



# “Good Evening”

*The weekly newsletter for St. Nicholas' Church, Elm Park  
for the week beginning Sunday, 13th September 2020*

*Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity*

**St Nicholas is open for services, looking forward to see you back in the Church**

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*(Note underscore between Nr6 and YeI)*

	Holy Communion	Evening Prayer
Sun 13-Sep Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity	9:30 AM	6:30 PM
Mon 14-Sep		
Tue 15-Sep		
Wed 16-Sep		
Thu 17-Sep Hildegard of Bingen	9:30 AM	
Fri 18-Sep		
Sat 19-Sep		
20/09/2020 Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	9:30 AM	6:30 PM

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Rev'd Amanda Keighley, Parish Priest

**Ezekiel 20. 1-8 & 33-44**

<sup>1</sup>In the seventh year, in the fifth month, on the tenth day of the month, certain elders of Israel came to consult the Lord, and sat down before me.

<sup>2</sup>And the word of the Lord came to me: <sup>3</sup>Mortal, speak to the elders of Israel, and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: Why are you coming? To consult me? As I live, says the Lord God, I will not be consulted by you. <sup>4</sup>Will you judge them, mortal, will you judge them? Then let them know the abominations of their ancestors, <sup>5</sup>and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: On the day when I chose Israel, I swore to the offspring of the house of Jacob—making myself known to them in the land of Egypt—I swore to them, saying, I am the Lord your God. <sup>6</sup>On that day I swore to them that I would bring them out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had searched out for them, a land flowing with milk and honey, the most glorious of all lands. <sup>7</sup>And I said to them, Cast away the detestable things your eyes feast on, every one of you, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt; I am the Lord your God. <sup>8</sup>But they rebelled against me and would not listen to me; not one of them cast away the detestable things their eyes feasted on, nor did they forsake the idols of Egypt.

Then I thought I would pour out my wrath upon them and spend my anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.

<sup>33</sup>As I live, says the Lord God, surely with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out, I will be king over you. <sup>34</sup>I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out;

<sup>35</sup>and I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will enter into judgement with you face to face. <sup>36</sup>As I entered into judgement with your ancestors in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgement with you, says the Lord God. <sup>37</sup>I will make you pass under the staff, and will bring you within the bond of the covenant. <sup>38</sup>I will purge out the rebels among you, and those who transgress against me; I will bring them out of the land where they reside as aliens, but they shall not enter the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the Lord.

<sup>39</sup>As for you, O house of Israel, thus says the Lord God: Go, serve your idols, every one of you now and hereafter, if you will not listen to me; but my holy name you shall no more profane with your gifts and your idols.

<sup>40</sup>For on my holy mountain, the mountain height of Israel, says the Lord God, there all the house of Israel, all of them, shall serve me in the land; there I will accept them, and there I will require your contributions and the choicest of your gifts, with all your sacred things. <sup>41</sup>As a pleasing odour I will accept you, when I bring you out from the peoples, and gather you out of the countries where you have been scattered; and I will manifest my holiness among you in the sight of the nations. <sup>42</sup>You shall know that I am the Lord, when I bring you into the land of Israel, the country that I swore to give to your ancestors. <sup>43</sup>There you shall remember your ways and all the deeds by which you have polluted yourselves; and you shall loathe yourselves for all the evils that you have committed. <sup>44</sup>And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I deal with you for my name's sake, not according to your evil ways or corrupt deeds, O house of Israel, says the Lord God

## Acts 20. 17-end

<sup>17</sup>From Miletus he sent a message to Ephesus, asking the elders of the church to meet him. <sup>18</sup>When they came to him, he said to them: ‘You yourselves know how I lived among you the entire time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, <sup>19</sup>servicing the Lord with all humility and with tears, enduring the trials that came to me through the plots of the Jews. <sup>20</sup>I did not shrink from doing anything helpful, proclaiming the message to you and teaching you publicly and from house to house, <sup>21</sup>as I testified to both Jews and Greeks about repentance towards God and faith towards our Lord Jesus. <sup>22</sup>And now, as a captive to the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup>except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and persecutions are waiting for me. <sup>24</sup>But I do not count my life of any value to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the good news of God’s grace. <sup>25</sup>‘And now I know that none of you, among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom, will ever see my face again. <sup>26</sup>Therefore I declare to you this day that I am not responsible for the blood of any of you, <sup>27</sup>for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. <sup>28</sup>Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son. <sup>29</sup>I know that after I have gone, savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. <sup>30</sup>Some even from your own group will come distorting the truth in order to entice the disciples to follow them.

<sup>31</sup>Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to warn everyone with tears. <sup>32</sup>And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup>I coveted no one’s silver or gold or clothing.

<sup>34</sup>You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions. <sup>35</sup>In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” ’

<sup>36</sup>When he had finished speaking, he knelt down with them all and prayed. <sup>37</sup>There was much weeping among them all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, <sup>38</sup>grieving especially because of what he had said, that they would not see him again. Then they brought him to the ship.