

NOTICES : 26 July & 2 August 2026

Services Sunday 26 July Uppingham BCP Communion, 8am; *Come, Rejoice!* 10.45am; Choral Evensong, 6pm, led by Jill Cannings. **Belton** Parish Eucharist, 9am.

Sunday 2 August Uppingham BCP Communion, 8am; Parish Eucharist 10.45am. **Belton** BCP Eucharist, 9am **hymns** 436 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; 95 When I survey the wondrous cross; 372 He who would valiant be.

Prayer Groups in church Tuesday, 8.30am; Friday, 9.30am. **Eucharist** 9.30am on Saturdays 1 & 15 August; prayers with Richard Cole on alternate Saturdays.

Our Rector, Canon Allison, writes: Thank you to everyone who played a part in my induction service last Monday—from those who have planned and prepared, to those who have led our worship, provided music, offered hospitality, and worked so hard behind the scenes. I am deeply grateful.

As I begin my ministry as your Rector, I want you to know how much I am looking forward to ministering with you and for you in this place. Ministry is never something we do alone; it is something we share together. I am excited about all that God has in store for us, and I am especially looking forward to getting to know you all better as we journey together in faith.

Please do pray for me as I pray for you too,
Allison

Christobel's 'At Home' Many thanks to Christobel for her event last Wednesday – with delicious coffee and cake. It was a lovely social occasion and £200 was raised for church funds. A superb amount. Christobel thanks all who supported this occasion!

Notices If you have any material for the bulletin, contact the acting editor, John Wardle (07885 260316) john.wardle@btinternet.com by **Thursday 6 August mid-day**. **Your next bulletin will cover the week of 9 August**. Further bulletins will be posted on (or soon after) Thursdays 13 (copy deadline on the Wednesday, please) & 27 August.

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Uppingham PC choir in the Old Royal Naval College Chapel, Greenwich
Sunday 19 July 2026

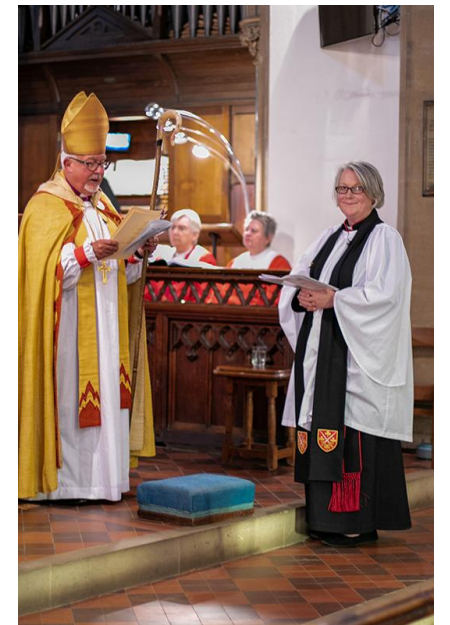
Sarah Price writes: I felt very honoured to be there. Your singing was wonderful. A true outpouring of praise which filled that beautiful chapel. Thank you!

Canon Allison's Institution and Induction last Monday evening



A selection of photos, kindly supplied by Nick Clarke, of a truly uplifting service

Richard Cole writes: Thank you to everyone who worked so hard in making Allison's service on Monday such a success and memorable event to begin her time as Rector of Uppingham. A huge amount of work from so many people went into the whole evening to make everyone who joined us feel welcome in Uppingham. Whether you created or produced the order of service, baked, cleaned, welcomed, guided, served drinks and food, sang or made music, rang bells, cleaned, moved chairs and tables, created floral displays, operated the technology, spoke with someone you have never met before or anything else that I may have missed that made the evening a special occasion for the Church and Town, I am most grateful.



Molly West's funeral: Thursday 6 August, 11am, at Foxton Church, Leicestershire. The funeral of Sheila Love: Friday 14 August, 11am, at Great Glen crematorium, then a service of thanksgiving, in Uppingham Methodist Church, 2pm.

