

Sunday 24th May 2026
Pentecost Sunday

10.00 a.m. All-Age Communion
2.30 p.m. Confirmation Class
4.00 p.m. Tea Time Church

Collect for Today

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Service Readings

Acts 2:1-21 (*p.115*), 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 (*p.170*) and John 7:37-39 (*p.97*)

Please pray for

... Angus Bentall, Mark & Jan Knott, David Richards, Sue & John Smith (Zoë's parents) and Paul Young.

... the family and friends of Surrey Swayne and Elsie Attewell whose anniversary of death is at this time.

... those who live and work in The Chase, The Crossways and The Drive.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; 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

Pentecost Sunday is one of the highlights of the Christian calendar, as we celebrate the first out-pouring of the Holy Spirit. It happened exactly fifty days (where the word 'pente-cost' comes from) after Jesus' resurrection, and was eagerly awaited by the first disciples.

It was an event that had been foretold by the prophet Joel, as he looked forward to a time when the Lord would pour out his Spirit in a dramatic way. Joel speaks the words of the Lord:

'I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servant, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke...And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved' (Joel 2:28-32).

Peter quotes this passage on the day of Pentecost, as he tries to explain the wonderful events that were taking place among the disciples. There was the sound like the blowing of a violent wind; tongues of fire that came to rest on each of the disciples; the Spirit enabling them to speak in other languages; and those who had gathered being utterly amazed.

What was it all about? What did it mean? Those are the questions we'll be considering in our services today!

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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

Update on our giving campaign: At next week's 10am service, Andy will be updating us on how we're doing on our campaign to increase regular giving by a third. It's not too late to respond to the letters we sent out in February!

Youth Group and Baby & Toddler Group: Both these groups are thriving, and with good numbers of young people and families attending. We would value new leaders for Youth Group: particularly someone who could engage well with the boys who come (Sunday evening, 3rd Sunday of each month). For Toddlers: someone to be part of the 'Team', setting up, engaging parents and children, and helping to clear away afterwards (Friday mornings during term time). If you have a few hours to spare, please contact Jeanette Whiteman (jeanette.whiteman@gmail.com).

Christian Aid: Many thanks to all who helped with Christian Aid week, delivering envelopes, baking cakes and washing cars! Also, all who gave so generously – the QR code that links to All Saints Christian Aid giving page is still open until 26th June, so it's not too late to give if you missed coming to the car wash! The totals this year are fantastic – we raised £1,333.62 which with £212.29 gift aid added makes a total of £1,545.91.



Orchard Volunteer Morning: Saturday 30 May, 10.30am -1.00pm. We'll be doing routine weeding and watering of the raised beds and fruit trees and hope to begin work on renovating the garden chairs that were kindly donated – this will involve sanding and varnishing. We are also hoping to do a Flower-Insect-Timed count if the weather is good (this is a survey run by the UK Pollinator Monitoring Scheme). We'd love to have some new volunteers join us – no gardening experience needed – come along any time between 10.30am and 1.00pm and stay as long as you have free! Meet by the metal shed (bring suitable tools e.g. secateurs, small fork/trowel and gardening gloves).

Deanery Evensong, Sunday 31st May, 6pm at Guildford Cathedral: We are invited to a deanery evensong at the cathedral along with congregations of Cranleigh Deanery. Do come along if you can, the Area Dean will be preaching.

Andy's Ordination: Andy is being ordained as a Deacon at Guildford Cathedral on Sunday 28th June at 10.30am. Limited tickets are already allocated, but the service will also be live streamed and available as a recording afterwards. (There will still be a 10am service here at All Saints).

At 4pm, we'll be holding a **celebration tea** in church to which everyone is invited. No need to RSVP.

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.

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 25th *Spring Bank Holiday*

NB. No service of Morning Prayer

Tues 26th Pastoral Team Meeting, 5 Elmside, 10.30am

Thurs 28th Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am

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

Choir Rehearsal, Church, 8.00pm

Fri 29th Friday Group, 43 Poltimore Road, 3.00pm

Sat 30th Orchard Volunteer Morning, 10.30am-1.00pm

Sun 31st *Trinity Sunday*

Church Family Communion, 10.00am

Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm

Deanery Evensong at Guildford Cathedral, 6pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

Mon 25th Ps. 126, Joshua 1, Luke 9:18-27

Tues 26th Ps. 132, Joshua 2, Luke 9:28-36

Weds 27th Ps. 119:153-end, Joshua 3, Luke 9:37-50

Thurs 28th Ps. 143, Joshua 4:1-5:1, Luke 9:51-end

Fri 29th Ps. 144, Joshua 5:2-end, Luke 10:1-16

Sat 30th Ps. 147, Joshua 6:1-20, Luke 10:17-24

Service Readings for Sunday 31st May: Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 40:12-17,27-end; 2 Corinthians 13:11-end and Matthew 28:16-end

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