

A good time was had by all on Friday at the National Gallery for the Zurbarán exhibition, after which we had lunch in the Members' House. Look out for the next cultural outing, after the summer.

HYMN BOOKS

Music is an essential part of our life and tradition at Holy Trinity. Our copies of the *English Hymnal* are both old and incomplete, and it is time to renew them. Happily, the new **Revised English Hymnal** has been published over the last couple of years and we can get a parish grant to cover some of the costs.

But we will still need **around £900** for them. Can you donate to this valuable project? It is even possible to have copies given in memory of loved ones and with their name inscribed in the front.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED SO FAR.

Please let Fr Simon know what you can give.

Our **Social Media** presence is returning. For anyone on Facebook, find us at 'Holy Trinity, Stroud Green'. Our *A Church Near You* entry has also been updated.

Thursdays Together

Please join us for coffee and light lunch between 11.30am and 2.00pm in the Groves Room.

Masses this Week

Tuesday 21 July at 7.30pm: St Mary Magdalene

Friday 24 July at 10.00am: St Charbel Makhlouf

OLP Festival at Westminster Abbey: 6.30pm

Diary Dates

Friday 24 July, 6.30pm: Our Lady of Pew

Summer Festival Mass at the High Altar of Westminster Abbey, with the Lacock Scholars, and followed by a reception.

Sunday 2 August, 1pm: Vicarage Garden Party

All are welcome for drinks and lunch in the vicarage garden. Please RSVP to the Vicar, and advise any dietary requirements in advance.

Monday 3 August: PCC

6.30pm in church,

with mass at 6pm for anyone who can make it.

Fr Simon is very happy to make home visits. If anyone would like this, please just let him know.

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The Sunday Mass

19 July 2026

Holy
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Stroud Green



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Celebrant: the Vicar

Organist: Steven Edis

Entr. Hymn: 606 Praise to the holiest in the height

Opening Prayer

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

First Reading

Wisdom 12.13,16-19

A reading from the Book of Wisdom

Neither is there any God besides you, whose care is for all, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly.

For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all.

For you show your strength when men doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. You are sovereign in strength but you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose.

Through such works you have taught your people that the one who is righteous must be kind, and you have filled your sons with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 86(85).5-6. 9-10. 15-16a. R.5a

R/. O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.
Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer,
and attend to my voice in supplication.

R/. O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

All the nations you have made shall come;
they will bow down before you, O Lord,
and glorify your name,
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God.

R/. O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

You, O God, are compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abundant in mercy and fidelity;
turn and take pity on me.

R/. O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second Reading

Romans 8.26-27

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and Sisters: The Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to
little children.**

Alleluia!

The Gospel

Matthew 13.24-43

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time Jesus put another parable before the crowd, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?" He said to them, "An enemy has done this." So the servants said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he said, "No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, 'Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

He put another parable before them, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable. 'The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.'

All these things Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed, he said nothing to them without a parable. This was to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet: 'I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world.'

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Offertory Hymn: 536 O Jesus, I have promised

Prayer over the offerings

O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

**Communion Hymn: 556 O thou, who at thy Eucharist
didst pray**

Prayer after Communion

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord,
and lead those you have imbued with heavenly
mysteries
to pass from former ways to newness of life.
Through Christ our Lord.

Final Hymn: 84 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine

After the Mass

Refreshments are available in the Groves Room after the service. Please stay if you can.

Contactless giving

There is a device by the door at the back of church for any contactless donations.



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