The Collect

**Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Meditation before service

Almighty and most merciful God, who hast given us a new commandment that we should love one another, give us also grace that we may fulfil it. Make us gentle, courteous, and forbearing. Direct our lives so that we may look to the good of others in word and deed. And hallow all our friendships by the blessing of thy Spirit; for his sake who loved us and gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Bp Brooke Foss Westcott (1825-1901)

I Kings 3.5-12

Old Testament reading

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' ⁶And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' ¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

Psalms 119

(BCP)

- 11** Thy testimonies are wonderful : therefore doth my soul keep them.
- 12** When thy word goeth forth : it giveth light and understanding unto the simple.
- 13** I opened my mouth, and drew in my breath : for my delight was in thy commandments.
- 14** O look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me : as thou usest to do unto those that love thy Name.
- 15** Order my steps in thy word : and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me.
- 16** O deliver me from the wrongful dealings of men : and so shall I keep thy commandments.
- 17** Shew the light of thy countenance upon thy servant : and teach me thy statutes.
- 18** Mine eyes gush out with water : because men keep not thy law.

Romans 8.26-end

New Testament reading

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' ³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' ³³He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. ⁴⁴The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' ⁵²And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

Postcommunion Collect

**Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever. Amen.**



26 July 2026

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our service, 10.45am at Uppingham Parish Church

Come, Rejoice!

with the Rector and team

Belton Hymns

353	Dear Lord and Father of mankind
298	May the grace of Christ our Saviour
437	Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore him

Please remember in our prayers

The sick: Jane Downs, Sybil Cripps Daniels, Trish Damen, Janette Coates, Jean Lattimore, John Lewis, Gail Whelband, Susan Scott, Iain, David Woodward, Melissa Papps

The departed: Mollie West, Sheila Love

Year's mind: Pearl Rumsey, Rhoma Jennings, Eric Dalby, Jeffrey Mann, Audrey Litchfield, Thomas Busby, John Fielder (priest)

Trinity IX: Year A: Collects (CW) & Readings for 2 August 2026

The Collect

**Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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. Amen.**

Meditation before service

Here is God: no monarch he,
throned in easy state to reign;
here is God, whose arms of love
aching, spent, the world sustain.

William Hubert Vanstone (1923-1999)

Isaiah 55.1-5

Old Testament reading

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Psalm 145

(BCP)

- 8** The Lord is gracious and merciful : long-suffering, and of great goodness.
9 The Lord is loving unto every man : and his mercy is over all his works.
- 14** The Lord upholdeth all such as fall : and lifteth up all those that are down.
15 The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord : and thou givest them their meat in due season.
16 Thou openest thine hand : and fillest all things living with plenteousness.
17 The Lord is righteous in all his ways : and holy in all his works.
18 The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him : yea, all such as call upon him faithfully.
19 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him : he also will hear their cry, and will help them.
20 The Lord preserveth all them that love him : but scattereth abroad all the ungodly.
21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord : and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever.

Romans 9.1-5

New Testament reading

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— ²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 14.13-21

When Jesus heard that Herod had beheaded John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' ¹⁶Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' ¹⁷They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' ¹⁸ And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Postcommunion Collect

Holy Father,
who gathered us here around the table of your Son
to share this meal with the whole household of God:
in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace,
gather people of every race and language
to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



2 August 2026

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our Eucharist, 10.45am at Uppingham Parish Church

Celebrant & Preacher	Rev'd Canon Sharon Jones	
Reader	Liz Clarke	
Intercessor	Paul or Pam Stocker	
Organist	John Wardle	
Settings	<i>Glory to God!</i> (t.394); Bertalot, <i>Johannesburg</i>	
Hymns	387	Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking
	650	Great is thy faithfulness
	652	Guide me, O thou great Redeemer
Readings	Isaiah 55.1-5	
	Romans 9.1-5	
Gradual hymn	287	Praise and thanksgiving
Gospel acclamation	Alleluia. Alleluia.	
	I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord : no one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia.	
The Gospel	Matthew 14.13-21	
Communion anthem	Handel, <i>Lord, I trust thee</i>	

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