

Sunday 28th September 2025

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 a.m. Church Family Communion with Children's Church

4.00 p.m. Tea Time Church

Collect for Today

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Service Readings

Amos 6:1a,4-7 (*p.869*); 1 Timothy 6:6-9 (*p.208*) and Luke 16:19-end (*p.76*)

Please pray for

... Sylvia Holdsworth, Steve Jones, Mark & Jan Knott, Jenny Powell, Becki & Jonathan Salmon, Timothy Rayner (Julie Shaw's brother) and Lucy Wallis.

... those who live and work in The Chase, The Crossways and The Drive.

... the friends, family and Godparents of Luca Prentki who was baptised at All Saints a year ago.

... the Koens family in Papua New Guinea supporting the work of Bible translation through vehicle maintenance, teaching, missionary care.

Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

"You come from nothing, you go back to nothing. What have you lost? Nothing!" - a lyric from the end of Eric Idle's Always Look on the Bright Side of Life, in Monty Python's Life of Brian.

It is (like most things Python) very much tongue-in-cheek - and also wrong. Life isn't an equation where we give out, we take back, and in the end the books balance. It doesn't take a Christian outlook to realise that we gain, we grow, and we leave this earth changed, hopefully for the better.

Each of today's three Bible readings reflects that choice that we can live a selfish life, or one that looks beyond this one.

The Amos reading describes lying on beds adorned with ivory... dining on choice lambs and fattened calves... strumming away on harps... drinking wine by the bowlful... using the finest lotions... All very recognisable - in two thousand years, only the musical instruments have changed!

The Luke reading describes the ultimate regret of living a selfish life with no thought to others, in the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus. It was a favourite of Charles Dickens, and seemingly the basis of A Christmas Carol.

The 1 Timothy reading says: "Godliness with contentment is great gain." Ah, so maybe there IS gain through our lives? Maybe there's more to life than those fattened calves and wine by the bowlful?

It continues: "For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it." So, do we do with what we have got?

We can certainly "Look on the Bright Side of Life" - but there's a brighter side yet to come, I think.

[whistles as music fades]

Blessings,

Paul

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

Autumn Fair: We're very pleased to say that the Autumn Fair has made a profit just short of £1,500! A little more will come in from online sales of unwanted books. Thanks again to everyone who made this a financial success as well as an amazing community event.

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. The funeral will be followed by refreshments at The Withies, Compton from 12.45pm.

Midnight Mass: If you're on the church email list you will have received a short questionnaire about Midnight Mass. Please do fill that in. If you're unable to do an online response, please talk to Trish who help you.

Harvest:

✠ **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, or from the office: allsaintschurchgfd.org.uk/about-us/whats-on/harvest-supper-quiz/

✠ **Harvest Festival Services:** Sunday 12th October at 10am and 4pm.

✠ **Harvest Collections:** As usual, we will be collecting items for the North Guildford Food Bank over the Harvest period. Items that are in need this year include treats (such as chocolate bars, sweets, crisps), laundry liquid, deodorant, rice, pasta sauce and tinned meat. However, they are delighted to receive other non-perishables too.

The Pastoral Team will be delivering gifts to those in particular need in the parish. Donations of chocolates, biscuits or pot plants would be welcome.

✠ **School Harvest Festivals:** We'll be welcoming Onslow Infants on 7th Oct., Montessori on 8th Oct. and Queen Eleanor's on 14th and 15th Oct. Please pray for the children and staff as they celebrate with us.

Guildford County School Prayer Group: Guildford County parent's and friend's prayer group meets regularly to bring the students and staff to the Lord and we would love to welcome you. They meet in the day time as well as evenings. Their first meeting is on Wednesday 8th October in a local home for coffee, cake and prayer. Do email rkent@doctors.org.uk for details and to join the WhatsApp group. Open to anyone with an interest in the school.

Deanery Confirmation Service, 26th October, 6pm at St John's Stoke: 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.

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 29 th	Barnabas Group, 26 Manor Way, 4.00pm
Weds 1 st	Men's Coffee, Reading Room, 10.30am
Thurs 2 nd	Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am Funeral of Julie Banks, Guildford Crematorium, 12 noon and afterwards at The Withies, Compton. Big Build team Meeting, The Vicarage, 7.30pm (7pm for prayer) Men's Group "Exploring the Way", 6 Scillonian Road, 8.00pm
Fri 3 rd	Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 10.00am
Sat 4 th	Band Rehearsal, Church, 10.00am
Sun 5 th	Holy Communion, Reading Room, 8.00am Café-style Altogether Worship, 10.00am Tea Time Church, 4.00pm, Reading Room

Daily Readings for the coming week

Mon 29 th	Ps. 34, Daniel 12:1-4, Acts 12:1-11
Tues 30 th	Ps. 36, 1 Chronicles 28:11-end, Mark 11:12-26
Weds 1 st	Ps. 34, 1 Chronicles 29:1-9, Mark 11:27-end
Thurs 2 nd	Ps. 37, 1 Chronicles 29:10-20, Mark 12:1-12
Fri 3 rd	Ps. 31, 1 Chronicles 29:21-end, Mark 12:13-17
Sat 4 th	Ps. 42, 2 Chronicles 1:1-13, Mark 12:18-27

Service Readings for Sunday 5th October: Trinity 16

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:1-14 and Luke 17:5-10

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