

THE PARISH OF CAMPBELLFORD,
HASTINGS AND ROSENEATH

CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

OCTOBER 4TH 2026 ~ 9:00AM
19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

If you are visiting us –welcome!

We Gather As God's People

Leader I chose you and appointed you, says the Lord, that you should go and bear fruit, fruit that will last. *John 15.16*

OPENING HYMN #60

I COME WITH JOY

(Please Stand)

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

***People* And also with you.**

Leader Let us pray. We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord

***All* Amen.**

EXHORTATION

Leader Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with our neighbour.

GENERAL CONFESSION *(Kneeling or sitting as you are able)*

Leader Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

***All* Amen.**

Leader The Lord is our light and our life.

***People* O come, let us worship.**

THE CANTICLE OF CREATION

(St. Francis of Assisi, written in 1225)

Leader Most High, all-powerful, good Lord God,

All Yours are the praises, the glory, the honour, and all blessings. To You alone, Most High, do they belong, and no man is worthy to mention Your name. Be praised, my Lord, for all your creation, and especially for our Brother Sun who brings us the day and the light; he is strong and shines magnificently. O Lord, we think of you when we look at him. Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Moon, and for the stars which you have set shining and lovely in the heavens. Be praised, my Lord, for our Brothers Wind and Air and every kind of weather by which you, Lord, uphold life in all your creatures. Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Water, who is very useful to us, and humble and precious and pure. Be praised, my Lord, for Brother Fire, through whom you give us light in the darkness: he is bright and lively and strong. Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Earth, our Mother, who nourishes us and sustains us, bringing forth fruits and vegetables of many kinds and flowers of many colours. Be praised, my Lord, for those who forgive for love of you; and for those who bear sickness and weakness in peace and patience - you will grant them a crown. Be praised, my Lord, for our Sister Death, whom we must all face. I praise and bless you, Lord, Blessed are those who endure in peace for by You, Most High, they shall be crowned. Praise and bless my Lord, and give Him thanks, and serve Him with great humility. Amen.

We Listen to God's Word

Reader A reading from the book of **Isaiah**

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry! ISAIAH 5.1-7

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All Thanks be to God.

Reader A reading from **Psalm 80**

Restore us, O God of hosts; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.

You prepared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea and its branches to the River.

Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

They burn it with fire like rubbish; at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, our good shepherd; you have led us to the kingdom of your Father's love. Forgive our careless indifference to your loving care for all your creatures and remake us in the likeness of your new and risen life. We ask this in your name. PSALM 8.7-15

YOU ARE GOD

All You are God: we praise you; you are the Lord: we acclaim you; you are the eternal Father: all creation worships you. To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you: Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all worship, and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of Glory, the eternal Son of the Father. When you became man to set us free you did not shun the Virgin's womb. You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. You are seated at God's right hand in glory. We believe that you will come and be our judge. Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting. Amen.

Reader A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 3.4b-14

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All **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN #524

O CHRIST, THE GREAT FOUNDATION

Please remain standing

THE GOSPEL

Reader A reading from the Gospel of **Matthew**

‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’

Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes”?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet. MATTHEW 21.33-46

Reader The Gospel of Christ
People **Thanks be to God**

SERMON Nancy DeKuyper

Stewards, Not Owners: Tending the Vineyard with St. Francis

A moment of quiet reflection

ANTHEM GOLDEN SHEAVES

We Respond to God's Word

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Ionian Creed *(Please stand)*

Reader Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female. We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief, he died alone and forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present throughout all ages, and His kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit burning with Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of all resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(You may stand, sit or kneel for prayer as you are comfortable.)

Intercessor Let us join in prayer with God's faithful people throughout the world, saying "God of Love: hear our prayer."

We pray for our bishops Andrew, Kevin, and Riscylla; for our Primate Shane; and our Provincial bishop Anne. For our Church, and today we pray for the Deanery of Peterborough: St. Thomas, Millbrook and The Rev. Robert Ross. We pray for our new priest-in-charge, Archdeacon John.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the unity of your church, that our life may reflect the love you have shown us. God of love.

