

## Psalm and Readings Tuesday 16th September 2025

### Psalm 133

How very good and pleasant it is  
when kindred live together in unity!  
It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down upon the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down over the collar of his robes.  
It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion.  
For there the Lord ordained his blessing,  
life for evermore.

### Proverbs 25:15–end

With patience a ruler may be persuaded,  
and a soft tongue can break bones.  
If you have found honey, eat only enough for you,  
or else, having too much, you will vomit it.  
Let your foot be seldom in your neighbour's  
house, otherwise the neighbour will become  
weary of you and hate you.  
Like a war club, a sword, or a sharp arrow  
is one who bears false witness against a  
neighbour.  
Like a bad tooth or a lame foot  
is trust in a faithless person in time of trouble.  
Like vinegar on a wound  
is one who sings songs to a heavy heart.  
Like a moth in clothing or a worm in wood,  
sorrow gnaws at the human heart.  
If your enemies are hungry, give them bread to  
eat;  
and if they are thirsty, give them water to  
drink;  
for you will heap coals of fire on their heads,  
and the Lord will reward you.  
The north wind produces rain,  
and a backbiting tongue, angry looks.  
It is better to live in a corner of the housetop  
than in a house shared with a contentious wife.  
Like cold water to a thirsty soul,  
so is good news from a far country.  
Like a muddied spring or a polluted fountain  
are the righteous who give way before the  
wicked.  
It is not good to eat much honey,  
or to seek honour on top of honour.  
Like a city breached, without walls,  
is one who lacks self-control.

### Mark 8:22–26

They came to Bethsaida. Some people brought a  
blind man to him and begged him to touch him.  
He took the blind man by the hand and led him  
out of the village; and when he had put saliva on  
his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him,  
'Can you see anything?' And the man looked up  
and said, 'I can see people, but they look like  
trees, walking.' Then Jesus laid his hands on his  
eyes again; and he looked intently and his sight  
was restored, and he saw everything clearly. Then  
he sent him away to his home, saying, 'Do not  
even go into the village.'

### The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who called your servant Ninian to preach the  
gospel to the people of northern Britain:  
raise up in this and every land  
heralds and evangelists of your kingdom,  
that your Church may make known the  
immeasurable riches  
of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.