 12th October Study Evening with **Gillian Ahlgren** who is visiting the Haldon Mission Community. More information will be published later, meanwhile please ask Helena about Gillian.

Pewsheets submissions by 10am please on Thurs to Sarah: office@haldonteam.org.uk
or call 07494 222848

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