

THE RAMBLING RECTOR

Holy Trinity & St Oswald, Finningley with St Saviour, Auckley



Every Week



WEDNESDAY



CLOSED
for
SUMMER



FRIDAY

10.00
Coffee Morning
at Auckley



Services This Month

Sunday 2nd August - Trinity 9

9.15 First Sunday Focus - Finningley
11.00 First Sunday Focus - Auckley
3.30 No Cafe 3:30 - Summer Break

Reading(s) are chosen
by the service leader.

Sunday 9th August - Trinity 10

9.15 Holy Communion - Finningley
11.00 Holy Communion - Auckley

Readings

Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

Sunday 16th August - Trinity 11

9.15 Holy Communion - Finningley
11.00 Holy Communion - Auckley

Readings

Isaiah 56:1,6-8
Matthew 15:10-28

Sunday 23rd August - Trinity 12

9.15 Holy Communion - Finningley
11.00 Holy Communion - Auckley

Readings

Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

Sunday 23rd August - Trinity 13

9.15 Celtic Communion - Finningley
11.00 Celtic Communion - Auckley

Readings

Romans 12:9-end
Matthew 16:21-end

Streams in Dry Places

"The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame."
Isaiah 58:11

Looking out of my study window this morning, the garden looked decidedly thirsty.

The lawn has abandoned its usual green for a rather crunchy shade of gold. It's been one of those summers when we've all become amateur weather forecasters, hopefully glancing at the sky in search of rain.

It made me wonder whether gardens are the only things that experience dry seasons.

Life has its dry patches too. Times when energy is low, prayer feels harder, worries seem heavier, or we simply wonder what God is doing. We all have moments when we feel we're just keeping going.

Into moments like these come the reassuring words of Isaiah:

"The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land."

I love that promise because it doesn't say God waits until the rain comes. He meets us in the middle of the dry season. His presence isn't reserved for life's easy days.

Sometimes God's refreshment comes in wonderfully ordinary ways: a conversation with a friend, a quiet answer to prayer, an unexpected kindness, or simply the beauty of creation reminding us that he is still at work.

August is often a month of change. Holidays begin to draw to a close, children prepare for a new school year, and before long we'll be wondering where the summer went. One season quietly gives way to another.

The view from my window reminds me that even when the surface looks dry, life continues beneath it. Roots keep growing long before the rain returns.

Faith is often like that. We may not always see what God is doing, but that doesn't mean he has stopped working. Some of his greatest work happens beneath the surface, quietly strengthening us for whatever lies ahead.

So wherever this August finds you, may you know God's presence in the ordinary moments, his peace in the busy ones, and his refreshment when life feels a little dry.

And if the rain does finally arrive, I suspect we'll all do what British people have done for generations—stand at the window, smile with relief... and then wonder how long it will be before we're wishing for sunshine again.

Have a happy August.



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