

Sunday 9th February 2025

Fourth before Lent and Racial Justice Sunday

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

4.00 p.m. Tea Time Church

Collect for Today

Lord of the hosts of heaven, our salvation and our strength, without you we are lost: guard us from all that harms or hurts and raise us when we fall; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Service Readings

Isaiah 6:1-8(9-end) (*p.645*), 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (*p.172*) and Luke 5:1-11 (*p.59*)

Please pray for

... Carole Bookham, Anne Bradbeer, Yvonne Jesson, Mark Knott, Llew Parry (Alison's Dad), June Simmonds (Lara's Mum) and Roger Young.

... the family and friends of Nancy Hawkins and Nell Barnard whose anniversary of death is at this time.

... Catherine and Mark Gruenberg following the death of Mark's stepmother Margaret.

... those who live and work in The Oval, The Quadrangle and The Square.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Go before us, Lord, in all we do with your most gracious favour, and guide us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through 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 news-sheet. Thank you.

Dear Friends

During the month of February, we return to 'Ordinary Time', in the Church's year. We've finished the season of Epiphany, and have a month to go before Lent begins on the 5th March. I always enjoy 'Ordinary Time', as it gives some time and space to think more deeply about subjects we don't always have room for during the festival seasons.

And today our readings focus on the theme of 'vocation'. First, we hear of Isaiah's call to be a prophet, with all the challenges that that would entail (Isaiah chapter 6). Next, we move on to Jesus' calling of the first disciples, by the sea of Galilee; and their vocation to become 'fishers of people' (Luke 5:1-11). And finally, we read about Paul's calling to become an apostle, in the most dramatic of ways. For all of these people God's call was life-changing, and irreversible; nothing would ever be the same again.

That theme of 'vocation' runs through the whole of the Scriptures. God is always calling, always reaching out to us, always inviting us into an ever-deepening relationship with himself. That's where it begins, but it never stops there. As Christians we often find ourselves doing and becoming things we may never have envisaged; and the opportunities and challenges rarely stop coming. What might the Lord be calling you to do for him today? What kind of person might he be encouraging you to become? Who might he want you to reach out to? Let's keep our hearts and minds open to all he has in store for us, and for our church....

Beverly

Mission Focus for February: A Rocha 'Caring for God's Earth'. Arocha.org.uk

A Rocha UK works to protect and restore the natural world, and is committed to equipping Christians and churches in the UK to care for the environment. A Rocha UK is part of a network of Christian organisations present in over 20 countries. A Rocha UK is best known for running the "Eco Church" scheme and its education work. All Saints' Church (having gained Bronze and Silver Awards) is working towards Gold! In addition, the 'Wild Christian' programme engages individuals regarding what they can do personally to take practical action and enjoy and care for nature. For more information please read the article in February's church magazine

Notices

Next Sunday: Revd Dr John Valentine, Dean of the Local Ministry Programme will be preaching and telling us about the different vocational paths available within the diocese. Do come and find out what's on offer.

Electoral Roll: Many of you have filled your electoral roll form. If you haven't done so yet, please do – the easiest way is online at https://bit.ly/as_er or pickup a form at the back of church.

Board Games Afternoon: Saturday 22nd February, 2-4pm in church. Back by popular demand, our board games afternoon! There will be games suitable for young and old, plus a play area for the smallest ones. Also, homemade cakes and tea/coffee for sale. Under 16s to be accompanied by an adult. Everyone welcome!

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.

Pancake Party: on Shrove Tuesday 4th March, 5-7pm. We'll be serving pancakes and offering games for the children. If you'd like to cook pancakes, provide toppings or be willing to help with serving or clearing up afterwards, please let Beverly know.

Ash Wednesday Joint Service: 5th March, 8pm at St Mary's Church, Quarry Street. The Venerable Catharine Mabuza, Archdeacon of Surrey will be preaching at this very special service.

Lent Lunch: Why not stay after church on Sunday 9th March to enjoy a soup lunch together? Donations will be taken for the Koens family.

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 10 th	Barnabas Group, 26 Manor Way, 4.00pm
Tues 11 th	Standing Committee, Zoom, 7.30pm
Wed 12 th	Wednesday Lunch Group, Wilders, 12.30pm
Thurs 13 th	Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am
Fri 14 th	Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 9.30am
Sat 15 th	Prayer Breakfast, 4 Litchfield Way, 8.30am
Sun 16 th	BCP Communion, Reading Room, 8.00am
	Morning Worship (no Children's Church), 10.00am
	Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm
	Youth Group, Church Hall, 5.30pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

Mon 10 th	Ps. 30, Joel 1:1-14, John 15:1-11
Tues 11 th	Ps. 36, Joel 1:15-end, John 15:12-17
Weds 12 th	Ps. 34, Joel 2:1-17, John 15:18-end
Thurs 13 th	Ps. 37, Joel 2:18-27, John 16:1-15
Fri 14 th	Ps. 31, Joel 2:28-end, John 16:16-22
Sat 15 th	Ps. 42, Joel 3:1-3,9-end, John 16:23-end

Service Readings for Sunday 16th February: 3rd before Lent

Jeremiah 17:5-10, 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 and Luke 6:17-26

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