

Sunday 13th September 2026
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity and Pastoral Sunday

10.00 a.m. Church Family Communion with Children's Church
with breakfast!

4.00 p.m. Tea Time Church

Collect for Today

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Service Readings

Genesis 50:15-21 (*p.49*), Romans 14:1-12 (*p.158*) and Matthew 18:21-35
(*p.19*)

Please pray for

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

... we give thanks for the life of Audrey Richardson whose anniversary of death is at this time and pray for their family and friends.

... those who live and work in Scholar's Walk, Scillonian Road and Stag Hill.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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

There's a strong theme of mercy and forgiveness running through our readings for this morning. The first comes in Genesis 50:15-21, where Joseph (of technicolour dream-coat) fame, meets his brothers at the end of the story. The brothers, who sold Joseph into slavery, finally have to meet him – now as Pharaoh's official, and over-seer of the bread baskets of Egypt. They plead with him for mercy, and Joseph responds with extraordinary generosity.

Our reading from the Gospel, Matthew 18:21-35, picks up the same theme, with Jesus' parable of an unmerciful servant. A servant who has been forgiven a huge debt later treats a fellow servant harshly – one who owed him just a few pence; and the master is outraged by the first servant's lack of mercy.

And St. Paul picks up the theme in his letter to the Romans (14:1-12). Who are we to judge each other? Judgement belongs to God, and each of us will need to give an account of ourselves to him. Each of us depends upon his mercy and forgiveness.

In a world where grace and mercy are often hard to find, and nations are at war with one another, we need to hear again this call to forgive. For forgiveness, mercy, grace, reconciliation and healing are at the heart of the Gospel.

Beverly

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

Pastoral Sunday: Today, 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.

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.

The Autumn Fair.... is next Saturday 19th September, 2pm-5pm. Please:

- Pray for good weather, many people and lots of fun
- Bring any last-minute donations, cakes etc
- Come – and bring friends and family

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.

Confirmation Follow-Up Group: Sunday 20th September, 5pm-5.30pm. Our confirmation candidates will be continuing to study together and others are very welcome to join us. Please speak to Beverly if you're interested.

Youth Group: The first Youth Group of term is next Sunday, 20th September, 5.30pm to 7.30pm. Open to all secondary school children. We have table tennis, crafts, games and enjoy pizza together. Please let Jeanette know if your youngster is interested in coming.

Deputy Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) wanted: Julie Lodge is doing a great job being our PSO, but it is currently a bit overwhelmed. We'd therefore like to appoint her a deputy. If you'd be willing to support the Safeguarding Team in this way, please have a chat with Julie or Beverly.

Choral Scholars: we all very much enjoy having Choral Scholars as part of our choir. The fund, however, is getting a little low and so we'd really appreciate more regular donors to help us keep the programme going. If you can help, please speak to Jeremy, Beverly or Eve (as bookkeeper). Thank you!

Men's Group 'Beer and Belief': We're launching a men's group called 'Beer and Belief', meeting monthly at the Astolat Pub. The group aims to provide a space for men to discuss various topics and to learn from each other and we hope that the group can attract members of the community as well as the congregation. The first session will be on 21st September at 7:30pm. Further information and dates can be found in the flyers.

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.

Weds 16th Dray Court Service, 2.30pm
Big Build Meeting, Reading Room, 7.30pm (7pm for prayer)
Thurs 17th Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am
Men's Group "Exploring the Way", 13 Abbot's Close, 8.00pm
Fri 18th Baby & Toddler Group, Church 10.00am
Sat 19th Autumn Fair! 2.00pm- 5.00pm
Sun 20th BCP Communion, Reading Room, 8.00am
Morning Worship with Children's Church, 10.00am
Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm
Youth Group, Church Hall, 5.30pm-7.30pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

Mon 14th Ps. 2, Genesis 3:1-15, John 12:27-36a
Tues 15th Ps. 36, 1 Kings 8:63-9:9, Acts 16:25-end
Weds 16th Ps. 34, 1 Kings 10:1-25, Acts 17:1-15
Thurs 17th Ps. 37, 1 Kings 11:1-13, Acts 17:16-end
Fri 18th Ps. 31, 1 Kings 11:26-end, Acts 18:1-21
Sat 19th Ps. 42, 1 Kings 12:1-24, Acts 18:22-19:7

Service Readings for Sunday 20th September:

16th Sunday after Trinity

Exodus 16:2-15, Philippians 1:21-end and Matthew 20:1-16

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