

Sunday 6th September 2026

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity and Back Pack Sunday

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

Collect for Today

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Service Readings

Exodus 12:1-14 (*p.60*), Romans 13:8-end (*p.158*) and Matthew 18:15-20 (*p.19*)

Please pray for

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

... we give thanks for the life of Marion Morgan and Raymond Gowers whose anniversary of death is at this time and pray for their family and friends.

... those who live and work in Sandalwood, St Johns Close and St Johns Road.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in 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

This week in church is "Back Pack Sunday". During the service we bless the bags people have bought along that they use for recreation, work and school. What we're really doing, though, is blessing the people who carry them.

This week sees children return to school. Each one in a new year but possibly a new school too. It may also be a time, too, that adults start a new job at work or even a new company. Students who have just left school may be starting out on their career, or travelling for a year. Students might also be starting further education or apprenticeships. It might also be that some more mature "students" have retired and looking at what retirement has in stall for them, or may be seeking a new job and not sure where their path is going.

This all brings apprehension, excitement, nervousness and anxiety. Not knowing what is going to happen takes us out of our comfort zones. All that we know has come to an end and a new chapter is about to start. What do we take on this new uncharted journey? What should be in our bag?

There is one constant we have. That Jesus is with us every step of the way. He delights in helping us. In his letter to the Romans, Paul asks us to "put on the armour of light". Whenever we are anxious, he asks we hand our worries over to him, whenever the path looks unclear, know that Jesus is walking along side us - our comforter.

I pray that whatever your continuing or new journey is this month, that you know the presence of God in your life and have faith that He has a wonderful plan for you, even if it doesn't seem clear just yet. Place your faith in Jesus and the path will become clear.

Andy

Mission Focus for September: Friends International Guildford (FIG)

Friends International is a charity which spans multiple Churches in the Guildford area and provides support and services to International Students at Surrey University. All Saints has been a supporter of the Charity for a number of years, and members of the congregations also lend their time and support in their work. This month, a new cohort of international students will arrive at Surrey University, and many of them will have little to no network in the UK. FIG will be at the forefront, providing help and support to these students as they navigate life in a foreign country. For information visit on how to support FIG visit www.friendsinternationalguildford.org.uk/ and see the further information in the All Saints Magazine. Please pray for the mission of FIG as they go about their work, and for the impact that they have in so many lives.

Notices

Return to the Common Cup (single chalice) at Communion Services: From now on, 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.

Today is a busy day!

✝ *Thank you, Jeanette!* We'll be thanking Jeanette for her work as Children and Young Peoples' Vision Group chair. Between the 10am service and the picnic, we'll stay in church and celebrate Jeannette with cake and bubbly (board games etc available for children).

✝ *Backpack Sunday* – we'll be praying for the new school term and new starts.

✝ *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!

Pastoral Sunday: Sunday 13th September. During our 10am Church Family Communion, we'll be thanking Richard Hemingway for a remarkable 40 years service as Pastoral Assistant in this parish. We'll also be showcasing the work of the Pastoral Team.

Autumn Fair: Saturday 19th September, 2pm-5pm. Donations and volunteers still needed – speak to Jo or Trish if you can help. If we could all bring one bottle and one chocolate item, we'd have great tombola stalls! Don't forget to tell Eve if you're able to bake a cake for the refreshments stall.

Men's Group 'Beer and Belief': Revd Andy Wells is launching a much-anticipated renewed men's group called 'Beer and Belief', which will meet monthly at the Astolat Pub. The group aims to provide a comfortable and supportive space for men to discuss various topics and to learn from each other. Sessions are free, and we hope that the group can attract members of the community as well as the congregation, with a particular focus on linking with Friends International Guildford and international students who live locally. Please join and support this group, as your input would be much valued. The first session will be on 21st September at 7:30pm. Further information and dates can be found in the flyers. Andy would love to speak to anyone who is interested in joining or helping out with this group.

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 7 th	Women's Bible Study Group, 16 West Meads, 12.30pm Safeguarding Team Meeting, Zoom, 6.30pm Sharing & Learning Group, 4 Windsor Close, 7.45pm
Tues 8 th	Altogether Worship Planning, Vicarage, 7.30pm
Weds 9 th	Wednesday Lunch Group, Wilders, 12.30pm PCC Meeting, Reading Room, 7.15pm
Thurs 10 th	Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am Deanery Synod Meeting, St Saviour's, 7.30pm Choir Rehearsal, Church, 8.00pm
Fri 11 th	Baby & Toddler Group, Church 10.00am Friday Group, 43 Poltimore Road, 3.00pm
Sat 12 th	Prayer Breakfast, 6 Scillonian Road, 9.00am
Sun 13 th	<i>Pastoral Sunday</i> Church Family Communion with Children's Church, 10.00am Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

Mon 7 th	Ps. 1, 1 Kings 1:5-31, Acts 13:13-43
Tues 8 th	Ps. 5, 1 Kings 1:32-2:4, 2:10-12, Acts 13:44-14:7
Weds 9 th	Ps. 119:1-32, 1 Kings 3, Acts 14:8-end
Thurs 10 th	Ps. 15, 1 Kings 4:29-5:12, Acts 15:1-21
Fri 11 th	Ps. 19, 1 Kings 6:1, 11-28, Acts 15:22-35
Sat 12 th	Ps. 23, 1 Kings 8:1-30, Acts 15:36-16:5

Service Readings for Sunday 13th September: 15th Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 50:15-21, Romans 14:1-12 and Matthew 18:21-35

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