

The organ voluntary today is Trio Sonata No, 5 in C BWV 529, 1st movement, by J S Bach.

Bach composed his six trio sonatas during his time in Leipzig principally as studies in organ technique. The outer movements of this sonata represent Bach at his most joyful and melodious.

Sadly Mike Wallace is leaving us as Caretaker at the end of this month. If you would like to contribute to his leaving present please see Sue McAllister.

Please join us for a little 'do' to say thank you and goodbye at 10.30am on Thursday, 30th July in the Parish Centre.

Please note: there will be no church coffee on 2nd August due to a letting in the Parish Centre.



26th July 2026

Services today:	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer

Hymns: 584, 698, 450, 644

Anthem: Ave Verum - Mawby

St Thomas' offers all ages a very warm welcome throughout the year. If you would like to support our work and upkeep of the church, please use your smartphone to scan the QR code below for an easy way to donate.



Coffee will be served in the Parish Centre after the 10.00 am service.



Please place your collection on the plate near the door, either before the service or after. If you are a UK taxpayer, the value of your contribution will be increased by 25% if you enclose it in a Gift Aid envelope and fill in your name and address. Thank you.

For more information about Church, Parish Centre and activities visit the church website: mellorchurch.org or see *Outlook* magazine (available at the back of church)

**THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
2026**

26th July

COLLECT

Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 8.28-end

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

Jesus put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs 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 yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'