

Sunday 14th September 2025
Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
Holy Cross Day

10.00 a.m. Church Family Communion with Children's Church
4.00 p.m. Tea Time Church

Collect for Today

Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Service Readings

Numbers 21:4-9 (*p.145*), Philippians 2:6-11 (*p.194*) and John 3:13-17 (*p.90*)

Please pray for

... Jenny Powell, Sylvia Holdsworth, Mark & Jan Knott, Jenny Powell, Becki & Jonathan Salmon, Timothy Rayner (Julie Shaw's brother) and Lucy Wallis.
... the family and friends of Julie Banks who died recently.
... the family and friends of Audrey Richardson, Revd Reginald Orr and Robert Baker whose anniversary of death is at this time.
... those who live and work in Sandalwood, St Johns Close and St Johns Road.
... the Koens family in Papua New Guinea supporting the work of Bible translation through vehicle maintenance, teaching, missionary care.

Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God, whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes: give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our hope, who reigns as Lord, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Financial Giving

We take a collection during our services. If you don't give regularly by standing order or the envelope scheme, please put your donation in the bag, tap the card reader on your way out, or use the QR code on the back of this news-sheet. Thank you.

Dear Friends

Today, 14th September, is a notable date in the Anglican calendar of festivals, and one on which we celebrate 'Holy Cross Day'. It's a lesser known festival, but one that has ancient roots going back to the 4th century.

Early in the 4th century, and as the era of persecution of Christians came to an end, pilgrims began to travel to Jerusalem, to visit and pray at the places associated with the life of Jesus. Helena, mother of the emperor Constantine, while overseeing excavations in the city, was said to have uncovered a cross, which many believed to be the Cross of Christ. According to tradition, this discovery was made on the 14th September 330 AD. A basilica, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, was built on the site, and dedicated on September 13th or 14th, 335. From as early as the 7th century the Church has commemorated 14th September each year, with a Feast of the Holy Cross.

During the English Reformation, Thomas Cranmer pruned this Feast of the Holy Cross from the Church's calendar, probably because it had become associated with doubtful relics, and the sale of indulgences. But it returned to Anglicanism in the 19th and 20th centuries, through the influence of the Oxford Movement; and today it's now commonly celebrated in Anglican churches throughout the world.

Today we'll focus our thoughts one again on the Cross of Christ, and its centrality to our faith. This festival reminds us to boast in nothing, 'Except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ' (Galatians 6:14).

Beverly

Mission Focus for September: Friends International Guildford



Friends International Guildford supports students from other parts of the world who come to study at the University of Surrey. FIG organise walks and day trips, bible studies, bring and share lunches, board games afternoons and other regular meetings (such as Rendezvous on Fridays for women). How we at All Saints can get involved includes: offering to give students a meal in our homes (often the only time an international student gets the chance to go inside someone's home); helping lead a walk; praying for FIG and the students they support; giving time in other ways. For more information please see September's church magazine. www.friendsinternationalguildford.org.uk.

Notices

Ten Years Celebrations: A huge thank you to everyone who made last Sunday such a special day in the life of All Saints! It was wonderful to see so many people gathered together, from the past and the present, and to celebrate the Lord's faithfulness to us over so many years. The service, the celebrations, the prosecco and cake, the picnic on the field, were all moments I'll never forget. So, a big thank you from me, and from Andrew too. Beverly

Julie Banks' Funeral: This will take place on Thursday 2nd October, 12 noon at Guildford Crematorium. All are welcome to attend, and give thanks for Julie - her life, and her contribution to all Saints over many years.

Children's Church and Youth Group help: We are looking for more leaders/helpers at Children's Church and the monthly Youth Group. If you are interested, please have a chat with Julie or Jeanette.

Hear Here Clinic: TOMORROW in the Reading Room. No need to book, just come along between 2pm and 3pm and Rosemary and Sue will help with any hearing aid issues.

Autumn Fair NEXT SATURDAY! 20th September, 2-5pm. We still **need helpers** on the day! Please, please talk to Jo or Trish if you can help. Donations also need, especially for the bottle and chocolate tombola.

Youth Group: Sunday 21st September, 5.30pm. Open to all secondary age children. Come along for food, chat, games, table tennis, craft. Just let us know if your youngster plans to come by emailing Jeanette:

jeanette.whiteman@gmail.com

Deanery Confirmation Service, 26th October. Do you feel that this is the right time in your life to Confirm your faith as a follower of Jesus? If so this service is for you! A short course of 3 teaching sessions will take place in the coming weeks, at St. Nicolas' church Guildford. Please contact Beverly for more information.

Special Events coming up:

- **Harvest Supper & Quiz** Saturday 11th October, 5.30-7.30pm. We'll have a great quiz from Quizmaster Robin and enjoy a ploughman's supper together. Tickets are now available on the website:
allsaintschurchgfd.org.uk/about-us/whats-on/harvest-supper-quiz/
- **Harvest Festival** Sunday 12th October at 10am and 4pm.
- **St Luke's Day Service of Wholeness & Healing:** Sunday 19th October, 4pm. There will be an opportunity for individual prayer for health and wellbeing.

Diary for the Coming Week

Morning prayer Mon, Tues and Weds 9.15am in the Reading Room and on Zoom. Thurs Holy Communion at 9.30am in the Reading Room.

Mon 15 th	Hear Here Clinic, Reading Room, 2.00pm
Tues 16 th	Central Team Meeting, Vicarage, 10.00am
Weds 17 th	Dray Court Service, 2.30pm
Thurs 18 th	Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am, Revd Paul Fenner presiding. Men's Group "Exploring the Way", 6 Scillonian Road, 8.00pm
Fri 19 th	Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 10.00am
Sat 20 th	Autumn Fair, 2.00pm-5.00pm
Sun 21 st	BCP Communion, Reading Room, 8.00am Morning Worship with Children's Church, 10.00am Tea Time Church, 4.00pm, Reading Room Youth Group, Church Hall, 5.30pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

Mon 15 th	Ps. 2, Genesis 3:1-15, John 12:27-36a
Tues 16 th	Ps. 132, Proverbs 25:15-end, Mark 8:22-26
Weds 17 th	Ps. 119:153-end, Proverbs 26:12-end, Mark 8:27-9:1
Thurs 18 th	Ps. 143, Proverbs 27:1-22, Mark 9:2-13
Fri 19 th	Ps. 144, Proverbs 30:1-9, 24-31, Mark 9:14-29
Sat 20 th	Ps. 147, Proverbs 31:10-end, Mark 9:30-37

Service Readings for Sunday 21st September: Trinity 14

Amos 8:4-7, 1 Timothy 2:1-7 and Luke 16:1-13

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