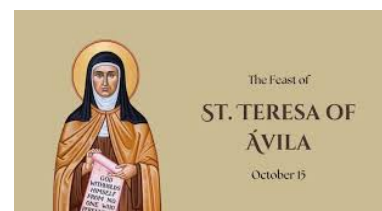




18th October 2026.
We extend a warm welcome to
Rev John Hayes and to our
members, friends and visitors.



For meditation: *To you we come, O wisdom without end. In you we rest, O mercy without limit.
Only in you are we fully alive. Only in your light can we truly see.
Only in your strength are we safe to pursue our way.
Mechthild of Magdeburg (c1207 -1282)*

NEWS AND VIEWS

After the excitement of the Church Anniversary it is a quiet week ahead. Looking back to the previous week we see the feast day of St Teresa of Avila (15th). She was born in Avila in 1515, into a well-to-do noble family. When she was about 20 she became a nun of the Carmelite order. To begin with she found the convent life difficult – she missed her family and suffered with ill health. In middle age, with encouragement from others she founded her own convent of St Joseph – it was the first house of ‘discalced’ (barefooted) Carmelites. She travelled widely throughout Spain and despite opposition succeeded in establishing an Order on her own. She founded 17 other convents and worked with St John of the Cross to found convents for friars. Her influence spread far beyond Spain and her writings helped countless people discover the spiritual life for themselves. In 1970 Pope Paul VI named her as a Doctor of the Church – the first woman to be so honoured.

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Eternal God, in holiness and humility, you draw us into your presence, through your Word, through faith, through our prayers and the prayers of others, blessing us with your grace and mercy. So we call you friend, as well as Lord, and rejoice that you are with us every step of our journey, as we sing and worship and celebrate together to your glory. Amen.

We are remembering the congregation at Paulton in our prayers this week.

LECTIONARY READINGS – 25th October

Deuteronomy 34: 1 -12

Psalm 90: 1 -6, 13 -17

1 Thessalonians 2: 1 -8

Matthew 22: 34 -46

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe. 1 Thessalonians 2: 13

DIARY

Thursday 22nd October

Café 9.30 –12 noon

All welcome.

Sunday 25th October

Morning worship 11.00am

led by Pat Heynes

Early Warning

The next Church Council meeting will be held in the church on Tuesday 27th October at 1.45pm.

The Lord does reign over this world!
Even when the earth quakes,
and the fires rage through the canyons,
and floods inundate the lowlands,
and men and their creations are laid low,
God is Lord and Master over all the earth.

The does reign over this world!
Even when men turn against one another
and nations are engaged in war,
and violence and injustice are heaped
upon His creatures
God is Lord and Master over all the earth.

God's creatures bear the consequences
of their self-centredness,
and this world is distorted by their depravity.
But the Lord forgives those who turn to Him
and makes them His children and His servants
and through them seeks to heal
this world's gaping wounds.

The Lord relates to those who call upon Him
The priests and prophets of history
heard His voice
and followed in His course for their lives.
His servants and disciples of this hour
sense His presence
and communicate His love and grace
to those who reach out to Him.

The Lord does reign over this world!
He is Lord and Master over all the earth!

PSALM 99 – Paraphrased by Leslie Brandt

