

The Parish Church of St Matthew
Northampton

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

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Ten Lepers are healed – only one returns to give thanks

A painting by Bill Hoover

The Parish Mass

with Admissions to the Society of the Holy House
of Our Lady of Walsingham

Sunday 12 October 2025

10.15 am

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Collection – ‘Building a Generous Church’



Our response to God’s generosity

We believe in a generous God, who longs for us to share his generosity with others. A generous life is therefore a hallmark of our faith and a testament to it, as the more generous we are, the more we reflect the generous God we believe in. Generosity is, therefore, at the heart of our faith, and our own generosity is a sure sign of our faith in action. Generosity is a spiritual gift, and we need to encourage people to seek this gift as they grow in their faith. The ministry and mission of St Matthew’s is largely funded through the incredible generosity of those who give to it.

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Giving online - click the donate button on the parish website or Facebook page and follow the instructions.

Your generosity is gratefully received. Thank you.



Good morning and welcome to our Parish Mass on this Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity. Today's readings remind us that God's healing and mercy often come to us in surprising and simple ways — and that faith grows deeper when it is joined with gratitude.

In the first reading, Naaman is healed of leprosy only after he humbles himself and follows the prophet Elisha's instructions. It's a reminder that God sometimes works through ordinary moments and small acts of trust. In the Gospel, ten lepers are healed by Jesus, but only one comes back to say thank you. His gratitude becomes the doorway to a deeper relationship with Christ.

As we come together this morning, we're invited to notice where God is at work in our own lives — in the ordinary, in the unexpected — and to turn our hearts in thanksgiving for all we have received. Let us open ourselves to God's word and to the quiet ways he continues to bring healing, hope, and grace among us.

It is our custom to spend some time in quiet preparation before the liturgy begins, and save further conversation until we meet socially for refreshments afterwards. The following reflection, based on today's themes, may be found helpful:

Reflection

Gratitude

Once there was a young man
who had never thought of donating blood.
But then his father became very ill and was hospitalised.
One day the son was sitting by his father's bedside
as he was getting a blood transfusion.
As he watched the blood flowing into his father's veins,
he suddenly realised that someone had donated
the blood that was now keeping his father alive.
Straightaway he made up his mind to become a donor,
and he was as good as his word.
Many are willing to avail of the generosity of others,
but few are willing to give something back.
This is why gratitude is so important.
It makes us want to give something back.

Setting

The Salisbury Service

Grayston Ives b.1948

¶ Membership of The Society of the Holy House of Our Lady of Walsingham

This morning, we celebrate the admission of two further members to our Parish Cell of Our Lady of Walsingham - Sandra Rivett and Helen Setterfield. Others are to follow, including those from Ss Peter and Paul, Abington, who wish to join us on pilgrimage to the Shrine.

What does membership involve?

This organization exists to encourage and support devotion to Our Lady of Walsingham and Pilgrimage to the Shrine. Members receive information and news from the Shrine three times during the year, including the Walsingham Review in December and August.

Members of the Society of the Holy House undertake:

- ❖ To honour Mary, the Mother of God and to deepen faith in the incarnation of Our Lord.
- ❖ To promote devotion to Our Lady and pilgrimage to Walsingham.
- ❖ To further, with Our Lady's prayers, the conversion of the nations and the reunion of Christendom.
- ❖ To seek holiness of life through prayer, the scriptures and the sacraments.
- ❖ To say the Angelus each day.

A lamp burns for members of the Society, and we also have a Parish Cell candle in the Holy House; they are prayed for each day at Shrine Prayers at Walsingham and by members of the Living Rosary.

Departed members are remembered at Shrine Prayers, at a Requiem Mass and their names are recorded in the Walsingham Review.

Order of Service

¶ The Gathering

§ *Stand at the sound of the bell*

Hymn

The procession enters and the altar is honoured with incense

All **THROUGH** all the changing scenes of life,
 In trouble and in joy,
The praises of my God shall still
 My heart and tongue employ.

O magnify the Lord with me,
 With me exalt his Name;
When in distress to him I called,
 He to my rescue came.

The hosts of God encamp around
 The dwellings of the just;
Deliverance he affords to all
 Who on his succour trust.

O make but trial of his love,
 Experience will decide
How blest are they, and only they,
 Who in his truth confide.

Fear him, ye saints, and you will then
 Have nothing else to fear;
Make you his service your delight,
 Your wants shall be his care.

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom we adore,
Be glory, as it was, is now,
And shall be evermore. Amen.**

Words Nahum Tate 1652-1715
and Nicholas Brady 1659-1726
A New Version of the Psalms of David, 1696
Collection of Sacred Music, 1863
based on Psalm 34

Music Wiltshire
George Thomas Smart 1776-1867

All † In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Greeting

All The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all
and also with you.

The service is introduced

Invitation of Confession

As we give thanks to God for all the blessings he has conferred on us,
especially through Jesus, his Son,
let us call to mind and confess that we have not always
shown gratitude to God for his goodness to us,
nor have we always shown gratitude to others for their goodness to us.

