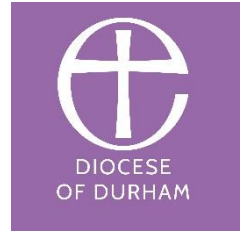




## THE PARISH OF JARROW AND SIMONSDALE

*We aim to share our faith, hope and love in God with all,  
through our worship, witness and service.*



***Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity – 13<sup>th</sup> September 2026***

***You are warmly invited to worship with us this Sunday.***

This morning, because of the Great North Run, we gather all together at St Peter's Church for worship.

### **Advance Notice- Services for the remainder of September**

- On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September there will be two services, one at **9:15am at St Simon's** and one at **11am at St Peter's** both services will be **Services of the Word**.
- On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September there will be two services, one at **9am at St John's** and one at **11am at St Paul's**. This is our Harvest Festival service. Please join us if you can.

### ***This week we prayer for:-***

- All those taking part in the Great North Run.
- The staff and students at Lord Blyton Primary School and their headteacher, Jo Atherton.
- More people in our parish to come to know Jesus Christ.
- All those who are caught up in conflict around the world.
- Those suffering today in body, mind or spirit.
- Those who are mourning a loved one at this time.

### **Parish Service 10am**

#### **St Peter's**

#### **Hymn Numbers**

**15**

*All creatures of our God & King*  
(Omit verses 4, 5 & 6)

Psalm 103 Verses 1 – 13

**182**

*Forgive our sins as we forgive*  
(Tune 551)

**602**

*Praise my soul, the King of*  
*heaven*

**478**

*Make me a channel of your*  
*peace*

**663**

*Soul of my Saviour*

**351**

*Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us*

### **PARISH CONTACT DETAILS**

#### **Parish Wardens**

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**Safeguarding Officer** – Irene McConnachie

#### **Ministers.**

#### **Rector- Vacant**

*Please pray for all those taking up extra responsibilities at this time.*

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*Revd Andrew's day off is Friday.*

### **Collect**

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.

### **Post Communion**

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your  
perpetual mercy;  
and, because without you our human  
frailty cannot but fall,  
keep us ever by your help from all things  
hurtful,  
and lead us to all things profitable to our  
salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### **Old Testament Reading – Genesis 50.15-21 Joseph Forgives His Brothers**

<sup>15</sup> 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?' <sup>16</sup> So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup> "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. <sup>18</sup> Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' <sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> 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 103.1-13**

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, ♦  
and all that is within me bless his holy  
name.  
2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, ♦  
and forget not all his benefits; *(R)*  
3 Who forgives all your sins ♦  
and heals all your infirmities;  
4 Who redeems your life from the Pit ♦  
and crowns you with faithful love and  
compassion;  
5 Who satisfies you with good things, ♦  
so that your youth is renewed like an  
eagle's. [R]  
6 The Lord executes righteousness ♦  
and judgement for all who are oppressed.  
7 He made his ways known to Moses ♦  
and his works to the children of Israel.

8 The Lord is full of compassion and  
mercy, ♦  
slow to anger and of great kindness.  
9 He will not always accuse us, ♦  
neither will he keep his anger for ever.  
10 He has not dealt with us according to  
our sins, ♦  
nor rewarded us according to our  
wickedness. [R]  
11 For as the heavens are high above  
the earth, ♦  
so great is his mercy upon those who  
fear him.  
12 As far as the east is from the  
west, ♦  
so far has he set our sins from us.

***Refrain: The Lord is full of compassion  
and mercy.***

### **New Testament Reading- Romans 14.1-12 Do Not Judge Another**

14 Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. <sup>2</sup> Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup> Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord<sup>[b]</sup> is able to make them stand. <sup>5</sup> Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup> Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. <sup>7</sup> We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup> If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup> For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. <sup>10</sup> Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. <sup>11</sup> For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' <sup>12</sup> So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

### **Gospel Reading- Matthew 18.21-35 Forgiveness**

<sup>1</sup> Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

#### **The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant**

<sup>23</sup> 'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup> When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents<sup>[c]</sup> was brought to him; <sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup> So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." <sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup> 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." <sup>29</sup> Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." <sup>30</sup> But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> 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. <sup>32</sup> Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup> Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" <sup>34</sup> And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup> So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

#### **The Parish Prayer List**

Chris Haynes, Grant MacBeth, James Moore, Margaret Guy, Harriet Frazer, Nora Lough, Susan Pink, Jacqui Cullen, Muriel Robinson, Margaret Graves, George Dunn and Ryan.

***(If you would like to add or remove a name from our list, please contact Leanne in the office.)***



## Notices and News

**Office Closure:** Leanne will be on holiday from next week! So, the office will be closed from Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September. It will re-open at the usual time on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

**Evening Praise:** Join us on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** at 7pm at St Peter's for an informal evening of praise, worship and teaching on the letter to the Philippians.

**Soup Lunch:** On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September we'll be providing a **Community Soup Lunch** at St Peter's from 12pm-2pm. This is completely free of charge and is open to anyone who would like to come. Please pop in if you're able- and invite some people to come along with you!

**Harvest Festival:** This year our service of Harvest Thanksgiving will take place on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September. During this service, donations of non-perishable food items will be collected to be donated to the **Bede's Helping Hands Foodbank** on the Scotch Estate.

**Children's Society Boxes:** It's that time of year again! Could you please return your Children Society boxes for emptying? You can hand them into any church or if you are unable to carry them, please contact Susan who will arrange collection. If you'd like a box please get in touch with her on 07931445097.

**Confirmations 2026:** 6 members of our congregation will be confirmed by Bishop Rick on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October at St Peter's at 6pm. Do come along and support them if you can and please be praying for Sandra, Suzie, Margaret, Oliver, Terry and Rob as they prepare.

### **Circle of Prayer At 2.00 pm on Monday**

*Refugees and Asylum Seekers*

*Lord Jesus*

*Watch over all families,  
who have been forced to leave,  
their homes and communities,  
through war, oppression or poverty.  
Protect them on their journeys and  
bring them safely to the place where you would have  
them be.*

*May they feel welcomed and respected in the  
communities they join.*

*Amen.*



For more information, please see our parish website:  
[www.pariahofjarrowandsimonside.info](http://www.pariahofjarrowandsimonside.info)

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