

Sunday 5th July 2026

5th Sunday of Trinity

St Andrew's church, Billingborough
South Lafford and Billingborough Group of Parishes



Collect

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the warhorse from Jerusalem;
and the battle-bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my
covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless
pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Psalm 145: 8-15

⁸ The Lord is gracious and merciful,
long-suffering and of great goodness.

**⁹ The Lord is loving to everyone
and his mercy is over all his creatures.**

¹⁰ All your works praise you, O Lord,
and your faithful servants bless you.

**¹¹ They tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your mighty power,**

¹² To make known to all peoples your mighty acts
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

**¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

¹⁴ The Lord is sure in all his words
and faithful in all his deeds.

**¹⁵ The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up all those who are bowed down.**

Romans 7:15-25

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not
do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now
if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is
good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin
that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing
good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will
what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹ For I do not do the
good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I
do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I
that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what
is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the
law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my
members another law at war with the law of my
mind, making me captive to the law of sin that
dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am!
Who will rescue me from this body of
death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our
Lord!

So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of
God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

¹⁶ 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is
like children sitting in the market-places and calling
to one another,

¹⁷ "We played the flute for you, and you did not
dance;

we wailed, and you did not mourn."

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and
they say, "He has a demon"; ¹⁹ the Son of Man came
eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton
and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and
sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of
heaven and earth, because you have hidden these
things from the wise and the intelligent and have
revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was
your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed
over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son
except the Father, and no one knows the Father
except the Son and anyone to whom the Son
chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are
carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you
rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;
for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find
rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my
burden is light.'

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