

Sunday 13th July 2025
Fourth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 a.m. Church Family Communion with Children's Church
4.00 p.m. Pet Service

Collect for Today

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Service Readings

Deuteronomy 30:9-14 (*p.193*), Colossians 1:1-14 (*p.197*) and Luke 10:25-37 (*p.68*)

Please pray for

... Anne Bradbeer, Andrea Fairbairn, Sylvia Holdsworth, Mark Knott, Becki & Jonathan Salmon and Timothy Rayner (Julie Shaw's brother).

... the family and friends of John Evans and Geoffrey Horsley whose anniversary of death is at this time.

... Please pray for the family and friends of Paddy Scott as they prepare for her funeral on Friday. Please also pray for the Dodds family, following the recent deaths of both Mike and now Clare.

... those who live and work in Cathedral Close, Curling Vale and Downing Avenue.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son 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

Today's gospel reading tells the story of the Good Samaritan. It is a story so familiar to us that it is easy to fail to appreciate how shocking this parable was to the lawyer and to those who first heard it told.

One must understand that to all Jews at that time there was no such thing as a "good Samaritan". They were the enemy. That is the historical, social and cultural context of this parable, so Jesus referring to a good Samaritan was a shocking and provocative concept. They were the ultimate outsider.

At the conclusion of telling the story Jesus asks the lawyer: "Who was the neighbour to the badly beaten Jew on the road to Jericho?" So counter cultural was the thrust of the story that the lawyer was unable to admit that it was the Samaritan, he simply said "it was the one who showed mercy".

Jesus uses this shocking parable to teach us that mercy, kindness and neighbourly love must transcend our racial, ethnic, cultural, and social boundaries.

As someone said to me recently, the Good Samaritan was Jesus. We are called to become more like Jesus. So, with the help of Holy Spirit, may we become more and more like him showing mercy and neighbourly love.

Martyn

Mission Focus for July: A Rocha International

A Rocha is a global family of conservation organisations working together to live out God's calling to care for creation and equip others to do likewise. They are helping communities in many parts of the world to tackle the effects of climate change on their environments, and to reduce pollution and destruction of natural habitats from industrialisation among many other projects. At All Saints we have gained the Gold Eco Church award from A Rocha UK. For more information please see All Saints Magazine for July.

arocha.org/en/about/ is the international website arocha.org.uk/ is the UK website

Notices

Thank you and farewell to Thomas Smith, Choral Scholar: On behalf of all of us I'd like to thank Thomas for his wonderful musical gifts and expertise, and for sharing those with us over the past year. Today is Thomas' last Sunday with us, and we pray for the Lord's continuing blessings on him as he moves on. Beverly

Pet Service: TODAY at 4pm we'll be holding our annual Pet Service. All pets are welcome to celebrate all that they mean to us and to receive a blessing. If your pet is too shy, then please come along with a photo! We'll have refreshments afterwards!

Paddy Scott: our dear friend Paddy Scott died on Wednesday 25th June. Please pray for her family and friends at this time. Paddy's funeral will take place at St Edward the Confessor, Sutton Green on Friday 18th July at 1.30pm. Friends from All Saints are very welcome to attend.

Big Butterfly Count: From 18th July to 10th August there is a national butterfly count. Simply count butterflies for 15 minutes during bright (preferably sunny) weather during the Big Butterfly Count. Records are welcome from anywhere: from parks, school grounds and gardens, to fields and forests. More details can be found here bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/about

Youth Group BBQ Sunday 20th July, 5.30pm – we'll be welcoming those getting ready for secondary school. Open to current year 6s as well as our regular members. Do bring a friend. There are some flyers at the back of church if you'd like to take one to a year 6 child you think may enjoy our Youth Group.

Special and NEW Events coming up:

- **Board Games, jigsaws and cakes at Dray Court,** Sunday 3rd August, 4pm. Games and jigsaws will be provided, but do bring your own too! We'll enjoy homemade cakes and tea/coffee. All welcome - Dray Court residents, All Saints' members, family and friends.
- **Beverly's 10 Year Anniversary Celebration:** Sunday 7th September. After our Café-style Altogether Worship service, we'll celebrate with prosecco and cake. From midday, we'll enjoy a picnic lunch together on the field. We'll be inviting some 'old friends' back for the occasion!
- **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 on Zoom. Thurs Holy Communion at 9.30am in the Reading Room.

- Mon 14th Pastoral Team Meeting, 5 Elmside, 10.00am
Barnabas Group, 26 Manor Way, 4.00pm
- Tues 15th Finance Vision Group, Office, 10.00am
Big Build Team Meeting, Vicarage, 7.30pm (7.00pm for prayer)
Men's Wellbeing Social, 7.30pm
- Weds 16th Central Team Meeting, Vicarage, 10.00am
Dray Court Service, 2.30pm
Sharing & Learning Group, 5 Elmside, 7.45pm
- Thurs 17th Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am
- Fri 18th Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 10.00am
- Sun 20th BCP Communion, Reading Room, 8.00am
Morning Worship with Children's Church, 10.00am
Burial of Christine Hodgson's ashes, Garden of Remembrance,
12 noon
Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm
Youth Group BBQ, Church Hall, 5.30pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

- Mon 14th Ps. 80, Job 33, Romans 14:13-end
- Tues 15th Ps. 89:1-18, Job 38, Romans 15:1-13
- Weds 16th Ps. 119:105-128, Job 39, Romans 15:14-21
- Thurs 17th Ps. 92, Job 40, Romans 15:22-end
- Fri 18th Ps. 88, Job 41, Romans 16:1-16
- Sat 19th Ps. 97, Job 42, Romans 16:17-end

Service Readings for Sunday 20th July: Trinity 5

Genesis 18:1-10a, Colossians 1:15-28 and Luke 10:38-42

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