

Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

Celebrant: *The Gospel of the Lord.* People: **Praise to you O Christ.**

### Prayer after Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. *All: Amen*

### THIS WEEK:

**Sunday 5th September: Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**1030: Holy Eucharist (in person and on Zoom) from St Luke's, Palhagueira**

To watch it on the Faith Online website this is the link:

<https://app.faith.online/p/events/QHAXtvuHY>

You can also watch it on Facebook here:

[https://www.facebook.com/stvincentsalgarve/live\\_videos/](https://www.facebook.com/stvincentsalgarve/live_videos/)

or go to the St Vincent's Facebook page and look for the post there.

After service chat on Zoom by following this link: <https://is.gd/KamBGC>

**Tuesday 6th September:**

**1030: Coffee**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/89969763309>

Meeting ID: 89969763309

**Wednesday 7th September:**

**2030: Compline**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/307569100>

Meeting ID: 307569100

**Thursday 8th September: no Bible Study this week**

**Sunday 12th September: Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**1030: Holy Eucharist (in person and livestreamed) from Boliqueime**

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## St. Vincent's Anglican Church, Algarve

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### Weekly Sheet

*Sunday 5 September 2021*

***Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity***



***A warm welcome to our service***

***10.30am Eucharist at St Luke's Church, Palhagueira***

*Also livestreamed on the Faith Online website and Facebook:*

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### About St. Vincent's

St. Vincent's consists of three congregations which serve the whole of the Algarve from Luz in the west to Boliqueime in the centre to Palhagueira in the east. We are welcoming and affirming church. You don't have to be a member of the Church of England to worship with us – all are welcome!

### Today's Collect

Merciful God,  
your Son came to save us  
and bore our sins on the cross:  
may we trust in your mercy  
and know your love,  
rejoicing in the righteousness  
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

**First reading: Isaiah 35.4–7a**

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.  
He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense.  
He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.  
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

Reader: *This is the word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 146**

1 Alleluia.

Praise the Lord, O my soul: while I live will I praise the Lord; ♦  
as long as I have any being, I will sing praises to my God.

2 Put not your trust in princes, nor in any human power, ♦  
for there is no help in them.

3 When their breath goes forth, they return to the earth; ♦  
on that day all their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help, ♦  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them; ♦  
who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong ♦  
and bread to those who hunger.

7 The Lord looses those that are bound; ♦  
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

8 The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; ♦  
the Lord loves the righteous;

9 The Lord watches over the stranger in the land;  
he upholds the orphan and widow; ♦  
but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.

10 The Lord shall reign for ever, ♦  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Alleluia.

**Glorify to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Second Reading: James 2.1–10, 14–17**

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Reader: *This is the word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel reading: Mark 7.24–37**

Celebrant: *The Holy Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ according to Mark.*

People: **Glorify to you O Lord.**

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. /over