

Sunday 23rd August 2026
Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 a.m. Church Family Communion

4.00 p.m. Tea Time Church

Collect for Today

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Service Readings

Isaiah 51:1-6 (*p.691*), Romans 12:1-8 (*p.157*) and Matthew 16:13-20 (*p.17*)

Please pray for

... Penny Farbridge, Violet Guo, Mark & Jan Knott, Julie Lodge and Mike Woodcock.

... we give thanks for the life of Sheila Kirkland whose funeral takes place on Tuesday, 10.30am at the cathedral, and we pray for her family at this time of loss.

... we give thanks for the life of Noel Hunter, John Evans and Arthur Gowers whose anniversary of death is at this time and pray for their family and friends.

... those who live and work in Palmers Lodge, Pentreath Avenue, Poltimore Road and Powell Close.

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

Post Communion Prayer

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of 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

Some stones tell stories. They carry the marks of where they have come from, of what has shaped them, and sometimes of hands that have worked upon them. Isaiah offers the intriguing invitation to “look to the rock from which you were hewn.” Perhaps knowing where we have come from matters more than we realise. Perhaps it helps us understand not only who we are, but what God might yet be making of us.

At Easter, a stone helped us tell the story of something apparently immovable being overcome by life. But Scripture has rather more to say about stones. There are rocks, foundations and cornerstones; stones rejected and stones chosen; stones that somehow even become living. And through them runs the promise of Christ: “I will build my church.” This Sunday, we’ll pick up the story of the stones again—and wonder where we might find ourselves within it.

God bless,

Julie

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

Return to the Common Cup (single chalice) at Communion Services: From Thursday 3rd September, we will no longer offer small cups at communion and will return to a single chalice. More information will be in the September magazine, on the noticeboard, on the website and via email.

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

Tea & Cake at The Vicarage on Wednesday afternoons: There's one more chance to join Beverly at her open house and gardens this Wednesday 26th August. Everyone is welcome – especially children and families, to drop in between 2.30pm and 4pm.

Our love and prayers are with all the GCSE 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.

Orchard Volunteer Morning: Saturday 29th August 10.30am-1.00pm: We will be watering, cutting back, pruning, and tidying. Meet by the metal shed (bring gardening gloves and any suitable tools eg secateurs, small fork/trowel).

We will also have a look at some of the plants by the church front that will need moving in anticipation of the building works. If anyone has any big plant pots spare that we can use for this, please speak to Steve/Sue/a member of the Orchard team.

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!

Autumn Fair: Coming soon on 19th September! Please bring your donations to the foyer (see list on the noticeboard). And of course we always need more helpers, so if you can lend a hand on a stall, please tell Trish or Jo.

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 24 th	Pastoral Team Meeting, 5 Elmside, 10.30am
Tues 25 th	Funeral of Sheila Kirkland, Guildford Cathedral, 10.30am
Weds 26 th	Tea & Cake at The Vicarage, 2.30pm-4.00pm Sharing & Learning Group, 5 Elmside, 7.45pm
Thurs 27 th	Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am Choir Rehearsal, Church, 8.00pm
Fri 28 th	Friday Group, 43 Poltimore Road, 3.00pm
Sat 29 th	Orchard Volunteer Morning, 10.30am-1.00pm
Sun 30 th	Church Family Communion, 10.00am Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

Mon 24 th	Ps. 86, Genesis 28:10-17, John 1:43-end
Tues 25 th	Ps. 106, 2 Samuel 12:1-25, Acts 9:1-19a
Weds 26 th	Ps. 111, 2 Samuel 15:1-12, Acts 9:19b-31
Thurs 27 th	Ps. 115, 2 Samuel 15:13-end, Acts 9:32-end
Fri 28 th	Ps. 139, 2 Samuel 16:1-14, Acts 10:1-16
Sat 29 th	Ps. 121, 2 Samuel 17:1-23, Acts 10:17-33

Service Readings for Sunday 30th August: 13th Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 15:15-21, Romans 12:9-end and Matthew 16:21-end

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