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Parish News

We were honored to have Ezra Hawthorne join us on September 7 to play the keyboard for our Holy Communion Service.

A blessing of the pets will take place on October 4, St. Francis Day (the patron Saint of Animals) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. At the same time, St. Paul's Guild will be hosting a bake sale. If you can bake, donations would be appreciated. If you can't bake, please come and buy, buy, buy. There will be all kinds of baked goods and homemade candy.

October Birthdays

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October Anniversaries

None

Special Prayers

Anne Marie Tayler and Family

Mary Moore

Calendar

The following is the calendar for October, 2025.

Holy Communion is every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Lunch Club every 2 weeks on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.

October 18 - St. Luke the Evangelist
 28 - St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles

Special Services

St. Luke the Evangelist

In the Anglican tradition, St. Luke the Evangelist is remembered not only as a Gospel writer but as a physician, historian, and artist of divine compassion. Born in Antioch, a city known for its cultural and intellectual vibrancy, Luke was a Gentile convert whose writings reflect a deep sensitivity to the marginalized—women, the poor, and outsiders. His Gospel opens not with grandeur but with quiet priestly devotion, setting the tone for a narrative steeped in mercy and inclusion.

Luke's dual authorship of the *Gospel of Luke* and *Acts of the Apostles* forms a theological bridge between Christ's earthly ministry and the birth of the Church. Anglican scholars often highlight Luke's emphasis on the Holy Spirit, prayer, and healing—elements that resonate deeply with Anglican liturgical life. His portrayal of Jesus as the compassionate Savior who dines with sinners and heals the broken is central to Anglican preaching, especially on his feast day, October 18.

Tradition holds that Luke was also an artist, the first to paint an icon of the Virgin Mary. Whether legend or truth, this claim underscores his role as a storyteller who gave visual and narrative form to the Gospel. His symbol, the winged ox, evokes sacrifice and priesthood—fitting for a man whose Gospel begins in the temple and ends with the risen Christ commissioning his disciples.

In Anglican liturgy, the Feast of St. Luke is often marked by prayers for physicians and caregivers, reflecting his legacy as a healer. As noted by *Anglican Compass*, "Luke's Gospel is the Gospel of the poor, the Gospel of women, the Gospel of prayer, and the Gospel of the Holy Spirit". His

writings continue to inspire those who seek to reconcile scholarship with pastoral care, history with hope.

St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles

In the Anglican tradition, **St. Simon the Zealot** and **St. Jude Thaddeus** are commemorated together on **October 28**, a pairing rooted in ancient Christian tradition. Though the New Testament offers few details about their lives, their shared feast day reflects a legacy of quiet faithfulness and missionary zeal.

Simon, called the Zealot, is distinguished from Simon Peter by his epithet, which may suggest affiliation with the Jewish nationalist Zealot movement. While Scripture doesn't confirm this directly, it paints Simon as a man of fervent conviction—one who left behind political passion to follow the Prince of Peace. His name appears in the apostolic lists (e.g., Luke 6:15), but his story unfolds more through tradition than text.

Jude, also known as Thaddeus, is remembered for his poignant question to Jesus in John 14:22: "Lord, how is it that you will manifest yourself to us, and not to the world?" This moment reveals a contemplative spirit, one seeking deeper understanding of divine revelation. Jude is traditionally credited with authoring the *Epistle of Jude*, a fiery letter urging believers to "contend for the faith once delivered to the saints" (Jude 1:3). Anglican sermons often draw on this epistle to emphasize vigilance against spiritual complacency and moral compromise.

According to legend, Simon and Jude journeyed together to Persia, where they were martyred for their witness. Their joint mission and shared death symbolize the power of apostolic unity—a theme echoed in Anglican liturgy, which prays that the Church may be "joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine" (Book of Common Prayer, p. 297).

The Book of Common Prayer

Holy Communion

Holy Communion—also called the Eucharist or the Lord's Supper—is one of two sacraments instituted by Christ and affirmed in Anglican doctrine. It is a sacred meal in which baptized Christians receive bread and wine as outward signs of an inward grace: the spiritual nourishment of Christ's body and blood.

Anglicans believe that Christ is truly present in the sacrament. not through physical transformation of the elements, but through the faithful reception of the gift. This view, known as “receptionist theology,” holds that the bread and wine remain physically unchanged, yet become a means of grace to those who receive them in faith.

The service is both a memorial and a participation. It recalls Christ’s sacrifice on the cross and unites the Church in thanksgiving, repentance, and hope. The liturgy emphasizes reverence, communal unity, and the mystery of divine presence.

Joke of the Month

One Sunday a pastor told the congregation that the church needed some extra money and asked the people to prayerfully consider giving a little extra in the offering plate.

He said that whoever gave the most would be able to pick out three hymns.

After the offering plates were passed, the pastor glanced down and noticed that someone had placed a \$1,000 bill in offering. He was so excited that he immediately shared his joy with his congregation and said he'd like to personally thank the person who placed the money in the plate.

