**Morning Prayer on The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Sunday 28th September 2025 at 9.30 (call in from 9.15)

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**Preparation**

Grace, mercy and peace

from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

O Lord, open our lips

*All* **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

As we come before you today, Lord,
we prepare to contemplate the treasure contained in your Word,
and immerse ourselves in the riches of your love.
This abundance is all we require for this sacred time
when we lay our worldly thoughts aside to worship you.
We are blessed indeed.
**Amen.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;

let us pray with one heart and mind.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,

so may the light of your presence, O God,

set our hearts on fire with love for you;

now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

### A prayer of confession

Heavenly Father, we confess that we are rarely content,
craving things that we think will bring us status or make us happy,
but their pleasures are fleeting and we always want more.
Father, we repent of our dependence on material things
and our craving for the money to buy them.
We turn our thoughts instead
to the generosity of your loving heart.
We commit ourselves to treasuring the abundance
of love and joy with which you bless us, and to sharing it,
so that greater contentment may be known by all.
**Amen.**

Assurance of forgiveness

Time and time again, O Lord,
you forgive us for filling our lives
with things bought by money,
instead of finding our fulfilment in you.
You forgive us our discontent
and our failure to spend our wealth wisely
and for the good of others.
Thank you for your generous forgiveness,
when we have lacked generosity ourselves.
**Amen.**

**The Word of God**

First reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

Psalm Psalm 146

  Alleluia

 Praise the Lord, O my soul:

while I live will I praise the Lord;

as long as I have any being,

    I will sing praises to my God.

2    Put not your trust in princes,

    nor in any human power,

for there is no help in them.

3    When their breath goes forth, they return to the earth;

on that day all their thoughts perish.

4    Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help,

whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5    Who made heaven and earth,

    the sea and all that is in them;

who keeps his promise for ever;

6    Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong

and bread to those who hunger.

7    The Lord looses those that are bound;

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

8    The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

the Lord loves the righteous;

9    The Lord watches over the stranger in the land;

    he upholds the orphan and widow;

but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.

10  The Lord shall reign for ever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.

    Alleluia.

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

All **as it was in the beginning, is now
and shall be for ever.**

 **Amen.**

Second reading: Luke 16: 19-31

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. 20And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. 22The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 23In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. 24He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ 25But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. 26Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ 27He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— 28for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ 29Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ 30He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ 31He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

*We pause to reflect on the readings before turning to prayer.*

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**Intercessions**

Our hope is in God’s lasting treasure. We all fight the good fight of faith.

Lord God, in today's world,
contentment often comes second to ambition.
We pray for countries whose leaders pursue increasing power and wealth.
Not for their subjects but for themselves.
Where there is little understanding of the needs
of the people on the street.
Where a blind eye is turned to poverty and hardship.
We pray for countries that haven’t the resources they need
to even begin to live comfortably.

Our hope is in God’s lasting treasure.
**We all fight the good fight of faith.**

We pray for the church worldwide.
That in every situation all who follow you will be generous
to the best of their ability.
We pray for those who don’t realise
that generosity comes from the nature of God.
For those who ignore the teaching of Jesus
by equating godliness with wealth.

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**We all fight the good fight of faith.**

Sometimes people on the outside think
that the church is only after their money.
May we be generous in sharing our faith,
reach out to people,
and show what life with Jesus is really like.

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**We all fight the good fight of faith.**

In our country we pray for the work of food banks.
For the businesses who give food,
seeking not only to help the hungry,
but also to end waste.
We pray for people who rely on food banks.
And are so appreciative, but also
hate being so dependent on others.

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**We all fight the good fight of faith.**

We pray for people who would love
to be generous but feel they haven’t enough.
For people who have not known generosity in their own lives.

We pray for those who are lost in illness.
That healing will find them, in whatever shape that is.
We pray for those who tread the path of sorrow,
mourning those they have loved and lost. (prayer list)

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**We all fight the good fight of faith.**

Heavenly Father,
help us to be content with what we have,
and not to be tempted by the trappings of this life

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**We all fight the good fight of faith.**

**Amen**

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Lord God,

defend your Church from all false teaching

and give to your people knowledge of your truth,

that we may enjoy eternal life

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

The Lord’s Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

*All* **Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power**

**and the glory are yours**

**now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

Blessing

**God of power,**

**may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,**

**may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,**

**may the gifts of your Spirit equip us to serve and**

**worship you now and always.**

*All* **Amen.**

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**What’s on ….**

**Steph’s Update.**

“I am pleased to say that I have been given the all clear to begin a slow return to work. The very fact that this is even a possibility seems miraculous! So here I go …. And here we go. You have been on my heart and in my prayers and I am looking forward to being more fully present over the next few weeks and months. May the Holy Spirit rest on each of us and fill us with his love and joy”

**EVMC office.**

I have had several problems with the office email this week. Our provider updated the system and wiped all my email contact addresses! Please accept my apologies if you do not receive the regular emails, if this is the case please send an email to the office with your current email address so I can update the new list. Thank you for your patience. Dawn

**Exe Valley Community Lunch**

Our next lunch is on Thursday 9 October at Oakford Village Hall, 12.30pm. Please let the office know if you will be able to join us and if you need transport.

**Bible Study**

The next Bible study will be on Monday 29 September at The Cottage Washfield at 2.30pm with Tim Gorringe. We are looking at Paul’s letters to the Galatians.

**Prayer Chain**

The Exe Valley Mission Community are starting a telephone prayer chain. If you like to be included for prayer or know someone who would like to be included, please contact the church office on 07733949295. Only first initials will be used on the prayer chain to ensure total confidentiality.

**Contacting Church Office.**

Email: office@exevalleymissioncommunity.org

Tel: Dawn on 07733949295

**Giving**

**Giving to the Exe Valley Mission Community**

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