

Sunday 29th September 2024

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 a.m. Family Communion with Children's Church and
Baptism of Luca
4.00 p.m. Tea-time Church

Collect for Today

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Service Readings

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16 (*p.134*); James 5:13-end (*p.229*) and Mark 9:38-end (*p.43*)

Please pray for

... Margaret Arni, Clive Daborn, Jo Dwyer, Robin Holdsworth, Chris Lambert, Jean and Tony Reed and Roger Young.

... those who live and work 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

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen.**

Dear Friends

During September our Sunday bible readings have been taking us through the epistle of James. It's a very practical letter, which looks at many different aspects of the Christian life. It challenges us to put our faith in to practice; to discern the difference between earthly wisdom and heavenly wisdom; to learn how to 'tame the tongue' (5:8), and take control of the words we say; and to be patient in times of suffering.

James also explores the nature of Prayer, and particularly what he describes as the 'Prayer of Faith' (5:15). Here as well, James is very practical. He's convinced that the prayer of a righteous person is 'powerful and effective' (5:16); and that we should have the courage to expect answers to our prayers.

It's a bold vision of Prayer, and one which we'll be exploring in our services today. How should we pray? What should we pray for? Does God always answer our prayers? What happens when prayer seems to fail? What is the point of Prayer? They're important issues for us as a praying community; they're equally important for each of us as praying individuals.

Let's open our minds to discovering more of the riches of Prayer, as we look at James' teaching this morning.

Beverly

Mission Focus for September: Friends International Guildford

Friends International Guildford (FIG) is a local Christian charity, which aims to support International students. Lilli and Phil, the two staff workers, are based within the University Chaplaincy team. Around 3,000 new international students are now arriving to start their studies here at The University of Surrey. Please pray for them as they adjust to a new country and culture far from their home and families. Pray too for the staff and volunteers as they reach out to these international students in support and friendship, and sharing God's love. For more information read about it in the magazine, and at www.friendsinternationalguildford.org.uk.

Notices

Tea Time Church today: Today we'll be exploring the subject of prayer. Why do we pray? What happens when we pray? Does God always answer our prayers? Why does prayer sometimes seem to fail? We'll be exploring these issues in an interactive and practical way. Do come and join us! Beverly.

Harvest Festival NEXT Weekend

- † **Harvest Supper & Quiz:** Saturday 5th October, 5.30pm-7.30pm. Following the success of last year's event, we'll again have a quiz and fish and chip supper. Tickets online at bit.ly/as-fishquiz24 or speak to Carolyn. **LAST ORDERS TODAY!!**
- † **Café-Style Altogether Worship Harvest Festival:** at 10am next weekend, Sunday 6th October. We'll also be celebrating harvest communion service at 8am and within tea-time church at 4pm.
- † **North Guildford Food Bank Donations:** At our harvest festival services we'll be welcoming donations of non-perishable items for the food bank. They would particularly welcome drinking chocolate, custard (long life tinned/carton), tinned fish, spreads (jam/honey/peanut butter/marmalade etc.), laundry detergent.
- † **Those in need:** We'll also be collecting for those known to us who are in particular need. Donations of chocolates, biscuits and plants would be gratefully received.

PCC Away Morning at Willow Grange: Saturday 12th October. Please pray for our PCC as we explore the finance aspect of our Big Build project together.

St Luke's Day Service of Wholeness & Healing: Sunday 13th October, 4pm. We will be providing an opportunity for personal and individual prayer. Do bring friends or family with you.

Wine & Cheese Tasting: Saturday 19th October, 7.30pm-11.00pm in the hall. Join us to savour the perfect wine and cheese pairings. Tickets £25 for tasting of five pairings. Tickets online at bit.ly/as-cheese-wine or from Trish in the office.

Men's Wellbeing Group: We are launching a new Men's Wellbeing Group. It's for every man in our community over 18. We will be organising an initial group gathering at the beginning of October so please tell us what you'd like us to include as we develop the Group. You can talk to Christian Bravery, Paul Fenner and Andy Wells.

Gift Day for The Big Build: 24th November. We're starting to plan ahead for our gift day where we hope to raise a significant amount of money towards the cost of the project. The cost will be in the region of £750,000 and we will need to raise a good proportion of this ourselves. Please begin to think and pray about what you may be able to give.

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.

Weds 2nd Men's Coffee Morning, Reading Room, 10.30am
Sharing & Learning Group, 2 Beechcroft Drive, 7.45pm

Thurs 3rd Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am

Sat 5th Harvest Supper & Quiz, Church, 5.30pm

Sun 6th *Harvest Festival*

Holy Communion, Reading Room, 8.00am

Café-Style Altogether Worship, Church, 10.00am

Tea-Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

Mon 30th Ps. 80, 2 Kings 5, Acts 26:1-23

Tues 1st Ps. 89:19-end, 2 Kings 6:1-23, Acts 26:24-end

Weds 2nd Ps. 119:105-128, 2 Kings 9:1-16, Acts 27:1-26

Thurs 3rd Ps. 92, 2 Kings 9:17-end, Acts 27:27-end

Fri 4th Ps. 88, 2 Kings 12:1-19, Acts 28:1-16

Sat 5th Ps. 97, 2 Kings 17:1-23, Acts 28:17-end

Service Readings for Sunday 6th October: Harvest Festival

Psalm 126, 1 Timothy 6:6-10 and Matthew 6:25-33

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