Our Worship Today

8 am – Holy Communion (BCP)
President & Preacher – The Rev'd Matthew Godfrey

9.45 am – Holy Eucharist with Children's Church (sung)
President & Preacher – The Rev'd John Reed
Processional – *Rejoice the Lord is King (769)*
Gradual – *The King of Love My Shepherd Is (794)*
Gospel Acclamation: *May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind. So that we can see what hope his call holds for us*
Intercessions – *Hugh Walkington*
Offertory – *Brother Sister Let Me Serve You (604)*
Communion – *My God and Is Thy Table Spread (455)*
Anthem – *Rejoice in the Lord Always Purcell*
Final – *Will You Come and Follow Me (510)*

6 pm – Evening Prayer – *To Be Confirmed*.

Collect

O God, for as much as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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.

First Reading
Isaiah 25.1–9

LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Second Reading
Philippians 4.1–9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Reading
Matthew 22.1–14

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the

attendants, “Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’

Prayer after Communion

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please hold in your prayers

The sick and infirm, including: Felix, Isla, Janet, Joy, Marc and Poppy

The recently deceased, including Jane Brown and Sarah Atrill

Our Bible Readings for next Sunday

First Reading – Isaiah 45v1-7
Second Reading – 1 Thessalonians 1v1-10
Holy Gospel – Matthew 22v15-22

Prayer intentions for the week ahead

Monday –Those living alone who may not meet anyone today
Tuesday – The work of Mercy Ships
Wednesday – Our families and friends
Thursday – Teachers and those who work in our schools
Friday – The choir as they practice this evening
Saturday – The Ministry Team

THE WEEK AHEAD	
Mon 12	
8 am 10 am 5 pm	Morning Prayer Warm Welcome (Parish Centre) Evening Prayer
Tue 13	
8 am 9.30 am 5 pm 7.30 pm	Morning Prayer Little Deers (Parish Centre) Evening Prayer Bell-ringing Practice
Wed 14	**Goose Fair Day**
	Church Closed all Day No Wednesday Holy Eucharist
Thu 15	
8 am 5 pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Fri 16	
8 am 9 am 10 am 5 pm 7 pm	Morning Prayer Holy Eucharist (Parish Centre) Friendly Friday Coffee Morning (Parish Centre) Evening Prayer Choir Practice
Sat 17	
8 am 5 pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Sun 18	**The Festival of Luke the Evangelist**
8 am 9.45 am 6 pm	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist with Children’s Church Evening Prayer

Jane Brown’s funeral

For those of you wishing to attend, the Memorial Service for Jane Brown will be in St Eustachius on Tuesday 20th October at 2pm. It will also be live streamed for those unable to attend in person.

Thank you!

The Church Wardens would like to say a massive thank you to all those who supported the appeal for the Tavistock Food Bank and attended to Harvest lunch last week. Also thank you to those who decorated the church – it looked beautiful!

Shoeboxes

The Link to Hope appeal supports people living in poverty in Ukraine and Eastern Europe and, this Christmas, we would like to support them by getting involved with their shoebox appeal. For further details, please ask Ann Townsend or Catherine Stoate. We need to have our boxes ready for transit by 25th October.

Pastoral care team

Do please reach out to the pastoral care team by calling Diana McDowell on 07990 682349 or through the Church Office if you, or anyone you know, would appreciate a visit or 'phone call to keep them in touch with the Church.

Church Sound

We are looking for a couple of people willing to operate the sound iPad at the 9:45 service so that we could set up a small rota. Full training will be given!
Please speak to a Churchwarden or Peter Rowan.

The Parish Church of

St Eustachius

Part of the Tavistock Area
Mission Community

Sunday11th October 2026

The Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity

Welcome to St Eustachius's Church. A particular welcome, if you're joining us for the first time today. Please do stay for refreshments afterwards, we'd love to meet you! Children and their grown-ups are always most welcome in our church.