

Sunday 16th August 2026
Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

8.00 a.m. BCP Communion
10.00 a.m. Morning Worship
4.00 p.m. Tea Time Church

Collect for Today

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Service Readings

Isaiah 56:1,6-8 (*p.696*); Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 (*p.156*) and Matthew 15:21-28 (*p.16*)

Please pray for

... Violet Guo, Mark & Jan Knott, Julie Lodge and Mike Woodcock.
... we give thanks for the life of Esme Doran whose funeral takes place tomorrow and we pray for Simon, Linda and the family at this time of loss.
... we give thanks for the life of John Carter, Pat Williams, Kid Brookes and John Colson whose anniversary of death is at this time and pray for their family and friends.
... those who live and work in Old Court Road, Old Palace Road and Orchard Road.
... the Koens family in Papua New Guinea supporting the work of Bible translation through vehicle maintenance, teaching, missionary care.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; 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'm writing Dear Friends on the eve of the release of the A level results across the UK. Tomorrow morning at 7am, I'll be at Surrey University helping the 200 strong team answering calls from students and parents as they seek a place at Surrey. My role is within the admissions team, talking to students and sorting out a degree for them, offering a place at Surrey via the admission system that controls all the offers and grades. I'll also be supporting the student ambassadors too, who are on the "first line", taking the initial calls from both excited and worried students.

I'm hoping to tell you all about it on Sunday!

What has this got to do with the Canaanite Woman in Matthew, our Gospel reading for this Sunday, I hear you ask? Good question!!! This is quite a difficult reading. Christ is refusing to do what this woman asks. Why is that? Why would the all loving Jesus refuse her?

Well, here, the Canaanite woman meets Christ's challenge head on, and so too do the many 1,000's of students that use the clearing system. Both the students and the woman meet a challenge head on and find a solution.

Best wishes.

Andy

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

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.

Dray Court Service in August: this Wednesday 19th 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!

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

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").

Our love and prayers are with all the A level students in our church family who have received exam results. Please pray for them all as they consider their next steps, whether those are on the path they hoped for or not.

Looking ahead:

- Sunday 6th September: *Backpack Sunday* – a special service when we gather together after the school summer holidays and pray for the new school term and new starts. Bring your school backpack or work bag and we'll pray for new beginnings.
- Sunday 6th September: *Church Family Picnic* at 12 noon. Gather on the field to catch-up with one another after the summer break. Bring your own picnic, something to sit on, sun hats, sun cream and maybe field games!
- Saturday 19th September: *Autumn Fair*, 2pm-5pm. More info to follow!

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 17th Hear Here Clinic, Reading Room, 2.00pm to 3.00pm
 Altogether Worship Planning, Vicarage, 7.30pm

Weds 19th Dray Court Service, 2.30pm

Thurs 20th Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am, *Revd Paul Fenner presiding*
 Choir Rehearsal, Church, 8.00pm
 Men's Group "Exploring the Way", 24 Bannister's Road

Sun 23rd Church Family Communion, 10.00am
 Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

Mon 17th Ps. 71, 1 Samuel 24, Acts 3:11-end

Tues 18th Ps. 73, 1 Samuel 26, Acts 4:1-12

Weds 19th Ps. 77, 1 Samuel 28:3-end, Acts 4:13-31

Thurs 20th Ps. 78:1-39, 1 Samuel 31, 1 Acts 4:32-5:11

Fri 21st Ps. 55, 2 Samuel 1, Acts 5:12-26

Sat 22nd Ps. 98, Isaiah 7:10-15, Luke 11:27-28

Service Readings for Sunday 23rd August: 12th Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 51:1-6, Romans 12:1-8 and Matthew 16:13-20

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