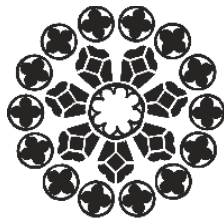


Sunday 16th August 2026  
11th Sunday after Trinity



Truro  
Cathedral

*sacred space, common ground*

08:00 BCP Holy Communion

10:00 Sung Eucharist

President: Revd Andrew Yates

President: The Bishop of Truro

Preacher: The Bishop of Truro

16:00 Evening Prayer with hymns    Preacher: Martin Adams, Reader  
*in St Mary's Aisle*

**10.00am Hymns for this morning**

**439** Praise to the Holiest in the height

**353** Dear Lord and Father of mankind

**185** Sing we of the blessed Mother

**Music for the 10.00am Eucharist**

Introit *Signum magnum apparuit in caelo*

Mass of St Thomas

Communion *Beatam me dicent*

Voluntary *Fantasia in F minor k608*

*Plainsong*

*David Thorne*

*Plainsong*

*Mozart*

**Collect:** O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: merciful grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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**

**First Reading – Isaiah 56.1, 6-8**

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

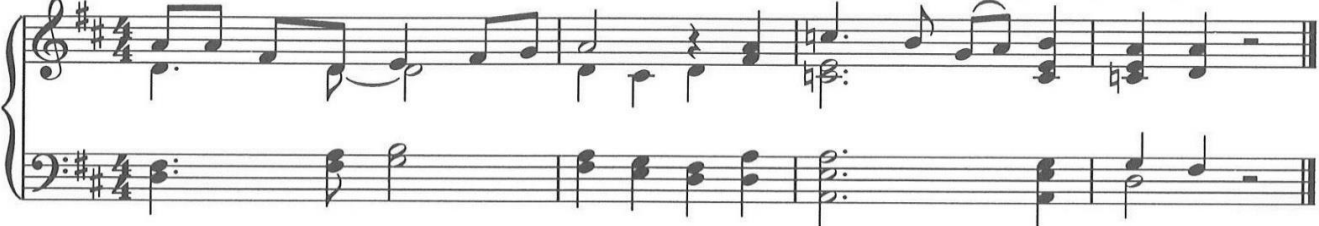
And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

## Psalm 67

Richard Lloyd

### Response

v. 3 Let the peo- ples praise you, O God, let all the peo- ples praise you.



God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us.  
That your way may be known upon earth,  
your saving power among all nations.  
Let the peoples praise you O God;  
Let all the peoples praise you.

O let nations rejoice and be glad,  
For you will judge the peoples righteously  
And govern the nations upon earth.  
Let all the peoples praise you O God;  
Let all the peoples praise you.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,  
And God, our own God, will bless us.  
God will bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear him

### Second Reading – Romans 11. 1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew, for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

### Gospel reading – Matthew 15. (10-20) 21-28

[Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind

person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.

'Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.']

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.'

He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.'

She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord of all mercy,

We your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:

by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Next Sunday, 23rd August – 12th of Trinity**

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| 08:00 | BCP Holy Communion | President: The Revd Keiren Marwood              |
| 10:00 | Choral Eucharist   | President: The Revd Jeff James                  |
|       |                    | Preacher: The Revd Jeff James                   |
| 16:00 | Choral Evensong    | Preacher: The Revd Prebendary<br>Gorran Chapman |

**This week we are praying for:** Fiona Davie, Jill Staplehurst, Keith Halstead, Marc Gregory, Anne and David Hagan, Philip Sharpe, Pauline King, Stephen Martin.

**RIP:** Peter Martin, Iris Skelton.

### ***The Chapter House Revival***

We look forward to the Chapter House opening week commencing

August 31<sup>st</sup>! Jess and Carolyn, our team leaders, continue to work hard on the preparatory work. Hopefully you've seen the beginnings of the new look and feel of the space. New equipment is arriving daily and the space is really coming to life! The old café furniture has now been mostly sold, with some chairs remaining, so if you know someone who may be interested, please let the team know.

We are currently recruiting hospitality and retail volunteers. Please contact Susie Merelie in the office for more information.

The Chapter House will offer a café space for 70, alongside a small shop area and exhibition displays. We're excited to welcome you again! If you would like to contribute towards the cost of this exciting and much-anticipated project, the easiest way to do so is by scanning the QR code or, alternatively, cheque donations can be sent to the cathedral office made payable to the Chapter of Truro Cathedral.



### ***Accessible Entrance***

The automatic doors are now installed. The construction team expected the work to be completed by the end of August, provided there were no more stonework delays. We are awaiting further updates from them.

### ***Friends of Truro Cathedral***

***Wednesday 26th August - Coffee Morning 10 – 11.30***

*in the Cathedral Chapter House.*

*Hot drinks, biscuits, homemade cakes for sale and a raffle.*

All very welcome.

### **Mothers' Union celebrates 150 years**

The Mothers' Union is celebrating 150 years since its foundation by vicar's wife Mary Sumner in 1876. From small beginnings, the support group for mothers that she established grew into a worldwide organisation with 4 million members. At one time, most churches in Cornwall had a branch of the Mothers' Union, and to celebrate that heritage their historic banners are being brought together in a free exhibition called '**Love in Every Stitch**' at the cathedral from **11th – 22th August**.

