

Sunday 5th October 2025

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.00 a.m. Café-style Altogether Worship
4.00 p.m. Tea Time Church

Collect for Today

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Service Readings

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 (*p.886*); 2 Timothy 1:1-14 (*p.209*) and Luke 17:5-10 (*p.77*)

Please pray for

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

... the family and friends of Joan Hester, Dianne Piper and Grace Brookes whose anniversary of death is at this time.

... those who live and work in The Oval, The Quadrangle and The Square.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; 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

An interesting feature of our culture today, I find, is the value that is placed on 'mentoring'. Many schools, universities and businesses recognise the importance of mentoring relationships, which develop personal growth, learning and understanding – often for a particular role in the work-place, or in wider society. The role of the mentor is wider than that of a coach or teacher, often drawing on personal experience and making connections. I have a mentor myself – the vicar who trained me as a curate when I started out in ministry, nearly two decades ago. And I am a mentor myself for clergy who are new to Guildford Diocese - and also to those from within the diocese who are becoming vicars, or Incumbents, for the first time.

Today in our services we'll be focussing on a letter from Paul to his young protégé Timothy (2 Timothy 1:1-14). In many ways Paul, St. Paul, was a mentor to his young apprentice; and it was a relationship that was to last some 20 years or so. We first meet Timothy in the Book of Acts, chapter 16, during what's known as Paul's second missionary journey. On his first journey Paul had founded churches in Asia Minor (modern day Turkey), at Iconium, Lystra and Derbe. On his second journey, while revisiting these churches, Paul first met Timothy. Timothy's grandmother and mother, Lois and Eunice, had been among Paul's first converts from the Jewish community in Lystra; and we learn later that his father was Greek. Paul clearly saw something of deep value in this young man, and immediately invited him to join his team.

From then onwards Paul mentored Timothy as both a disciple of Jesus, but also someone who would work alongside Paul in his missionary calling. Paul's support of this young man would ultimately equip him to fulfil his own calling in Christ. So how did Paul do that? That's what we'll be finding out during our services today!

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Mission Focus for October: Church Mission Society (CMS)

This month's focus is the 200+ year old CMS, whose focus continues to be sharing the hope of Jesus 'at the edges', including 'the edges' of: existing church, society, our comfort zones and at the margins that are often 'written off', both in the UK and overseas. CMS recognise 'God is already at work in these spaces and our task is to join in'. To support them through prayer, fundraising, or taking part in projects, visit churchmissionsociety.org, or speak to a member of the All Saints' Mission Vision Group.

Notices

Tea Time Church today: Our puppets will be appearing again, and helping us to understand more about the way Paul helped Timothy to grow in faith. Do come and join us!

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.

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.

PCC Away Morning: Saturday 18th October. Please pray for all the PCC members as they meet to look ahead and plan the future months.

St Luke's Day Service of Wholeness & Healing: Sunday 19th October, 4pm. There will be an opportunity for individual prayer for health and wellbeing.

Bonfire & Fireworks: This very popular event will be held on Saturday 8th November at 6pm. Tickets go on sale on Tuesday 7th October. If you plan to come, PLEASE book quickly as the tickets go like hot cakes! Book online at allsaints.short.gy/bonfire25

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.

Loo roll inners: Please save a few loo roll inners for Lizzie McAlister – she needs them for Lottie's training class!

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 6 th	Women's Bible Study, 16 West Meads, 12.30pm
Tues 7 th	Onslow Infants' Harvest Festival, Church, 10.15am Altogether Worship Planning, Vicarage, 7.30pm
Weds 8 th	Montessori Harvest Festival, Church, 10.30am Wednesday Lunch Group, 12.30pm Sharing & Learning Group, 5 Elmside, 7.45pm
Thurs 9 th	Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am, Revd Paul Morris presiding
Fri 10 th	Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 10.00am
Sat 11 th	Harvest Supper & Quiz, Church, 5.30pm
Sun 12 th	<i>Harvest Festival</i> All-Age Communion, 10.00am Harvest Tea Time Church, 4.00pm, Reading Room

Daily Readings for the coming week

Mon 6 th	Ps. 44, 2 Chronicles 2:1-16, Mark 12:28-34
Tues 7 th	Ps. 48, 2 Chronicles 3, Mark 12:35-end
Weds 8 th	Ps. 119:57-80, 2 Chronicles 5, Mark 13:1-13
Thurs 9 th	Ps. 57, 2 Chronicles 6:1-21, Mark 13:14-23
Fri 10 th	Ps. 51, 2 Chronicles 6:22-end, Mark 13:24-31
Sat 11 th	Ps. 68, 2 Chronicles 7, Mark 13:32-end

Service Readings for Sunday 12th October: Harvest Festival

Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Philippians 4:4-9 and John 6:25-35

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