

Sunday 10th May 2026
Sixth 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, by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples: help your Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Service Readings

Acts 17:22-31 (*p.134*), 1 Peter 3:13-end (*p.231*) and John 14:15-21 (*p.105*)

Please pray for

- ... Angus Bentall and Mark & Jan Knott.
 - ... the family and friends of John Holwill, Jack Cox, Peter Greenacre and Denis Rice whose anniversary of death is at this time.
 - ... those who live and work in Sandalwood, St Johns Close and St Johns Road.
 - ... 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

God our Father, you have raised our humanity in Christ and have fed us with the bread of heaven: mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings, we may set our hearts in the heavenly places; 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

Today, as we continue to celebrate the 'Easter Season', we find ourselves moving towards Ascension Day (14th May), and then Pentecost (24th May). On the 14th we focus our thoughts on Jesus' return to his Father's side in heaven, where he now intercedes for us; and on the 24th we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, on that first Pentecost celebration after Jesus' resurrection.

So, who, or what is the Holy Spirit? It's relatively straightforward for us to visualise God the Father; and we have much information to help us envisage Jesus the Son. But the Holy Spirit? – that's more challenging.

In our Gospel reading for today (John 14:15-21), and in the chapters that follow, Jesus gives his disciples the fullest description of the person and work of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament. The context is the Last Supper, on what would become the first Maundy Thursday evening; and Jesus is preparing his disciples for life without him. What he promises is another 'Comforter', or 'Advocate', or 'Counsellor' – depending which translation of the New Testament you read. Jesus envisages someone who will 'come alongside' those fearful disciples, comfort them, strengthen them, lead them into the truth, and prepare them for all that was to come.

Today we'll be considering the work of the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Holy Trinity, and discovering that his work is just as meaningful for us as it was to those fearful first disciples.

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Mission Focus for May: Christian Aid (www.christianaid.org.uk)

Christian Aid works to create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty. Christian Aid helps people of all faiths and none. They respond to emergencies caused by earthquakes, war and floods, and long-term projects include those to help set up businesses, promote women's rights, and protect children from being trafficked. For more information please see the article in the May Magazine.

Notices

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.

Christian Aid week is Sunday 10th to Saturday 16th May: Please support Christian Aid by:

- Baking cakes for the car wash and bake sale 2pm to 4.30pm Saturday 16th May at Onslow Village Hall Car Park, or come and buy some cakes! Please provide a full list of ingredients.
- Bring your car to be washed – or offer to help wash some cars (even if you cannot come for all time). Invite your neighbours!
- Deliver envelopes between Sunday 10th to Saturday 16th May – we do not need to collect them.
- Give to the work of Christian Aid – using the envelope, or the QR code on the envelope, or bring your donation to the Car wash and cake sale on 16th May!
- Pray for the work of Christian Aid



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.

Autumn Fair! It's very early to be thinking about the Autumn Fair, but your team of organisers are meeting next Sunday to start the planning, especially around entertainment that needs to be booked. If you have time to help on the team, we'd really love you to join us. We have a few meetings and then in our calendar. If you're interested, please have a chat with Jo Smalley or Trish.

Choral Evensong followed by Strawberry Teas in the Vicarage Garden: Sunday 21st June our choir will be leading us in Choral Evensong at 4pm and this will be followed by strawberry teas in the Vicarage garden. All welcome – and if you'd like to bake a cake, please let Jo Smalley know.

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

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 11th Women's Bible Study, 16 West Meads, 12.30pm

Weds 13th Wednesday Lunch Group, Wilders, 12.30pm

Thurs 14th *Ascension Day*

Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am

Choir Rehearsal, Church, 8.00pm

Men's Group 'Exploring the Way', 24 Bannisters Road, 8.00pm

Fri 15th Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 10.00am

Friday Group, 43 Poltimore Road, 3.00pm

Sat 16th Christian Aid Car Wash & Cake Sale, Onslow Village Hall Car Park,
2pm-4.30pm

Sun 17th BCP Communion, Reading Room, 8.00am

Morning Worship with Children's Church, 10.00am

Autumn Fair Team Meeting, Reading Room, 12 noon

Confirmation Class, Reading Room, 2.30pm

Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm

Youth Group, Church Hall, 5.30pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

Mon 11th Ps. 65, Numbers 16:1-35, Luke 6:27-38

Tues 12th Ps. 126, Numbers 16:36-end, Luke 6:39-end

Weds 13th Ps. 132, Numbers 17:1-11, Luke 7:1-10

Thurs 14th Ps. 110, Isaiah 52:7-end, Hebrews 7:[11-25] 26-end

Fri 15th Ps. 16, 1 Samuel 2:27-35, Acts 2:37-end

Sat 16th Ps. 47, Numbers 21:4-9, Luke 7:18-35

Service Readings for Sunday 17th May: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14, 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11; and John 17:1-11

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