Hear our prayer.

We ask your grace for all who minister in word and in action, that we may bear faithful witness to your good news. God of love.

Hear our prayer.

We seek your peace and justice in our world, our country, and our community, that the needy may never be forgotten. God of love.

Hear our prayer.

We offer our thanks and praise for all you have done for us, rejoicing in the knowledge that you are with us always.
God of love.

Hear our prayer.

We look for your purposes to be accomplished and ask you to fill us with the strength and vision to further your reign. God of love.

Hear our prayer.

We ask your blessing on our homes, our friends and family, and on those who live alone, that we may know your presence ever near us. God of love.

Hear our prayer.

We name before you all whom you have given us to pray for especially Allison, Baby Oliver, Barb, Carol, Caroline, Cherlyn, Connie, Francoise, Glen, Isobel, Jan, Jennifer, Jess, Kelly, Lillian, Lew, Marie, Marie-Eve, Marylin, Marilyn L., Mike K., Mike T., Natalie, Patricia, and those known only to you, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can ask or imagine. God of love.

Hear our prayer.

We commend to you all who have died, that our trust in you may deepen as you keep them safe in your care. God of love.

Hear our prayer.

For the family and friends of Bev Vye who passed to be with the Lord on September 27th, comfort us as we mourn. God of love.

Hear our prayer.

Today in our Anglican Cycle of prayer, we pray for the St. Saviour, Orono, its refugee sponsorship and its support of the Durham Migrant Worker Ministry and the Rev. Augusto Nunez. In our deanery cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Thomas, Millbrook, its congregation and the Rev. Robert Ross. We pray for our local outreach committee as it begins the Christmas Shoe Box Program and the many hands that support this ministry. God of love.

Hear our prayer.

God of Abraham and Sarah, the great I AM, we give you thanks for the signs of your radiant presence in the faith of our forebears. Bless us with awe to receive their testimony. Transfigure us by the gift of faith for our life's journey, until we behold face to face your glorious beauty, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN #410

CREATING GOD, YOUR FINGERS TRACE

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Leader God of truth

All receive all we offer you this day. Make us worthy servants, strong to follow in the pattern of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Leader Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all you have done for us.

All We thank you for the splendour of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us. We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone. Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Leader Almighty God,

All you have built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone. Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A COLLECT FOR GRACE & FRUITFULNESS

Leader Holy God, you have planted us as branches of your vine and entrusted us with the care of your world. Forgive us for the times we act as owners rather than stewards of your grace. Soften our hearts to welcome your Son, the Cornerstone, and empower us by your Spirit to produce fruits of justice, mercy, and love worthy of your kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

✠THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

GRACE

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

We Are Empowered For Mission

Leader Glory to God,
All **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Leader May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

BLESSING

BENEDICTION HYMN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN #419

LET ALL CREATION BLESS THE LORD

~ Dismissal ~

Leader The vineyard is vast, and the Lord of the harvest calls us out.
All **We go as stewards of God's vineyard.**

Leader To tend the soil, to care for the broken, and to cultivate peace.
All **We go to bear fruit that will last.**

Leader May the blessing of the Creator, who plants us, the Son, who tends us, and the Holy Spirit, who prompts our growth, be with you now and always. **Amen.** (*Iona Community*)

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Wednesday October 7th, 21st

1 - 4pm \$10.00 per person

PRIZES / DESSERT / BEVERAGE

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Friday, October 9th - 10am – 2pm

Contact Phyllis Donnelly 705-295-2451

Funeral Announcement

The Celebration of Life for Beverley Vye will be held at Christ Church Tuesday October 6th at 11:00am.

ACW MEETING

The next ACW Meeting will be on Tuesday Oct 6 at 2 pm in Jenkins Hall. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship following the meeting. All are welcome!

Christmas Shoeboxes

The Samaritan's Purse Christmas shoeboxes are available for pickup in Jenkins Hall beginning October 4. The final date for collection will be Sunday, November 15. Many thanks for this sharing of faith. From your Outreach Committee