

PARISH OF HAWLEY

2 August 2026—Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our services today

Bible Study group

The Bible Study group resumes meeting this week after its recent gap, at its usual time of 11 am on Thursdays in Holy Trinity.

Friday Mass

Please note that there will no Mass this Friday.

Hawley Anglican Men's Society

The next meeting of HAMS will be a Speedquiz Evening at the Sarsen Stones on Monday week (August 10th). This is an open meeting to which all are welcome. The quiz starts at 8 pm, at £2 per head. Come earlier if dining. Please let Mike Gunston or Derek Bangs know if you intend to come.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

The sick and infirm: June Anderton,
John Cowley, John Darcy, Ian McRea, Janet Murton,
Mike Reed, Pat Rorison, Lauren Scammell,
Derek Truman, Shirley Whiteley, Jack & Rosemary,
Jill, John, Kirk & Karen, Mac, Mark, Pete

Anniversary of death: Hilda Lightfoot,
Charles Blanchard

THIS WEEK

- All events at Holy Trinity—*unless shown otherwise* •
Weekday Readings: Week 18 in Ordinary Time, Year II

Wednesday

6.30 pm: Mass (Vigil of the Transfiguration)
(6.00: Exposition of Blessed Sacrament)
Psalm R. *The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.*

Thursday *Transfiguration of our Lord*

11.00 am: Bible Study Group

Friday

N.B. No Mass today

2 – 4 pm: Tea at Two—*All Saints Hall*

Next Sunday—*Tenth Sunday after Trinity*

9.15 am: Mass with hymns—*All Saints*
11.00 am: Sung Mass

Mothers' Union

Thank you to all those who supported the afternoon tea to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Mothers' Union. We raised nearly £200 which will go to the 150th Anniversary Fund.

'Tea at Two'

We meet every Friday from 2 – 4 pm in All Saints Hall. Come and join us for great cake, tea/coffee and conversation. We look forward to seeing you!

Weekly news sheet

Please send any items for inclusion on the sheet to Fr William by the end of Wednesday each week.

6th August: The Transfiguration

Words from Anastasius of Sinai

Since each of us possesses God in his heart and is being transformed into his divine image, we also should cry out with joy: It is good for us to be here – here where all things shine with divine radiance, where there is joy and gladness and exultation; where there is nothing in our hearts but peace, serenity and stillness; where God is seen. For here, in our hearts, Christ takes up his abode together with the Father, saying as he enters: Today salvation has come to this house. With Christ, our hearts receive all the wealth of his eternal blessings, and there where they are stored up for us in him, we see reflected as in a mirror both the first fruits and the whole of the world to come.

Plainsong

Plainsong dates from the earliest centuries of Christianity. Traditionally sung without musical accompaniment, it is now at times accompanied by organ harmonies. The earliest use of Plainsong was probably for the singing of Psalms, and this was certainly a feature of Jewish worship and remains so to the present day. The rhythm of plainsong is free and based on the words of the text rather than meter as with modern hymn tunes. After the publication of the 1549 Book of Common Prayer, John Merbecke set the English liturgy to plainsong. This remained the most common sung setting of the Eucharist until well into the 20th century. Plainsong is also still used for many well-known hymns, such as ‘Sing my tongue the glorious battle’ and ‘Come, Holy Ghost our souls inspire’.

Sunday 2nd August 2026
Trinity 9 / 18th Ordinary
Gospel: Matt 14: 13 – 21



When the musical “Jesus Christ – Superstar” was first staged, theologians were quick to point out a few doctrinal inaccuracies, but the general public loved it. What grabbed the public’s attention was that for many it was the first time the story of Christ’s last days suddenly became relevant in the 20th century. It was accessible; one of the high-spots of the film is Herod’s Song, where the King tries to ridicule Jesus by telling Him to do one of His tricks ‘and walk across [my] swimming-pool!’ Whether or not Jesus could have done as Herod requested is not the point, it was whether he had faith enough to believe Jesus was able. When Peter is called by Jesus to walk across the waters of the lake, the real challenge was to let the disciple see if he had enough faith in His Lord to follow His example. In Peter the fullness of his faith was shown in those first tentative steps on the surface of the water.