

Sunday 19th January 2025 Second Sunday of Epiphany

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

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Service Readings

Isaiah 62:1-5 (p.703), 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (p.170) and John 2:1-11 (p.89)

Please pray for

- ... Yvonne Jesson, Shirley Parfoot, Rupert Tear, Lucy Wallis and Roger Young.
- ... the family and friends of Norman Hobson, Ellen Stewart, Majorie Laporte and Rita Brown whose anniversary of death is at this time.
- ... 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

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Financial Giving

We take a collection during our services. If you don't give regularly by standing order or the envelope scheme, please put your donation in the bag, tap the card reader on your way out, or use the QR code on the back of this newssheet. Thank you.

Dear Friends

I suspect that a good few of us have had the privileged, but demanding, task of organising and hosting a wedding for a daughter. It might be the first formal gathering of this number of people we have ever had to arrange.

But what if we had had to send out an invitation like this:

Ezra and Maria request a pleasure of all the residents of Onslow Village to celebrate the marriage of Susanna and Jeremiah. The celebrations will start on the day after the Sabbath and continue for the next five days. Do join our celebration and enjoy good food, wine and dancing.

But despite all the preparations when Jesus and his friends were celebrating at the wedding in Cana in Galilee they ran out of wine. Then, and now, that would be a social car crash, a humiliating disaster.

We know the story: Jesus turned a minimum of 120 gallons of water into wine. Such extravagance and generosity. The master of ceremonies was amazed by its quality. Jesus' human and divine natures were revealed. His glory was revealed and the disciples' faith in him grew.

For us, I suggest it demonstrates that Jesus is interested in the everyday, the mundane. The small things and the large things that we have to cope with; Jesus cares and wants us to share our lives with him.

Martyn

Mission Focus for January: Church Mission Society (CMS)

After a gap of five years, CMS returns to the list of Organisations being financially supported by All Saints' Church. CMS is one of the main overseas mission groups supported by the Church of England. Its current aims are to bring the Gospel of Jesus to all parts of the globe, but especially to those people whom Jesus would now regard as living at the edges of Society. That might include migrants and displaced peoples, but there are many more who would fit that description. More information may be found in the magazine and at the CMS website: churchmissionsociety.org

Notices

Tea Time Church: Come and find out more about Jesus' first miracle.

Hearing Clinic: There will be no Hearing Clinic this month. We're still preparing to re-start and hope to be back up and running from February 17th. Thank you for your patience.

Baby & Toddler Group Leader, paid role: We'd like to recruit someone to oversee our Baby & Toddler group from Easter onwards. Working hours will be Friday 9am-12 noon during term time. If you're interested in the role, or know someone else who might be, please let Beverly know.

Admission to Communion: in Children's and Young People's Church, from Sunday January 26th, we will be running an 'Admission to Communion Course' for anyone over the age of 7 and been baptised. The course will be over 6 weeks on each Sunday except for the first Sunday of the month and Sunday February 23rd. Children will need to attend each of the 6 sessions in order to complete the course. Children and Young People's Church will be running as usual, so you don't have to be doing the course to come along each Sunday.

Greenbelt Talks: Over the next three months, there will be an opportunity to join friends in the Vicarage to listen to some of the excellent talks given at Greenbelt last year. We'll listen to a talk and then discuss it afterwards. Dates for the sessions are: Tuesdays 21st January, 25th February and 18th March, 7.30pm-9.30pm. Please sign up in the foyer if you'd like to come.

Installation & Welcome of the Dean of Guildford Cathedral: Sunday 26th January at 3pm. Please let Trish know if you would like a free tickets.

Welcome Tea for newcomers: On Sunday 23rd February, 2.30-3.30pm, we'll be offering 'Tea at the Vicarage', for anyone who has joined All Saints in recent months. The event will be hosted by the Pastoral Team, and offers an opportunity to meet others who are relatively new to All Saints, to ask questions, and to find out more about what goes on in our church. If you'd like to come, please let Beverly know.

Lent Course 2025: Our Lent course will start on Wednesday 12th March 7.30pm. This year we'll be meeting in person at the Vicarage for 5 Wednesday evenings in a row. We will be studying the Archbishop's Lent Book for 2025, "Wild Bright Hope". If you'd like to come, please purchase a copy of the book and let Trish know.

APCM: This year we'll be holding our APCM on Sunday 16th March at 11.15am in church. We'll be electing new PCC members and appointing a new warden to work alongside Robin. Please let Beverly know if you'd like to serve All Saints by taking on one of these roles.

Carolyn & Peter: We'll be holding a leaving service, followed by tea, at 4pm on Sunday 23rd March. Please put this date in your diary. If you'd like to make cakes for this, please let Trish know.

Diary for the Coming Week

Morning prayer Mon, Tues and Weds 9.15am in the Reading Room and Zoom. Thurs Holy Communion at 9.30am in the Reading Room.

Mon 20th Women's Bible Study, 16 West Meads, 12.30pm Tues 21st Safeguarding Team Meeting, Zoom, 6.30pm

Weds 22nd Sharing & Learning Group, 7.45pm

Thurs 23rd Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am

Friday Group, Reading Room, 3.00pm

Fri 24th RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch

Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 9.30am

Sat 25th RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch

Orchard Project Meeting, Reading Room, 10.30am

Sun 26th RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch

> Family Communion with Children's Church, 10.00am Licensing of the Dean of Guildford Cathedral, 3.00pm

(no Tea Time church)

Daily Readings for the coming week

Mon 20th Ps. 146, Amos 6, 1 Corinthians 6:1-11 Tues 21st Ps. 132, Amos 7, 1 Corinthians 6:12-end Weds 22nd Ps. 81, Amos 8, 1 Corinthians 7:1-24 Thurs 23rd Ps. 76, Amos 9, 1 Corinthians 7:25-end Fri 24th Ps. 27, Hosea 1:1-2:1, 1 Corinthians 8 Sat 25th Ps. 66, Ezekiel 3:22-end, Philippians 3:1-14

Service Readings for Sunday 26th January: Third of Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a and Luke 4:14-21

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