



Sunday 20th October 2024
Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00 a.m. BCP Communion
10.00 a.m. Morning Worship with Children's Church
4.00 p.m. Tea Time Church

Collect for Today

Almighty God, in whose service lies perfect freedom: teach us to obey you with loving hearts and steadfast wills; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Service Readings

Isaiah 35:3-6 (*p.673*), 2 Timothy 4:5-17 (*p.211*) and Luke 10:1-9 (*p.68*)

Please pray for

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

... the family and friends of James Ellis whose anniversary of death is at this time.

... those who live and work Thorn Bank and Vicarage Gate.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Father of light, in whom is no change or shadow of turning, you give us every good and perfect gift and have brought us to birth by your word of truth: may we be a living sign of that kingdom where your whole creation will be made perfect in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Dear Friends

I enjoy the BBC program, the repair shop. I love the craftsmanship, the skill and the care they take when fixing all manner of stuff. I also love the fact that while making it fit for purpose, they always seem to preserve the antiquity of the thing. It's still recognisably the same object, despite being renewed. They are in the restoration business.

Our old testament reading this week is from Isaiah 35, where God is in the restoration business. It speaks of water gushing into deserts and streams flowing in the wilderness, with plants blooming and blossom forming. It also speaks of people being restored, "then will the eyes of the blind be opened & the ears of the deaf unstopped." You'll probably recognise these verses from the Messiah. After many chapters prophesying exile & judgement, the Lord at last is bringing hope.

Reskilled is in the restoration business as well. For the long term unemployed, hope is in short supply. We run a wood workshop where people can come and make simple wooden items. But the real purpose to build confidence, to develop generic work skills, and explore opportunities – whether into paid employment or some kind of volunteering. It is still early days, and very hard work, but seeing previously hopeless people with a sense of purpose and growing confidence, makes it well worth the investment.

William Lowries
Trustee, ReSkilled

Mission Focus for October: ReSkilled

ReSkilled is a charity based in Bellfields that aims to provide individuals who have long-term unemployment, with skills needed to move into sustainable employment. The participants learn a range of generic work skills alongside some practical woodwork skills. They build up a portfolio of the work they have done as evidence for future employers. Please pray for the participants and volunteers and that successful employment can be found for those seeking it. More information in the magazine and on their website - reskilled.org

Notices

Gift Day for The Big Build: On Sunday 24th November we'll be launching our fundraising campaign for the Big Build project. The cost of the project will be in the region of £750,000 and we will need to raise £300,000 of this ourselves. Please begin to think and pray about what you may be able to give financially. This is a once in a generation event for our church, so please put the date in your diary.

Welcome to William Lowries who is with us at our 10am service today to talk about ReSkilled, one of the mission organisations that we're supporting.

Tea Time Church: This afternoon at Tea Time church we will be looking at Paul's encouragement to Timothy to run the race and claim the crown. We will be looking back at the recent Olympics and those also held in Paris in 1924.

Thank you to Jo, Sophie and Paddy who organised the Wine & Cheese tasting event last night – and thanks to all those who came (and we hope there are no headaches this morning!) 62 people attended and raised money for the Big Build.

Youth Group: TONIGHT! If your secondary school aged child would like to come along, and you haven't already booked them in, then please let Jeanette know as soon as possible (jeanette.whiteman@gmail.com)

Hard of Hearing: The next Hearing Clinic is TOMORROW, 21st October from 2-3pm. Please let Trish know on: 01483 563173 or allsaintschurchgfd@gmail.com to make an appointment. After the clinic at 3pm, the Hard of Hearing Group will be meeting to listen to Andrea Fairbairn speak of her life as a teacher. Everyone is welcome.

The Men's Wellbeing Group is having a social evening on Tuesday 22nd October at the Wells' house (53 Curling Vale) from 7:30pm onwards. All food is provided and some drinks (so please help with some drinks if possible). We'd love to see you so please let Andy Wells know if you can come, so he can cater for you all. Contact: familywells@mac.com or 07411985218 (also on WhatsApp).

Bonfire & Fireworks tickets: We've now sold over 460 of the 499 tickets, so if you're planning on coming to the event, please get your tickets asap. Go to bit.ly/as-bonfire24 to buy online, or see Trish in the office if you can't buy online.

Greenery for the bonfire: The bonfire construction team would very much like any fresh garden greenery with which to pack out the bonfire. If you have some, please contact Simon Moulden (07790 020130) to coordinate delivery.

All Saints' Choir: Our choir director, Jeremy Barham, would like to invite new people to join our choir. We have two special events coming up – Choral Evensong for All Saints' Day on 3rd November and our Carol Service on 15th December. If you'd like to sing at these events, please do let Jeremy know at j.barham@surrey.ac.uk.

Cashier: we're looking for someone to work alongside our bookkeeper as cashier. This involves counting money once every three weeks and banking it at HSBC in town. If you have an hour or two to spare, please have a chat with Eve.

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 21st Women's Bible Study Group, 29 Elmside, 12.30pm
Hearing Clinic, Reading Room, 2.00pm
Hard of Hearing Group, Reading Room, 3.00pm
- Tues 22nd Pastoral Team Meeting, Vicarage, 10.00am
Men's Wellbeing Group, 53 Curling Vale, 7.30pm
- Weds 23rd Big Build Steering Group, Vicarage, 7.30pm
- Thurs 24th Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am
Young Adults Study Group, 6 Scillonian Road, 7.30pm
Choir Rehearsal, Church, 8.00pm
- Sat 26th Orchard Project, Church field, 10.30am-1.00pm
- Sun 27th Church Family Communion (no children's church), Church,
10.00am
Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

- Mon 21st Ps. 1, Exodus 22:21-27,23:1-17, 1 Timothy 6:1-10
- Tues 22nd Ps. 5, Exodus 29:38-30:16, 1 Timothy 6:11-end
- Weds 23rd Ps. 119:1-32, Leviticus 8, 2 Timothy 1:1-14
- Thurs 24th Ps. 15, Leviticus 9, 2 Timothy 1:15-2:13
- Fri 25th Ps. 19, Leviticus 16:2-24, 2 Timothy 2:14-end
- Sat 26th Ps. 23, Leviticus 17, 2 Timothy 3

Service Readings for Sunday 27th October:

Last of Trinity and Bible Sunday

Isaiah 55:1-11, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 and John 5:36b-end

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