

Sunday 7th July 2024 Sixth Sunday after Trinity and Godparents' Sunday

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion10.00 a.m. Café-Style Altogether Worship4.00 p.m. Tea-time Church

Collect for Today

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Service Readings

Ezekiel 2:1-5 (p.783), 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 (p.182) and Mark 6:1-13 (p.38)

Please pray for

... Jan & Mark Knott, Del May, Jean Read, Paul Young and Roger Young. ... the family and friends of Jeffrey Reynolds, Beatrice Scurfield and Michael Harris whose anniversary of death is at this time.

... those who live and work in Abbots Close, Agraria Road and Alresford Road. ... the Koens family in Papua New Guinea supporting the work of Bible translation through vehicle maintenance, teaching, missionary care.

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Donations

These are the ways we encourage everyone to give:

- The collection during the third hymn
- The collection plate at the back
- The contactless donation machine at the back
- The QR code to take you to our online giving page
- By setting up a standing order to All Saints Don't forget to Gift Aid if you can! Thank you.



Dear Friends

This Sunday is Godparents' Sunday. But it's wider than that. During a baptism, the parents, Godparents and the congregation are called to guide those being baptised into a Christian life.

In our Altogether Worship service this week, we will be thinking about what this means and giving thanks to all those involved in this amazing Christian journey.

Across the whole of the New Testament we see how Jesus prepares and equips his disciples and those he meets to live a Christian life. The gospel reading this week describes how the disciples make their first journey in faith to serve others. So how might the wonderful stories we read in the gospels be current in our lives today? We'll be looking at just how this Sunday too.

Our journey in faith may not always be an easy one. There will be challenges, as we feel out of our depth. There will be moments of absolute joy too. Where ever we all are though, we can be rest assured that God is with us. When I started on my ordination course, the work load was a bit overwhelming for some of us who hadn't had a degree education. We had to cram 3 months' work into 3 weeks, as the panel that assesses your progress to ordination were late last year. One of my fellow students, in the same "no degree" boat as me, simply said: "but God put you here Andy. He knows what you can and can't do - so it will all be fine". One year in, my friend was right!

Have a blessed week.

Andy

Mission Focus for July: United Society Partners in the Gospel (USPG)

USPG has been one of the foremost outreach organisations of the Church of England since its formation in the early 18th century. All Saints has been supporting the work of USPG for a great many years, as one of the beneficiaries of the annual financial support budget for mission organisations. The emphasis is now on the word "Partners", as USPG works in collaboration with local churches and communities on valuable local projects in more than 50 countries around the world, particularly in Africa and Asia. Project work includes provision of clinics for treatment of HIV and AIDS cases, and also education and work skills training programmes.

Notices

Godparents' Sunday TODAY: Welcome to all Godparents! We'll be renewing our baptism vows, and giving godparents an opportunity to remember and renew the promises they made on behalf of their godchildren. If Godchildren have brought along their baptismal candles, we'll be re-lighting them during the service.

Tea-time church today: Jo will be leading today and we'll learn about travelling light and relying on God. Everyone is welcome – young and old(er)!

Office closed: Monday to Thursday this week as Trish spends time in rainy Anglesey! Please contact Beverly or the wardens with any urgent matters.

The Big Build: This week we're hoping to receive new, revised plans from the architects. These will be reviewed by the Steering Group on 15th July and then at a special PCC meeting on 30th July. We'll then put the plans on display for everyone to view in the foyer. A summary of the group's meetings are on the website as well as updates from Robin in the magazine.

Safeguarding Training: If you've received an email from Julie regarding safeguarding training, we'd be grateful if you could treat this as a matter of urgency. (We are aware that there is currently no capacity for Leadership training, but please keep checking the website).

Acorn's Guildford Healing Hub: offers individual prayer to anyone who would like it. They meet in the Chapter House at the Cathedral monthly on the last Thursday of the month from 12.00 pm - 1.30 pm. There is more information and future dates on the Acorn website <u>acornchristian.org/</u>.

Pet Service: NEXT Sunday 14th July at 4pm followed by tea and cake. All pets are welcome to celebrate all that they mean to us and to receive a blessing. If your pet is too shy, then please come along with a photo!

Youth Group - new members! At Youth Group on Sunday 14th July, 5.30pm we'll be inviting any year 6 children to come along for a BBQ. We'll be chatting about moving to secondary school along with playing table tennis, and games on the field if it's nice. Do invite your friends along and let Jeanette know if you're planning to come (jeanette.whiteman@gmail.com)

Hard of Hearing: The next hearing clinic is on Monday 15th July at 2pm in the Reading Room. At 3pm the Hard of Hearing Group will meet and the topic this time is 'fêtes and fairs we have been to and enjoyed'. Do come an join us.

BCP Communion in July: we'll be moving this service from 21st July at 8am to Sunday 28th July at 8am (this is because we've been unable to find cover whilst Beverly is away)

Young Adults Summer BBQ: Saturday 27th July, 3pm-8pm. Have a chat with Henrietta or Martyn if you're interested in coming.

Deanery Synod Meeting: Wednesday 31st July, 7.30pm at St Mary's Shalford. This will include a presentation from the Local Ministry Programme Team. Simon Doran and Marguerite Barclay are our current representatives on Deanery Synod.

Diary for the Coming Week Morning prayer Mon, Tues, Weds 9.15am in the Reading Room and Zoom. Thurs Holy Communion at 9.30am in the Reading Room. Mon 8th Barnabas Group, 26 Manor Way, 4.00pm Tues 9th Women's Bible Study Group, 12 noon PCC, Vicarage, 7.15pm Weds 10th Wednesday Lunch Group. Kempshott, 12.30pm Sharing & Learning Group, 7.45pm Altogether Worship Planning, 7.30pm, Vicarage Thurs 11th Holy Communion, Church, 9.30am Young Adults Study Group, 6 Scillonian Road, 7.30pm Choir Rehearsal, Church, 8.00pm Friday 12th Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 9.30am

Sun 14th Family Communion with Children's Church, 10.00am Pet Service, 4.00pm Youth Group, Church Hall, 5.30pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

Mon 8 th	Ps. 126, 1 Samuel 5, Luke 20:41-21:4
Tues 9 th	Ps. 132, 1 Samuel 6:1-16, Luke 21:5-19
Weds 10 th	Ps. 119:153-end, 1 Samuel 7, Luke 21:20-28
Thurs 11 th	Ps. 143, 1 Samuel 8, Luke 21:29-end
Fri 12 th	Ps. 144, 1 Samuel 9:1-14, Luke 22:1-13
Sat 13 th	Ps. 147, 1 Samuel 9:15-10:1, Luke 22:14-23

Service Readings for Sunday 14th July: Trinity 7

Amos 7:7-15, Ephesians 1:3-14 and Mark 6:14-29

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