

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2026**  
**Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
10.00 a.m. Café-style Altogether Worship  
4.00 p.m. Tea Time Church

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**Collect for Today**

Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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**Service Readings**

Isaiah 55:1-5 (*p.696*), Romans 9:1-5 (*p.154*) and Matthew 14:13-21 (*p.15*)

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**Please pray for**

... Violet Guo, Mark & Jan Knott, Julie Lodge and Mike Woodcock.  
... the family and friends of Simon's Mum, Esme Doran, who died on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July.  
... the family and friends of Ethel Long whose anniversary of death is at this time.  
... those who live and work in Irwin Road, Iveagh Road, Litchfield Way and Lynwood.  
... 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**

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of 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

The prophet Isaiah: what beauty! What comfort! What wisdom! No wonder he is the most quoted of the prophets by the New Testament writers. Jesus used some words of Isaiah to announce his mission in the synagogue in Nazareth: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, and he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.' When he cleansed the Temple, overturning the money-changers' tables, Jesus said, 'My house will be called a house of prayer.' In Romans, Paul quotes Isaiah: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

Every Christmas we hear words from Isaiah that foreshadow the coming of Christ: 'The Virgin will conceive and bear a son,' (Isaiah 7:14); 'For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,' (9:6) and 'A shoot will come up from the root of Jesse ... The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon him,' (11:1-2).

It's a great joy this Sunday morning to explore this great servant of God, to learn about Old Testament times, in which these prophecies were given, and to rejoice in their inspiring words. A favourite passage of mine is the beginning of Isaiah 43. Although it is addressed to the people of Israel, it speaks to all of us of God's passionate love: 'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine ... You are precious and honoured in my sight.' I pray that we will all find renewed comfort and inspiration as we study this great prophet.

Jay

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## Mission Focus for August: Church Mission Society (CMS)

CMS is one of the major Anglican missionary societies. All Saints' has been a regular financial supporter of this Society from our annual mission budget for a number of years now, and this month we have an opportunity to find out more about who they are and what they do, so that we can pray for their work worldwide both in church and in our private prayers. Their current theme is an invitation to "come with CMS to the edges, and discover God in ways you may not have expected". "People at the edges" means those Christians who are facing persecution or other serious crises. They are at the centre of God's story. So please remember them in prayer throughout this month. There is also more information in the August magazine and on the CMS website

## Notices

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**Sheila Kirkland's Funeral:** This will be held at Guildford Cathedral on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome.

**Congratulations:** to Andy Wells who turned 60 on Friday and to Martyn Whiteman who is celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> today!

**Children's Church:** Now that we're in the school summer holidays, we're giving our Children's Church leaders a well-earned break! Children are extremely welcome in our services and there will be specially prepared activities at the back of church for each Sunday. We ask that parents supervise their children when they are enjoying the activities.

Children and families are also very welcome at Tea Time Church every Sunday for an intergenerational service with activities for children.

**Tea Time Church today:** we'll be looking at the feeding of the 5,000 in an intergenerational and accessible way. Children and families welcome.

**Sponsored Bible Reading Event:** On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August, 9.30am-12 noon we'll be reading through Mark's gospel and raising money for the Koens and their work for Wycliffe Bible Translators in Papua New Guinea. Have a chat with Katherine, Bruce or Richard Hemingway from the Mission Vision Group to find out more.

**Dray Court Service in August:** On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August at 2.30pm, we'll have a special Dray Court Service celebrating our favourite hymns. If you'd like to choose a hymn and come along, please let Beverly know. Offers of cake would be very welcome!

**Contacting our curate:** If you need to get in touch with Andy, our new curate, please use this email address: [curate@allsaintschurchgfd.org.uk](mailto:curate@allsaintschurchgfd.org.uk).

**Summer Season:** We're aware that this is a quieter time for many of us. Some may be going on holiday, others may be holidaying at home. Over these months, Sunday services will continue as usual, Thursday communion will take place at 9.30am each week, Morning Prayer continues each Monday to Wednesday.

**Tea & Cake at The Vicarage on Wednesday afternoons:** Beverly would like to welcome people into the new look Vicarage – house and garden. She will hold an 'open house' at the Vicarage on Wednesday afternoons until **26th August**. Everyone is welcome – especially children and families, to drop in between **2.30pm and 4pm**. (On 19th August, instead of meeting at the Vicarage, everyone would be welcomed to the Dray Court service entitled "Our Favourite Hymns").

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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.**

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| Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Altogether Worship Planning, Vicarage, 7.30pm                                                                                   |
| Weds 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Central Team Meeting, Zoom, 10.00am<br>Men's Coffee Morning, Reading Room, 10.30am<br>Tea & Cake at The Vicarage, 2.30pm-4.00pm |
| Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> | Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am<br>Men's Group "Exploring the Way", 27 Queen's Road, 8.00pm                                |
| Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>   | Prayer Breakfast, 5 Elmside, 9.00am                                                                                             |
| Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>   | Church Family Communion, 10.00am<br>Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm                                                       |

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## Daily Readings for the coming week

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| Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | Ps. 44, 1 Samuel 19:1-18, Acts 1:1-14          |
| Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Ps. 48, 1 Samuel 20:1-17, Acts 1:15-end        |
| Weds 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Ps. 119:57-80, 1 Samuel 20:18-end, Acts 2:1-21 |
| Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> | Ps. 27, 1 Kings 19:1-16, 1 John 3:1-3          |
| Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>   | Ps. 51, 1 Samuel 22:6-end, Acts 2:37-end       |
| Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>   | Ps. 68, 1 Samuel 23, Acts 3:1-10               |

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## Service Readings for Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August: 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

1 Kings 19:9-18, Romans 10:5-15 and Matthew 14:22-33

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