

Sunday 2nd November 2025

All Saints' Patronal Festival

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.00 a.m. Café-style Altogether Worship
6.00 p.m. Choral Evensong for All Saints' Day

Collect for Today

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Service Readings

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 (*p.842*); Ephesians 1:11-end (*p.189*) and Luke 6:20-31 (*p.61*)

Please pray for

- ... Sylvia Holdsworth, Mark & Jan Knott, Jenny Powell and Becki & Jonathan Salmon.
... the family and friends of Joyce Andrews who died on 14th October, aged 82.
... the family and friends of Michael Hooper and Ralph Walford whose anniversary of death is at this.
... those who live and work in Bannisters Road, Beechcroft Drive, Benbrick Road and Bray Road.
... the Koens family in Papua New Guinea supporting the work of Bible translation through vehicle maintenance, teaching, missionary care.

Post Communion Prayer

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; 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

This morning we celebrate our Patronal Festival: in other words, because we are called 'All Saints' church, we are going to think about what it means to be a saint. Our Gospel reading gives us some ideas – it is Luke's version of the Sermon on the Mount, where we learn that it is not being rich or successful that matters, but loving our enemies, and doing good even to those who treat us badly. Jesus sums it up in what is often called 'the Golden Rule' – 'Do to others as you would have them do to you.'

It's easy to treat our family and friends well – we know they will be grateful, and probably do nice things for us in return. But what about those people who have hurt or insulted us, who we really don't enjoy meeting up with? Jesus tells us we should pray for them, and bless them. These need to be generous prayers – as best we can, should pray that we can see them as God does, as beloved children. Then, perhaps, we can pray God to bless them, and help them be the best versions of themselves. And we can commit ourselves to not try to get back at them, but to keep giving them the second chances that we hope people will give us when we mess up.

Jesus says, 'Blessed are the poor' and 'Woe to you who are rich.' Typing this on the computer I bought less than a year ago, in my comfortable house, I know Jesus is calling me to think and pray carefully about how I use the resources I have been given. That doesn't mean I can't enjoy the good things around me, including the croissants and other treats in church this morning, but I need to work to make sure others can enjoy God's blessings too, especially those most in need.

Today we will explore what it is to be a saint: someone who messes up, as we all do, but keeps learning, and carrying on in Jesus' footsteps. As the song says, 'One more step along the world I go.'

Jay

Mission Focus for November: Clare and Andrew Koens, Papua New Guinea

Clare and Andrew Koens provide support to the Wycliffe Bible translators in Papua New Guinea. One of Andrew's tasks is looking after the motorbikes (including "the Jesus Video Bike" pictured in November's magazine) used by the translators to access villages and deliver hymnbooks, bibles and school supplies. Clare works in staff care, parent coaching and education. Their children Levi, Heidi and Eowyn are at school – please pray that more teachers can come so a full curriculum can be offered at their school. wycliffe.org.uk/.

Notices

All Saints' Patronal Festival TODAY:

- ✝ At our 10am Café-style Altogether Worship service we'll be remembering the Saints of old and thinking about living as disciples of Jesus today.
- ✝ At 6pm our choir will be leading us in a special Choral Evensong for All Saints' Day. There will be refreshments after the service.

Creation Craft Circle: Alison would like to invite any eager crafters to a meeting to further plan the craft exhibition being planned for the new feast day of God the Creator on 1st September. Please come along to the Reading Room **TODAY** at 11am.

Thank you from Guildford Food Bank: A message from Stacey at the food bank: "Thank you so much for your generous Harvest donation to Guildford Food Bank. Your support, in a time of growing need, is much appreciated! Please pass on our thanks to all who donated."

Bonfire & Fireworks: Tickets are now sold out! If you had hoped to come and haven't got a ticket, see Trish and she will add you to the waiting list for any returned tickets.

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, organised by the 4th and 2nd Onslow Village Brownies and the 1st Onslow Village Guides, 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.

Joyce Andrews: Joyce's funeral will be held here at All Saints on Tuesday 11th November at 11am, followed by a burial at Stoke New Cemetery.

Mental Health Foundation Fundraising Concert: Saturday 22nd November at 3pm. Michelle and students and alumni from the University of Surrey will be performing here at All Saints. The concert will be a fusion of classical and pop performers who are studying or have graduated from the Music and Media school. There will also be a bake and art sale in the hall from 2pm. Please support Michelle and this charity by buying tickets here: scanned.page/dv6fxu (where you can also read Michelle's reasons for raising funds for this charity).

New Safeguarding email address: Julie has a new email address for safeguarding matters at All Saints. Please could you update your contact list with this new address: safeguarding@allsaintschurchgd.org.uk

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 3 rd	Finance Vision Group, Reading Room, 10.00am
Tues 4 th	Altogether Worship Planning, Vicarage, 7.30pm
Weds 5 th	Men's Coffee Morning, Reading Room, 10.30am Safeguarding Team Meeting, Zoom, 6.30pm Sharing & Learning Group, 5 Elmside, 7.45pm Premises Vision Group, Reading Room, 8.00pm
Thurs 6 th	Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am Big Build Team Meeting, Vicarage, 7.30pm Choir Rehearsal, 8.00pm
Fri 7 th	Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 10.00am
Sat 8 th	Prayer Breakfast, 5 Elmside, 9.00am Bonfire & Fireworks! 6.00pm
Sun 9 th	<i>Remembrance Sunday</i> All-Age Communion, 10.00am Service for the Bereaved, Reading Room, 4.00pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

Mon 3 rd	Ps. 98, 2 Chronicles 26:1-21, John 13:1-11
Tues 4 th	Ps. 116, Isaiah 45:18-end, Luke 6:12-16
Weds 5 th	Ps. 111, 2 Chronicles 29:1-19, John 13:21-30
Thurs 6 th	Ps. 115, 2 Chronicles 29:20-end, John 13:31-end
Fri 7 th	Ps. 139, 2 Chronicles 30, John 14:1-14
Sat 8 th	Ps. 15, Isaiah 35, Luke 9:18-27

Service Readings for Sunday 9th November: Remembrance Sunday

Psalm 46:1-7, Ephesians 6:10-17 and Luke 6:27-31

Contacts

Revd Beverly Watson, Vicar
vicar@allsaintschurchgfd.org.uk
Tel: 07547 416721

Office: administrator@allsaintschurchgfd.org.uk Tel: 01483 563173
Safeguarding Officer: safeguarding@allsaintschurchgfd.org.uk Tel: 01483 568857



allsaintschurchgfd.org.uk



facebook.com/allsaintschurchgfd



instagram.com/allsaintsgfd/

