

**The Church and Courtyard is currently open Monday – Friday 10am – 3pm  
Daily Mass 12.15pm and on Monday a Mediation 1.05pm – 1.30pm  
Sunday Eucharist Service 11am**

### Notices

**Open House Weekend 19/20 September**, we plan to open on Saturday 10am – 4pm when we will offer refreshments in the courtyard weather permitting. The church will be open on Sunday 10am – 2pm.

**Fr Paul will be running the virtual London Marathon** for the Lord Mayor's Appeal: Sponsor him at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/paul-kennedy29>

**APCM** is due to take place after the Sunday Service on 20<sup>th</sup> September. Following Government guidelines just issued we are waiting on instructions from the Diocese on the best way forward.

**Readings next week, Trinity 15:** Phil 1:21-30, Mt 20: 1-16

### Donate

As with most charities the lockdown has stretched our finances considerably. If you are able please contribute to our work at <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/3020d4c5-77d2-4718-8e2c-d9047a66f720>

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**14th Sunday after Trinity  
13<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
Sung Eucharist**

**Celebrant:** Revd Paul Kennedy  
**Setting:** Missa in Simplicite - Langlais

### Collect

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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.

**Reading:** 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.

**Psalm:** Ps 103:8-13

**Response:** The Lord is full of compassion and mercy

The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
He will not always accuse,  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.  
He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities. **R**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west,  
so far he removes our transgressions from us.  
As a father has compassion for his children,  
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him. **R**

**Gospel:** Matthew 18.21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, '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.'

**We pray for those who are ill especially:** Patrick Stewart

**We pray for those whose anniversary falls during this time:**  
John Harris

**Anthem:** Divine Redeemer – Gonoud

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