

Sunday 12th October 2025

Harvest Festival

10.00 a.m. All-Age Communion

4.00 p.m. Tea Time Church

Collect for Today

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Service Readings

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (*p.188*), Philippians 4:4-9 (*p.196*) and John 6:25-35 (*p.94*)

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 Pauline Dean, Mary Walford and Mary Doughty whose anniversary of death is at this time and the family and friends of Jean Neil who died recently.

... those who live and work in Thorn Bank and Vicarage Gate.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; 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 may not know but I'm a keen wildlife gardener. For me there's a great joy in seeing a vegetable seed grow into a plant that we can then eat. I water it, feed it, and take care of this little plant as it grows. Indeed, this is what we see now across the country as food is gathered in during harvest.

The Bible has so many references to food. God providing manna to His people escaping from their Egyptian masters, Jesus feeding the 5,000 with just a few fishes and loaves of bread, are just two examples.

In the Bible, though, God has two meanings for food. Yes, there is food to eat that keeps us fit and healthy but there is also another. That of food that nourishes our spiritual body, our soul. When we take communion, we feed on the blood and body of Christ. When we pray to God in thanks and praise we become closer to Him. When we act in the way that Christ teaches us in the gospels, we feel Christ alive within us. These all sustain and feed us to live the life that God wants us to but, like my little plant, we need constant nourishment.

So, as we celebrate harvest this year, let's take some time to reflect on how we are nourishing our spiritual life through worship, through prayer, through discipleship.

Best wishes to you all,

Andy

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

Welcome and thank you: to Daniel Dupont who is kindly playing the organ for us today.

Tea Time Church today: We will be celebrating Harvest at this service in an interactive way.

Thank you: to Robin, Sylvia, Jo and the events team for a great Harvest Supper and Quiz last night – and also to all of you who attended!

Harvest Collections: Today, we will be collecting items for Guildford Food Bank. The Pastoral Team will be delivering gifts to those in particular need in the parish.

School Harvest Festivals: This week, on Tuesday and Wednesday, we will be welcoming the children and staff from Queen Eleanor's. Please pray for them all as they celebrate with us.

Craft/Crochet collaboration: Join Alison at a meeting after the service today (at a table during coffee), to discuss a collaborative crochet/fabric project for the Feast of God the Creator in September next year. No experience needed - anyone can join! Just come along to hear more, brainstorm ideas, and see if you'd like to take part.

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 are going fast! If you plan to come, PLEASE book quickly! Book online at allsaints.short.gy/bonfire25

Deanery Confirmation Service, 26th October, 6pm at St John's Stoke: Please come and support Ivy as she takes this step of faith.

All Saints' Patronal Festival: Sunday 2nd November. We'll be remembering the Saints of old at our 10am Café-style Altogether Worship service. We'll also be celebrating with a special Choral Evensong for All Saints' Day at 6pm.

Remembrance Sunday 9th November:

- ✚ At 10am, we'll be welcoming our uniformed organisations to join us in worship. We'll be remembering those who gave their lives for the freedoms that we enjoy today. There will be a cake sale afterwards in support of The Royal British Legion.
- ✚ At 4pm we'll be holding a Service of Thanksgiving for the Bereaved. At this service we remember those we love but no longer see. Please give names of those to be remembered to Trish.

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 13th Pastoral Team Meeting, 5 Elmside, 10.00am
Barnabas Group, 26 Manor Way, 4.00pm
- Tues 14th QE Harvest Festival – years 3 and 5, Church, 10.30am
- Weds 15th QE Harvest Festival – years 4 and 6, Church, 10.30am
Dray Court Harvest Service, 2.30pm
Standing Committee, Vicarage, 7.30pm
- Thurs 16th Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am
Choir Rehearsal, Church, 8.00pm
- Fri 17th Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 10.00am
- Sat 18th PCC Away Morning, Willow Grange, 9.30am
- Sun 19th BCP Communion, Reading Room, 8.00am
Morning Worship with Children's Church, 10.00am
Big Build Meeting, Reading Room, 11.30am
St Luke's Day Service of Wholeness & Healing, 4.00pm
Youth Group, Church Hall, 5.30pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

- Mon 13th Ps. 71, 2 Chronicles 9:1-12, Mark 14:1-11
- Tues 14th Ps. 73, 2 Chronicles 10:1-11:4, Mark 14:12-25
- Weds 15th Ps. 77, 2 Chronicles 12, Mark 14:26-42
- Thurs 16th Ps. 78:1-39, 2 Chronicles 13:1-14:1, Mark 14:43-52
- Fri 17th Ps. 55, 2 Chronicles 14:2-end, Mark 14:53-65
- Sat 18th Ps. 145, Isaiah 55, Luke 1:1-4

Service Readings for Sunday 19th October: Trinity 18

Genesis 32:22-31, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 and Luke 18:1-8

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