Confession

All **Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly;
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

Kyries

Lord Jesus, you are slow to anger and rich in mercy.
Kyrie eleison.

All **Kyrie eleison.**

You do not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.
Christe eleison.

All **Christe eleison.**

Your love is everlasting upon those who revere you.
Kyrie eleison.

All **Kyrie eleison.**

Absolution

May the God of love and power
forgive † you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

All **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
 where we shall see you face to face;
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.
All **Amen.**

§ Sit

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Reader A reading from the Second Book of the Kings.

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favour with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.'

Then the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, 'Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.'

2 Kings 5, 1-3, 7-15c

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Response

Rosalie Bonighton



Choir

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the faithful and in the congregation.
The works of the Lord are great,
sought out by all who delight in them. **Response**

His work is full of majesty and honour
and his righteousness endures for ever.
He appointed a memorial for his marvellous deeds;
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion. **Response**

He gave food to those who feared him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
He showed his people the power of his works
in giving them the heritage of the nations. **Response**

The works of his hands are truth and justice;
all his commandments are sure.
They stand fast for ever and ever;
they are done in truth and equity. **Response**

He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever;
holy and awesome is his name.
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
a good understanding have those who live by it;
his praise endures for ever. **Response**

Psalm 111

§ Stand

Holy Gospel

Acclamation

1. *Choir only*
2. *Choir and Congregation*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus.

All **Alleluia.**

§ We turn to face the Book of the Gospels

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

Luke 17.11-19

All This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily



Admission to the Society of the Holy House of Our Lady of Walsingham

Each member to be admitted is given the society badge, blessed as part of the admission, and a lighted candle. These are placed ready on the altar.

Form of Admission

My brothers and sisters, the Society of Our Lady of Walsingham exists to give honour to Our Lady under her ancient title of Our Lady of Walsingham, and to bring more people to know and love the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, England's Nazareth, and to encourage Christians to seek our Lady's help by pilgrimage to that holy place.

May membership of this Society bring you closer to Our Lord and his most holy mother, and ever remind you of the love of God in sending his only Son to be born of a pure Virgin, to raise our lowly nature to the heights of Godhead.

Let us pray

Lord Jesus Christ, to redeem fallen humanity you came to earth, one like us in all things but sin: bless we pray, these badges fashioned to honour the Shrine of the Holy House of the blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Walsingham; may those who bear this sign be likewise pure temples for you to dwell in, and be found worthy to live with you for ever in glory.

All

Amen.

The priest sprinkles the badges with holy water, and presents them to each of the new members, saying

Receive, dear fellow pilgrim, the badge of the Holy House of England's Nazareth; through the intercession of blessed Mary, Our Lady of Walsingham, having put off your former sins and being cleansed from every stain, may you bear it without fault to life everlasting.

He gives a lighted candle to each, saying

We receive you into all the spiritual privileges of the Society of Our Lady of Walsingham † in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Prayer of Our Lady of Walsingham

All **O Mary, recall the solemn moment when Jesus,
your divine son, dying on the cross,
confided us to your maternal care.
You are our Mother,
we desire ever to remain your devout children.
Let us therefore feel the effects of your powerful intercession
with Jesus Christ.
Make your name again glorious in this place
once renowned throughout our land by your visits,
favours and many miracles.
Pray, O holy Mother of God for the conversion of England,
restoration of the sick,
consolation for the afflicted,
repentance of sinners,
peace to the departed.
O blessed Mary, Mother of God,
our Lady of Walsingham,
intercede for us.
Amen.**

The Nicene Creed

§ *Stand*

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

*All may
bow* ***For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.***

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of the Faithful

Priest With gratitude in our hearts to God for all his past benefits,
we bring our present needs before him now.

§ *Kneel*

After each petition

Intercessor Lord, we give you thanks:
All **hear us and have mercy upon us.**

Priest God of love and mercy,
you are the source of all we have and are.
Grant that we may be grateful for the benefits you have given us,
and show our gratitude by using them well to your glory
and in the service of others.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

§ *Stand*

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Sign of Peace

Jesus said: 'Love one another. As I have loved you,
so you are to love one another.'

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

The Offertory

*The bread and wine are brought forward and given to the presiding priest
The altar is prepared*

Pilgrimage Hymn

Adesto Christi vocibus

All

**PROTECT us, while telling thy praises we sing,
In faithful hearts dwelling, Christ Jesus our King.
Ave, ave, ave Maria;
Ave, ave, ave Maria.**

**And thou, ever glorious 'midst children of Eve,
God's Mother victorious, our praises receive.**

**By God's visitation thy chaste womb didst bear
The King of creation, King David's true heir.**

**Whose glory in heaven and earth is confessed,
To thee it was given to nurse at thy breast.**

**Whilst thou didst embrace him, the magi adored
With gifts brought to praise him, their King and their Lord.**

**Thy prayer for him earneth a mystical sign,
When water he turneth to life-giving wine.**

**Thy heart, ever truest, is pierced by the sword,
As dying thou viewest thy King and thy Lord.**

**Day breaks; he is risen, thy Lord and thy Son,
Set free from death's prison; his glory is won.**

**When Pentecost crowned thee what praises were thine,
While star-like around thee apostles did shine!**

**So, while we revere her, chaste Mother and maid,
Emmanuel, hear her, and lend us thine aid.
Ave, ave, ave Maria;
Ave, ave, ave Maria.**

