

Sunday 26th April 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 10.00 a.m. Church Family Communion with Children's Church
2.30 p.m. Confirmation Class
4.00 p.m. Tea Time Church
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Collect for Today

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Service Readings

Acts 2:42-end (*p.116*), 1 Peter 2:19-end (*p.231*) and John 10:1-10 (*p.100*)

Please pray for

- ... Dave Barclay, Angus Bentall, Mark & Jan Knott, Jay Whittaker and Mike and Rosemary Woodcock.
... the family and friends of Jean Mary Penney, Edith Ford, Francis Goulding, Olive Webber whose anniversary of death is at this time.
... those who live and work in Palmers Lodge, Pentreath Avenue, Poltimore Road and Powell Close.
... the Koens family in Papua New Guinea supporting the work of Bible translation through vehicle maintenance, teaching, missionary care.
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Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Financial Giving

Donations are welcome at all our services. If you don't give regularly via the Parish Giving Scheme, please put your donation in the bowl, tap the card reader on your way out, or use the QR code on the back of this news-sheet. Thank you.

Dear Friends

I always love these weeks of 'Easter-tide' – the fifty days following Easter Day itself, and culminating in Pentecost Sunday and the coming of the Holy Spirit. For many people in our wider community, Easter is just a day, or a weekend, or a school holiday; but for us it's so much more – a whole season when we focus our thoughts on Jesus' resurrection and the hope of eternal life that that gives us.

In these weeks our Bible readings on Sundays take us through the Book of Acts. We hear about Jesus' resurrections appearances, and the way he appeared to the disciples – and one occasion to a group of five hundred people gathered together. We also witness those fallible disciples, who had failed Jesus in his hour of need, finding the courage to preach the good news of Jesus' resurrection and see many people being 'added to their number' (Acts 2:41).

Today in our reading from the Book of Acts we read about the very first Christian community in Jerusalem (Acts 2:42-end). We discover that the believers were together, sharing everything in common, meeting daily in the temple courts and in their homes. They devote themselves to the Apostles' teaching, to one another, to the 'breaking of bread' and to prayer; and with many wonders and miraculous signs being done by the Apostles. It's a wonderful insight into that first Christian community. What can we learn from them today? How might it shape our thinking about the life of All Saints? That's what we'll be finding out during our services today!

Wishing you blessings for this Easter Season,

Beverly

Mission Focus for April: Friends International Guildford

One of the Christian charities that All Saints supports in many ways is Friends International Guildford (FIG). FIG aims to support international students at the University of Surrey in building up friendships with other students, making local links with families and exploring life in the UK. FIG organise events, experiences and social meet ups (online and in-person) to help students from other countries learn about and take part in British culture to get the most out of their time in Guildford. The staff team Lilli and Phil are both Chaplains at the University of Surrey. www.friendsinternationalguildford.org.uk.

Notices

Building a Space for Everyone: This Thursday 30th April, 6pm we're holding a Big Build event in church. We'll be inviting people from the local community to join us for a tour, drinks and nibbles, a presentation and a Q&A session. Everyone is welcome and do please tell friends and neighbours about it. We'll need to know numbers, so if you'd like to come **please book online or email Trish**. More information, and a link to ticketing, on the website:

allsaintschurchgfd.org.uk/the-big-build/community-event/.

Missed a sermon? If you miss a sermon or would like to listen again, head over to our YouTube channel and catch up. Newly available are Martyn's sermon on Maundy Thursday and Julie's beautifully illustrated all-age talk on Easter Sunday. Each Sunday's sermon is generally online on the next day. Here's the link: www.youtube.com/allsaintsguildford

Upcoming Mission Events:

- **May Day Bank Holiday Walk, 4th May:** We'll be walking from All Saints to Puttenham via Watts Gallery. We'll depart at 10.15am, meet at Watts Gallery at around 11.15am. (Those unable to walk can meet the walkers here at the café). We'll leave Watts Gallery at 12 noon to head to St John's Church in Puttenham for a picnic. We'll return by the same route. Let Bruce or Katherine know if you'd like a lift back. Sign up in the foyer.
- **Christian Aid Car Wash & Cake Sale, 16th May:** Between 2pm and 4.30pm we'll be taking over the Onslow Village Hall car park for our annual car wash and cake sale to raise funds for Christian Aid. Volunteers needed for car washing and baking! Please speak to Katherine.

Ascension Day, Thursday 14th May: At 9.30am, Revd Paul Fenner will be leading our service of Holy Communion. Do join us and stay for refreshments afterwards if you can.

Pentecost, Sunday 24th May: Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit. At 10am there will be an All-Age Communion service and at 4pm, Tea Time church.

Sides people: Have you ever thought of being one of our side people? Have a chat with Robin if you'd like to know more.

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 27th Women's Bible Study Group, 16 West Meads, 12.30pm
Barnabas Group, 26 Manor Way, 4.00pm
Worship Vision Group, Vicarage, 5.30pm
- Tues 28th Safeguarding Team Meeting, Zoom, 6.30pm
- Weds 29th Big Build Meeting, Reading Room, 7.30pm
Deanery Synod Meeting, St John's Stoke, 7.30pm
- Thurs 30th Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am
'Building a Space for Everyone', Church, 6.00pm
- Fri 1st Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 10.00am
Funeral of Roger Brown, Church, 1.00pm
- Sat 2nd Band Rehearsal, Church, 10.00am
- Sun 3rd Holy Communion, Reading Room, 8.00am
Café-Style Altogether Worship, 10.00am
Confirmation Class, Reading Room, 2.30pm
Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

- Mon 27th Ps. 103, Exodus 32:1-14, Luke 2:41-end
- Tues 28th Ps. 139, Exodus 32:15-34, Luke 3:1-14
- Weds 29th Ps. 135, Exodus 33, Luke 3:15-22
- Thurs 30th Ps. 118, Exodus 34:1-10,27-end, Luke 4:1-13
- Fri 1st Ps. 139, Proverbs 4:10-18, James 1:1-12
- Sat 2nd Ps. 34, Exodus 40:17-end, Luke 4:31-37

Service Readings for Sunday 3rd May: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-end, 1 Peter 2:2-10 and John 14:1-14

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