**Morning Prayer on Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Sunday 19th October 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.**

We gather before you today, O God,
eager to hear your Word and learn from it.
You have given us all the instruction
we need to live in ways that please you,
and we gather to worship you now.
**Amen.**

God who is eternal love,
whose Word speaks love to our hearts:
**we adore you and praise your holy name.**
Christ who is love incarnate,
whose gospel showed us a new way:
**we adore you and praise your holy name.**
Holy Spirit, who opens the Scriptures to us,
shedding light to aid our understanding:
**we adore you and praise your holy name.**
**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 are often slow
to consult the wisdom of your Word.
When life presents us with problems,
we wrangle with them in our own minds
and often turn to Google instead of God!
What need have we of a search engine
when your Word is the toolkit for our survival?
We repent of forgetting about our Bibles,
and recommit ourselves to study your Word
in all its fulness, so that we may persist in our faith
when the world throws problems in our path.
**Amen.**

**Assurance of forgiveness**

Lord, you forgive us when our faith flags and falters.
You are the enduring God who persists with us
when we fail to persist with you.
We thank and praise you for this faithful forgiveness,
which never flags, never falters, endures to the end.
**Amen.**

**The Word of God**

First reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

**14**But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, **15**and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. **16**All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, **17**so that the servant of God[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Timothy%203&version=NIV#fen-NIV-29871a)] may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**4**In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: **2**Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. **3**For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. **4**They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. **5**But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

Psalm Psalm 121

 **1**I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
     where does my help come from?
 **2**My help comes from the Lord,
     the Maker of heaven and earth.

 **3**He will not let your foot slip—
     he who watches over you will not slumber;
 **4**indeed, he who watches over Israel
     will neither slumber nor sleep.

 **5**The Lord watches over you—
     the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
 **6**the sun will not harm you by day,
     nor the moon by night.

 **7**The Lord will keep you from all harm—
     he will watch over your life;
 **8**the Lord will watch over your coming and going
     both now and forevermore.

 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 18: 1-8

**18**Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. **2**He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. **3**And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’

**4**“For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, **5**yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

**6**And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. **7**And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? **8**I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

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**

Where does our help come from? Our help comes from the Lord.

This autumn, as the leaves change colour, we remember all those people who are facing change. We remember those getting used to being away from home at college and university and adjusting to new lives in new places. We remember those who prefer the light and warmth of the summer and fear the cold and darkness of this season. We remember those who are searching, displaced, lost, or feeling that they have no hope and no purpose. We remember all those for whom this is a difficult time, and we seek your help for them.

Where does our help come from?
**Our help comes from the Lord.**

This autumn, as the guns and sirens of the Middle East are quieter, we remember those caught up in that conflict. We remember those in Gaza who have returned to their homes to find nothing but wreckage and destruction. We remember those who mourn the death of loved ones, and those who have been subject to imprisonment and cruel handling. We remember all the pain and anguish that thousands of people have and will continue to feel. We remember this tentative ceasefire, and we seek your peace for the future.

Where does our help come from?
**Our help comes from the Lord.**

This autumn, as we gather as the people of God, we remember all those that help us to learn and to worship. We remember those who give their time to serve you in children’s and youth work, sharing the gospel with the young. We remember our church leaders, ministers, and key volunteers who seek to make the joy of faith alive and real for our congregations. We remember all of the people who quietly serve as Martha served your son Jesus, doing practical things and helping others feel welcomed and valued. We remember that you have given us your Word to learn, to live by, and to cherish. We remember all those who serve us and seek your strength for them in all they do.

Where does our help come from?
**Our help comes from the Lord.**

This autumn, as parliament has just returned after their long break, we remember all those in power and opposition. We remember those who aim to make the lives of others better, and who are motivated by their love for you. We remember those who make big and important decisions, and whose words can affect the lives of all people in our country. We remember those who seek fame and influence for the wrong reasons and ask that they may be filled with wisdom and caution. We remember all in local and national politics and seek your guidance for them.

Where does our help come from?
**Our help comes from the Lord.**

This autumn, as another season passes, we remember all those facing sadness, sickness, and fear. We remember those who have recently lost family or friends who were close to them and feel that mourning and emptiness inside.(prayer list) We remember those who are struggling with their health, who are patiently waiting for treatment, or who are facing an uncertain future. We remember those who have heard life-changing news and are coming to terms with what it means. We remember all in need and ask for your hope and healing to fill them as we pray.

Where does our help come from?
**Our help comes from the Lord.**

Collect for the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through 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.**

Almighty heavenly Father,
you are always faithful to us.
Help us to stay connected to you
through our prayer and reading of your Scriptures.
Help us, O Lord, to set aside times in our busy lives
to devote ourselves fully to you. **Amen.**

**Blessing:**

The love of the Lord Jesus

draw us to himself;

the power of the Lord Jesus

strengthen us in his service;

the joy of the Lord Jesus

fill our hearts;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among us and remain with us

and those whom we love and pray for

today and always. **Amen**

 Go with the love and power of God,
 to be the best that you can be
 and to be God’s faithful servant in the weeks ahead.
 **Amen.**

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**What’s on ….**

**Adi Pannifer**

“ My mum, Adrienne Pannifer (Adi) died peacefully in the RD&E on 6th March, 13 days before her 90th birthday. She loved her time in Washfield, playing the organ at evensong and supporting events in the village.” Robert Pannifer

**Exe Valley Community Lunch**

Our next lunch is on Thursday 13 November at Calverleigh Court, 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 3 November at The Cottage Washfield at 2.30pm with Tim Gorringe. We are looking at Genesis 1-11.

**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

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