The exhibition is called 'Love in Every Stitch' because each banner was hand-sewn with loving care, and the theme of all the banners is the love shared between mothers and their children.

**Bring the family and enjoy a day of free activities!**

Whatever the weather, our Mothers' Union free **family fun day** is the place to be. Games, crafts, bouncy castle, cake stall and lots of noisy fun for young children, under-10 and their families in Truro Cathedral - **Wednesday 19th August from 10am – 3pm**

***everyone is welcome - What's not to like??***

**Peter Martin's** funeral will be held on  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August, 11am at Chacewater Church.

**Volunteer recruitment**

Without the support of our dedicated volunteers, we would not be able to do all that we do. Volunteering at Truro Cathedral can involve many activities – come and be part of our amazing team! Volunteering posts are open to everyone, and days/times can be arranged to suit you, whether you want to give a day a month or a couple of hours a week. Volunteering at the cathedral offers the opportunity to join a diverse team, be involved in a local community, to meet people and make new friends, to learn new skills and to spend time in a beautiful and historical building.

We are currently seeking various volunteer roles, these include: Welcomers, Guides, Honorary Vergers, Hospitality & Retail volunteers, Receptionists, Chaplains and Flower Guild members.

***If you or someone you know may be interested in a volunteer role, please email Susie Merelie, Volunteer Manager – [volunteering@trurocathedral.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@trurocathedral.org.uk)***

**Heritage and History Talks at Truro Cathedral -**

Discover the rich history, architecture and people that have shaped Truro Cathedral and Cornwall's heritage. Our heritage and history talks bring together local historians and heritage experts for a programme of fascinating talks held throughout the year.

Whether you are a lifelong history enthusiast or simply curious to learn more, everyone is welcome.

**Next talk:** 18th September 2026 at 7pm, Assembly Room, Old Cathedral School  
The Life and Works of John Loughborough Pearson (1817-97): A Talk by Patrick Newberry, MBE – Patrick is also a member of the Chapter of Truro Cathedral.

**Tickets: available from Truro Cathedral website under 'What's on'.**

***Sunday refreshments:***

Please note that while the Chapter House is undergoing its refurbishment, we are unable to serve coffee, but will continue to serve a selection of cold drinks and biscuits for you in the North Transept. It's an opportunity for us to meet together following the 10 am Eucharist and also offer hospitality to the visiting choirs.

***Please join us – all welcome***

***Save the date, note from the Interim Dean.*** The next Congregation meeting is set for ***Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 11.30 am*** following the Eucharist in the Chapter House.

***Also, Interim Dean Ali's letter*** which was circulated to all groups within the Cathedral Community is still available on the Welcome desk for a short time and in the Cathedral Office.

***Another Save the date from Susie Merelie***

The next lunch at the long table will be taking place in the cathedral on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 12pm – please save the date!

All are invited to this long table lunch where team members, volunteers, visitors, and congregation join together to share lunch.

The idea is that the cathedral provides the tables for a communal picnic lunch, and you bring your own lunch and enjoy meeting and chatting to other members of the Truro community whilst enjoying the sights and sounds of Truro Cathedral.

*Thank you!*

***Bible Study at Truro Cathedral***

The Bible Study Group meets in the Old Cathedral School on Thursday mornings at about 10.05 am after Morning Prayer. It looks prayerfully and carefully at the Readings set for the following Sunday with a desire to know our Lord Jesus the Christ more clearly, follow him more nearly and love him more nearly.

***The Chapter of Truro Cathedral – recruitment – could this be you or someone you know and would recommend??***

Currently recruiting for new members of the Chapter and various committees. Skills appropriate for the Health & Safety and Finance and Audit & Risk committees, would be particularly welcomed. Closing date for applications: **16th September 2026.**

All the information you need is on volunteering page of the Truro Cathedral website, together with the recruitment pack. [www.trurocathedral.org.uk](http://www.trurocathedral.org.uk)

***Don't delay, respond today !***

***This Week. We extend a very warm welcome to the Pilgrim Singers from Liverpool who will be arriving on Wednesday and singing our services through to Sunday.***

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|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b><i>Monday 17th August</i></b>              | 09.00 Holy Communion<br>09.30 Morning Prayer<br>16.00 Evening Prayer                                                                                         |
| <b><i>Tuesday 18th August</i></b>             | 09.00 Holy Communion<br>09.30 Morning Prayer<br>16.00 Evening Prayer                                                                                         |
| <b><i>Wednesday 19th August</i></b>           | 09.00 Holy Communion<br>09.30 Morning Prayer<br>17.30 Choral Evensong                                                                                        |
| <b><i>Thursday 20th August</i></b>            | 09.00 Holy Communion<br>09.30 Morning Prayer<br>12.10 Christian Meditation<br>13.10 Lunchtime Organ Concert –<br><i>Darren Hogg</i><br>17.30 Choral Evensong |
| <b><i>Friday 21st August</i></b>              | 09.00 Holy Communion<br>09.30 Morning Prayer<br>11.00 BCP Holy Communion<br>17.30 Choral Evensong                                                            |
| <b><i>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August</i></b> | 09.00 Holy Communion<br>09.30 Morning Prayer<br>13.00 Wedding in the Nave<br>16.00 Evening Prayer                                                            |

***Please take this notice sheet away with you***

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