WALBURY BEACON
BENEFICE

Sunday 11th October 2026

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings

Isaiah 25.1-9

Praise for Deliverance from Oppression

25O 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. 3 Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you. 4 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,
5 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.
6 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. 7 And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast
over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; 8 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. 9 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.

Philippians 4.1-9

4[1]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.

Exhortations

2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. [3]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. 4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I
will say, Rejoice [5]Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. [6]Do
not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with
thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

[7]And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 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. [9]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.

Matthew 22.1-14

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

22Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: [2]'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. [3]He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. [4]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." [5]But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, [6]while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. [7]The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. [8]Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. [9]Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." [10]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.
11 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, [12]and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. [13]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." [14]For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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