

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026**  
**Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
10.00 a.m. Church Family Communion with Confirmation  
4.00 p.m. Tea Time Church
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**Collect for Today**

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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**Service Readings**

Zechariah 9:9-12 (*p.898*), Romans 7:15-25a (*p.153*) and Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end (*p.11*)

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**Please pray for**

... Esme Doran, Violet Guo, Sheila Kirkland, Mark & Jan Knott, Julie Lodge, Paddy Payne, Mike Woodcock and Paul Young.

... the family and friends of Eve Woodcock, Linda Ellis, Jeffrey Reynolds, Beatrice Scurfield and Michael John Harris whose anniversary of death is at this time.

... those who live and work in Cathedral Close, Curling Vale and Downing Avenue.

... 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**

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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**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.

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## Dear Friends

I have a confession--- I am a regular 'reader' of YouTube clips and have come to realise that many of the headlines follow a routine pattern: ' This will shock you...', or, 'What happened next will amaze you', or, ' No-one told me that...'. Well. No-one told me when I became a bishop what an enormous privilege it would be to take confirmations. But the fact is, it is. And why?

It's because the people being confirmed are choosing publicly to make a solemn commitment to follow the way of Christ. This is not about fashion or social custom, it is a clear-eyed decision that might have taken a long time to come to fruition, and therefore when I lay my hands on the heads of the candidates there is a palpable sense that God is giving the candidates gifts that will be with them for the rest of their lives.

It is a moment of promise: a moment when the promise of God meets the promise of the candidates. It's an epiphany in which the truths of eternity break through into time and time is taken up into eternity. Is it any wonder that from the very beginning the Holy Spirit has been seen as profoundly present at Confirmation.

So, I am greatly looking forward to being with you. Meanwhile, please hold the candidates up before God and pray that for all of us who will be present it will be a time of grace, beauty, and hope,

**Bishop Christopher Herbert**

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## Mission Focus for July: Mosaic Middle East (MME)

Our prayers are still urgently needed for the work of MME, particularly for the beleaguered Christian communities in Iraq. Iran and other areas of the Middle East are of course more in the spotlight at the moment, but Iraq continues to feel the effects of ISIS and the wars since 2000. It remains a country suffering all kinds of internal strife, but some Christian communities soldier on against all the odds. St. George's Church in Baghdad is one of these – it stands steadfast as a beacon of hope. Please continue to offer prayers for the Rev'd Faiz and all those who benefit from his ministry!

## Notices

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**Confirmation Service today:** We warmly welcome Bishop Christopher Herbert, former Bishop of St Albans now serving as an honorary assistant bishop in Guildford Diocese, who will confirm our candidates today. We welcome too, our candidates for confirmation: Gwen, Sue, Mary, Favour, Joseph and Phoebe, and of course their families and supporters.

Today's collection will be for the Bishop of Guildford's Community Fund, so please give via the collection bag or the tap machine at the back of church.

Join us afterwards in the hall for celebration cakes and coffee!

**A thank you from Revd Andy:** I was completely humbled by all of your kind words last Sunday. I am just so grateful for everyone who came to the Cathedral and the tea party at the church. When I look back at what you have all done for me: taking your time to come along to the Cathedral and church, cakes, putting up tents, teas - I'm a very lucky Reverend and so grateful to God that I am here in the parish to serve you all. The present you got me is just perfect. I will bring it to church this Sunday - it's just beautiful! I will be writing a much more thorough thank you to you all in the magazine, but wanted to write this now. Very best wishes to each and every one of you and God bless you. Revd Andy Wells.

**QE Prayer Spaces:** This week we will have nearly 300 children from Queen Eleanor's coming to experience prayer spaces here at All Saints. We hope to be able to do this outside in the field and orchard. Please prayer for the staff and children as they join us.

**Pet Service:** On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm we'll be inviting all pets to our service. Please come along, we'll be giving thanks for our pets and all they mean to us and praying for God's blessing.

**The St Francis 800 Years Pilgrimage:** On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July, Jay Whittaker and the Guildford Area Franciscans will be leading a pilgrimage from St Francis Westborough to Guildford Cathedral via All Saints. The pilgrimage will start at 10.30am and end with a service in the Lady Chapel. Put the date in your diary and more information will be available soon.

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## 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 6 <sup>th</sup>	QE Prayer Space for Year 3, 9.30am QE Prayer Space for Year 4, 11.00am Women's Bible Study Group, 'Seasons', 12.30pm
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	QE Prayer Space for Year 5, 9.30am Altogether Worship Planning, Vicarage, 7.30pm
Weds 8 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday Lunch Group, Wilders, 12.30pm PCC, Reading Room, 7.15pm
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am Men's Group 'Exploring the Way', 6 Scillonian Road, 8.00pm Choir Rehearsal, Church, 8.00pm
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 10.00am Friday Group, 43 Poltimore Road, 3.00pm
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	Prayer Breakfast, 6 Scillonian Road, 9.00am
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	Church Family Communion with Children's Church, 10.00am Pet Service, Church, 4.00pm

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## Daily Readings for the coming week

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Ps. 98, 1 Samuel 1:1-20, Luke 19:28-40
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	Ps. 106, 1 Samuel 1:21-2:11, Luke 19:41-end
Weds 8 <sup>th</sup>	Ps. 111, 1 Samuel 2:12-26, Luke 20:1-8
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>	Ps. 115, 1 Samuel 2:27-end, Luke 20:9-19
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Ps. 139, 1 Samuel 3:1-4.1a, Luke 20:20-26
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	Ps. 121, 1 Samuel 4:1b-end, Luke 20:27-40

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## Service Readings for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 55:10-13, Romans 8:1-11 and Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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