

Sunday 1st June 2025

Seventh Sunday of Easter

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.00 a.m. Café-Style Altogether Worship
4.00 p.m. Tea Time Church

Collect for Today

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Service Readings

Acts 16:16-34 (*p.132*), Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 (*p.258*) and John 17:20-26 (*p.108*)

Please pray for

... Dave Barclay, Carole Bookham, Anne Bradbeer, Andrea Fairbairn and Becki & Jonathan Salmon.

... the family and friends of George Stevens who died recently in a road traffic accident, and for Beverly taking the funeral.

... the family and friends of Ivy Garner, Leslie Little, Freda Attewell, Geoff Ellis, Alfred Hester and Pat Phillips whose anniversary of death is at this time.

... those who live and work in The Chase, The Crossways and The Drive.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; 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

I've always loved optical illusions, where first you see one thing, and then moments later you see something else.



That's exactly what reading today's account from Acts felt like. First you see Paul, in prison, chained, denied freedom of any kind. Your heart goes out to him, especially when you hear of the earthquake, and the fear that must have brought. Even though it eventually brings him his freedom...

But by the end of the story, if you change perspective, if you look not with worldly glasses but with spiritual ones, it's the Prison Guard who is set free. What an amazing paradox - although oddly in keeping with the extraordinary tales of miracles and faith we hear Luke recount.

Kinda begs the question what else could look different in our lives if we change the perspective we are looking through? And what freedoms do we already have that we are hardly aware of? Some wonderful thoughts to play with in the week ahead.

Alison

Mission Focus for June: Mosaic Middle East (MME)

A message to All Saints' Church from Helen Jackson, Executive Director, MME: "The Middle East continues to face immense difficulties; conflict, displacement, and the struggles of vulnerable communities remain stark realities. Yet, in the face of these trials, your support has enabled MME to continue bringing hope, help and healing to those in greatest need. Thanks to you, minority communities and those displaced by conflict have found shelter, support and a renewed sense of dignity. Your generosity is making a tangible difference every single day."

So, let us keep the work of MME ever in our prayers. Further information (about one of the hospitals in Gaza) will be found in the June Magazine

Notices

Pentecost, Next Sunday, 8th June: Do join us at our 10am or 4pm to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles in Jerusalem. We'll be sharing Communion at both of these services.

Thursday Communion and Home Blessing: This Thursday at 9.30am, we'll be holding our Thursday morning Communion service at Lizzie McAlister's home, 'Wilders'. During the service, Beverly will bless Lizzie's home. Everyone is welcome, just let Trish know if you're coming.

Band Rehearsals: On every first Saturday of the month (*that's this coming Saturday!*) the band will be rehearsing in church from 10am-11am. New members are welcome to join us, including children. Please let Andy Wells know if you would like to come.

Prayer Requests: we no longer have a prayer request on the website, but we very much welcome requests for prayer direct to Beverly by email. Beverly will then send your request to the Prayer Support Team.

Support Needed: We're looking for new members of the Dray Court Team, the Tea-Time Church Team, the Safeguarding Team and Children's Church. If you can spare approximately an hour/week to support these really important ministries, please let Beverly know.

Coffee after church: we also need a few more people to help with coffee after church. It may only be once a month, so please let Eve know if this is something you could do. We always have two people each Sunday, so you'd always have help! Without more help, your coffee may be at risk

Special and NEW Events coming up:

- **Choral Evensong followed by strawberry teas** at the vicarage on Sunday 22nd June, 4pm
- **Godparent's Sunday** 6th July at our 10am and 4pm services. It's a good time to invite your own or your children's Godparents to All Saints for this special day.
- **Pet Service** Sunday 13th July, 4pm
- **Youth Group BBQ** Sunday 20th July, 5.30pm - welcoming those getting ready for secondary school. Open to current year 6s as well as our regular members. Do bring a friend.
- **Indoor Picnic with Board Games and cakes**, Sunday 3rd August, 4pm
- **Autumn Fair** Saturday 20th September, 2-5pm

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.

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| Tues 3 rd | Altogether Worship Planning, Vicarage, 7.30pm |
| Weds 4 th | Men's Coffee Morning, Reading Room, 10.30am Funeral of Roger Young, Guildford Crematorium, 2.15pm Sharing & Learning Group, 5 Elmside, 7.45pm |
| Thurs 5 th | Holy Communion & Home Blessing, Wilders, 9.30am Finance Vision Group, Reading Room, 12 noon Men's Wellbeing Social, 7.30pm Choir Rehearsal, 8.00pm |
| Fri 6 th | Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 10.00am |
| Sat 7 th | Band Rehearsal, Church, 10.00am |
| Sun 8 th | <i>Pentecost</i> Church Family Communion with Children's Church, 10.00am Tea Time Church with Communion, Reading Room, 4.00pm |

Daily Readings for the coming week

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| Mon 2 nd | Ps. 93, Deuteronomy 31:1-13, 1 John 2:18-end |
| Tues 3 rd | Ps. 99, Deuteronomy 31:14-29, 1 John 3:1-10 |
| Weds 4 th | Ps. 29, Deuteronomy 31:30-32:14, 1 John 3:11-end |
| Thurs 5 th | Ps. 24, Deuteronomy 32:15-47, 1 John 4:1-6 |
| Fri 6 th | Ps. 28, Deuteronomy 33, 1 John 4:7-end |
| Sat 7 th | Ps. 43, Deuteronomy 32:48-end, 34, 1 John 5 |

Service Readings for Sunday 8th June: Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21, Romans 8:14-17 and John 14:8-17 (25-27)

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