A very quiet, elderly and saintly lady all the way in the back shyly raised her hand. The pastor asked her to come to the front. Slowly, she made her way to the pastor. He told her how wonderful it was that she gave so much and in thanks asked her to pick out three hymns.

Her eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation, pointed to the three handsomest men in the building and said, "I'll take him and him and him."

The Book of Common Prayer has a wonderful lectionary for reading the Bible, both Old and New Testaments. The following are the readings for the month of October 2025.

Book of Common Prayer Readings

Wed October 1

	II Sam 24:1, 10-25	II Cor 11:16	Sir 37:6-15	Matt 8:1-13
Thu	I Kings 2:1-4, 10-12	II Cor 12:1-13	Sir 38:24	Matt 8:14-2
Fri	I Kings 3:4-15	II Cor 12:14	Sir 42:15-21	Matt 8:28 - 9:8
Sat	I Kings 3:16	II Cor 13	Sir 43:1-12	Matt 9:9-17

October 5 - Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

	<1> Isa 12	John 11:21-44	Ezek 33:1-9	Matt 24:37
	<2> Jer 32:36-42	Rom 11:25	I Kings 17:8-9, 17-24	Luke 7:11-17
	<3> Ex 3:1-15	I Peter 5:1-11	I Kings 12:1-20	Acts 19:21
Mon	I Kings 8:1-11	I Thess 1	Sir 43:13-19	Matt 9:18-35
Tue	I Kings 8:12-21	I Thess 2:1-13	Sir 43:20	Matt 9:36 - 10:15
Wed	I Kings 8:22-30	I Thess 2:17 - 3:13	Sir 44:1-15	Matt 10:16-31
Thu	I Kings 8:54-63	I Thess 4:1-12	Job 1:1-12	Matt 10:32 - 11:1
Fri	I Kings 9:1-9	I Thess 4:13	Job 1:13	Matt 11:2-19
Sat	I Kings 11:26-31, 34-37	I Thess 5:1-11	Job 2	Matt 11:20

October 12 - Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

	<1> Jer 13:15-21	Mark 10:35-45	Mal 2:1-10	Luke 13:10-17
	<2> Sir 8:1-9	II Tim 2:19	Sir 10:7-18	Luke 14:1-11
	<3> Ex 5:1-9, 19 - 6:1	Heb 3	I Kings 18:1-2, 17-39	Acts 20:17
Mon	I Kings 12:1-11	I Thess 5:12	Job 3:1-10, 13-20	Matt 12:1-13
Tue	I Kings 12:12-20	II Thess 1	Job 4:12	Matt 12:14-30
Wed	I Kings 12:25	II Thess 2:1-12	Job 5:8-18	Matt 12:31
Thu	I Kings 16:29	II Thess 2:13 - 3:5	Job 10:1-9, 12-18	Matt 13:1-23
Fri	I Kings 17:1-16	II Thess 3:6	Job 11:7	Matt 13:24-30,36-43
Sat	I Kings 17:17	James 1:1-11	Job 12:1-10	Matt 13:31-35, 44-52

October 19 - Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

<1>	Prov 2:1-9	I Tim 3:14 - 4:16	Deut 11:18-21, 26-28, 32	Gal 1:1-12
<2>	Amos 8:4-12	John 7:37	Deut 5:1-21	Matt 22:34
<3>	Ex 14:5-14, 19-21, 24-28, 30			

		Heb 11:23-29, 32-40	I Kings 19	Acts 21:7-19, 27-39
Mon	I Kings 18:1-15	James 1:12-21	Job 12:13-22	Matt 13:53 - 14:12
Tue	I Kings 18:16-24	James 1:22	Job 14:1-14	Matt 14:13-21
Wed	I Kings 18:25-30, 36-46	James 2:1-13	Job 18:5-7, 14-21	Matt 14:22
Thu	I Kings 19:1-8	James 2:14	Job 21:7-20, 29-33	Matt 15:1-20
Fri	I Kings 19:9	James 3	Job 24:1-4, 12-20	Matt 15:21
Sat	I Kings 21:1-10	James 4:1-12	Job 25:2-6, 26:6-14	Matt 16:1-12

October 26 - Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

	<1> Job 24:1-17	Titus 2	Jer 5:7-19	II Cor 13
	<2> Jer 30:12-22	John 5:1-16	Wis 12:12-19	Matt 9:1-8
	<3> Ex 19:1-7, 16-19, 20:1-3			
		Rom 3:1-2, 19-31	I Kings 21:1-22	Acts 22:24 - 23:11
Mon	I Kings 21:11-22	James 4:13 - 5:11	Job 28:12	Matt 16:13
Tue	I Kings 22:1-12	James 5:12	Job 38:1-11, 16-18	Matt 17:1-13
Wed	I Kings 22:13-28	I Tim 1:1-11	Job 38:19-30	Matt 17:14
Thu	I Kings 22:29-40	I Tim 1:12	Job 38:31-38	Matt 18:1-14
Fri	II Kings 1:2-8, 17a	I Tim 2:1-10	Job 39:19	Matt 18:15

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