Words based on a hymn by The Venerable Bede 673-735
tr Ronald Arbuthnott Knox 1888-1957

Music Lourdes
French traditional melody
Harmony by Gregory Murray, OSB 1905-1992

Invitation to Prayer

Pray, my brothers and sisters,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

All **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Prayer over the Gifts

O Lord, accept the prayers and sacrificial offerings
of your faithful people
that, through these acts of devotion,
we may pass over to the glory of heaven.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,
for Christ has risen from the tomb
and scattered the darkness of death with light that will not fade.
This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,
unfolds for us your word,
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.

And though the night will overtake this day
you summon us to live in endless light,
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.

And so, with choirs of angels and with all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory and join their unending song of praise

All

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body † and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Christ is the bread of life:

All

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we pro-claim your death, Lord Je - sus, un - til you come in glo - ry.

The musical score is written on two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 2/4 time signature. It contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, starting with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The second staff continues the melody, marked with a crescendo (*cresc.*) and then a forte (*f*) dynamic. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with Mary, Our Lady of Walsingham, Matthew,
and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All

A- men.

The musical score for 'Amen' is written on a single staff with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a 2/4 time signature. It consists of a short, simple melody ending with a double bar line.

The Blessed Sacrament is elevated and bells are rung

§ Kneel

The Lord's Prayer

With God there is mercy and fullness of redemption;
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Giving of Communion

Lions may lack and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord
lack nothing that is good.

- § *Baptised persons who are communicant members of other Churches are warmly invited to receive Holy Communion.*
- § *Alternatively, if you wish to receive a blessing, please bring this booklet with you as a sign.*

Spiritual Communion – for those worshipping at home

Act of Reception

All In union, blessed Jesus,
with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church
where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day,

(and remembering particularly my own parish ...)

I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving,
for creation and all the blessings of this life,
for the redemption won for us by your life, death,
and resurrection,
for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

(and particularly for the blessings given me ...)

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament,
and, since I cannot at this time receive communion,
I pray you to come into my heart.
I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart,
my soul, and my mind.
Let nothing separate me from you;
let me serve you in this life until, by your grace,
I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

The choir sings Agnus Dei

Healing Ministries

- § *The laying on of hands and the sacrament of anointing are being administered in the Lady Chapel. Please make your way there having been to the communion rail.*

Motet

Choir	<i>Panis angelicus</i>	May the Bread of Angels
	<i>Fit panis hominum</i>	Become bread for mankind;
	<i>Dat panis coelicus</i>	The Bread of Heaven puts
	<i>Figuris terminum</i>	All foreshadowings to an end;
	<i>O res mirabilis</i>	Oh, thing miraculous!
	<i>Manducat dominum</i>	The body of the Lord will nourish
	<i>Pauper, pauper</i>	the poor, the poor,
	<i>Servus et humili</i>	the servile, and the humble.

Music César Franck 1822-1890

Hymn

All **AS the deer pants for the water,
So my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you.**

Refrain ***You alone are my strength, my shield,
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you.***

**I want you more than gold and silver,
Only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy-giver
And the apple of my eye.**

**You're my Friend and you're my Brother,
Even though you are a king.
I love you more than any other,
So much more than anything.**

Words and music Martin J Nystrom b. 1956

§ *All sit for a period of silent reflection and thanksgiving*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

§ Stan

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

Hymn

All

NOW thank we all our God,
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In him the world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore. Amen.

Words German, Martin Rinkart 1586-1649
Melody from Johann Gröger's 1598-1662
tr Catherine Winkworth 1827-1878

Music Nun danket alle Gott
Praxis Pietatis Melica, 1647
Harmony mainly from Mendelssohn-Bartholdy's Lobgesang, 1840

Notices for the Community

§ Sit

¶ Sending Out

§ Stand

All The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

Solemn Blessing

All May God the Father
bring us to the home which his Son prepares for all who love him.
Amen.

All May God the Son
give us the will to live for him each day in life eternal.
Amen.

All May God the Holy Spirit
give us the assurance that our citizenship is in heaven
with the blessed and the beloved,
and the whole company of the redeemed.
Amen.

All And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, † the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Dismissal

All Go in the peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ.

Organ Voluntary

Dancing Toccata [Changing Moods No.6]

Christopher Steel 1938-1991

- § *Remain standing until the procession has departed*
- § *Those leaving immediately are asked to be aware of those who wish to listen to the organ voluntary*
- § *If you are a newcomer to the parish, please introduce yourself to the clergy or speak to a member of our Welcome Team.*
- § *Refreshments are being served in church. Do please join us.*

This evening at 5.30 pm

Congregational Evensong

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