

Christ
Church
Bray

Sunday 17th September 2023
The 15th Sunday after Trinity
Service of Holy Communion

	<i>BCP</i>	<i>Large Print</i>
The Greeting		
Opening Hymn: 647 <i>'Guide me, O thou great Jehovah'</i>		
Holy Communion	201	125
Gloria Glory to God, Glory to God in excelsis Deo! Glory to God, Peace on Earth in excelsis Deo!		
Collect God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: Grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel; that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen		
First Reading: Romans 14: 1-12		
Psalm 114	727	446
Gospel Reading: Matthew 18: 21-35		
Sermon		
The Nicene Creed	205	129
Prayers of the People <i>Lord, in your mercy</i> Hear our prayer	238	151
The Peace	207	132
Offertory Hymn: 606 <i>'As the deer pants for the water'</i>		

Celebrating at the Lord's Table	208	132
Eucharistic Prayer No. 3	216	140
During Communion - 422 - In the quiet consecration (choir)		
Prayer after Communion	220	145
Blessing		
Announcements		
Recessional Hymn: 252 'Alleluia'		
Dismissal: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord In the name of Christ. Amen		

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Readings

Romans 14: 1-12

¹⁴Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those 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. ⁴Who 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 is able to make them stand.

5 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. ⁶Those 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.

7 We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If 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. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

10 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. ¹¹For it is written,

‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.’

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Matthew 18: 21-35

²¹ 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?’ ²²Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

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

Sunday 24th September

11am Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday 1st October

11am Morning Prayer

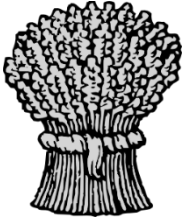
3.30pm Confirmation Service (Christ Church Cathedral)

The congregation should be aware that all services are live streamed.

<https://www.churchservices.ie/christchurchbray>

Announcements

We welcome Rev. Niall back as he celebrates the Eucharist with us this morning.



Harvest Thanksgiving and Church Decoration

Our Harvest thanksgiving service is on Sunday 24th September at 11am. Please bring dry goods which will be donated to local charities
The Church will be decorated for Harvest on Friday 22nd September at 7.30pm.
All helpers welcome.

Save the Dates!

Bray Churches Together's **22nd Art Exhibition** will be held in Bray Methodist Church from Friday 22nd September-Tuesday 26th September.

If you are an artist (or know an artist), entries are welcome. Forms at the back of the church.

The Church of Ireland's Mental Health **MindMatters** conference is taking place on **Friday 20th October** in Dublin. The guest speakers include the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Hymns

If you haven't told us your **favourite hymns** yet, please fill a form while you have coffee and pop it in the basket.

Prayer Requests

Requests for individual prayers for A Prayer Tree are being sought.

Such prayers may be a favourite prayer from perhaps childhood. They could be prayers handed down from grandparents and/or parents or other relation or friend. Perhaps it may be a prayer that you have yourself written in either joyful or difficult times. The list of possibilities is probably endless!

Please type or handwrite each prayer on, if possible, coloured paper /card. Such prayers can be handed to the Churchwardens or dropped into the parish office. You may or may not wish to add your own name to same- Either is entirely appropriate.

Looking forward to reading, such prayers which will hopefully and helpfully be of use to others **Rev. Niall**

Contacts

The Parish Office is open Monday – Thursday 9.30am-1.30pm.

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