

Sunday 20th July 2025
Fifth 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
5.30 p.m. Youth Group

Collect for Today

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Service Readings

Genesis 18:1-10a (*p.14*), Colossians 1:15-28 (*p.197*) and Luke 10:38-42 (*p.69*)

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 Hazel Zimmerman whose anniversary of death is at this time.

... those who live and work in East Meads, Ellis Avenue, Elmbank Avenue and Elmside.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; 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

This week 40 years ago band from all over the world united just for one day to highlight the plight of thousands starving in Ethiopia and raised £1,000,000's. The Live Aid legacy lives on today. I'm looking forward to telling you about how it all happened today.

What has this got to do with Martha and Mary in the reading for this Sunday you may very well ask. Well, there are some similarities which I'll tell you about.

Allow me to summarise the story of sisters, Martha and Mary. Jesus was visiting their home and Martha was busy in the kitchen preparing the meal but Mary was seemingly doing nothing, sitting at Jesus' feet. Martha admonished Mary for not helping, but Jesus defended her by pointing out that Mary was prioritising her spiritual nourishment over Martha's worldly concerns.

It's all too easy to focus on our worldly needs and tasks we have to do and all too easy to put God to one side because we are all busy. This happens to me so often. I realise I've got up and got going with what I had to do in the day and it's not until midday I get to my Daily Office apps to listen to what God has to say about today. But God, being a forgiving and loving God still holds me and I am refreshed always by what his message to me is for that day.

When you don't have time for God is when you need to find time for God.

Andy

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

Children's Church over the summer: Today will be the last session for Children and Young People's Church for this academic year. Over the summer holidays there will be activities at the back of church for you to do so that you can enjoy being in the service. Have a great summer! Julie and Jeanette

Group BBQ TODAY at 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.

Hear Here Clinic: TOMORROW from 2-3pm in the Reading Room. No need to book, just turn up for help with your hearing aid.

Orchard Volunteer Morning, Saturday 26th, 10.30am-1pm: We hope to do a butterfly survey for [The Big Butterfly Count 2025](#), which is on from 18th July to 10th August (sunshine is best, so this may depend on the weather). We'll be working on the compost area, watering, clearing paths, clearing around the trees, and keeping on top of invasive plants. Meet by the metal shed (bring suitable tools you can use and gardening gloves).

Help with watering the raised beds and wildflower meadow during the dry summer months would be really appreciated, so if you have time in the week, do please get in contact with the team/church office.

Church Hall 'Freshen-Up': We really need some help to freshen up the hall for the new term starting in September, with the nursery under new management. There are painting jobs and general maintenance to do. We'll be in there from *Thursday 31st July to Saturday 2nd August*. Please let Robin or Trish know if you can help for any amount of time during those 3 days.

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 21st Small Group Leaders Meeting, Vicarage, 10.00am
 Hearing Clinic, Reading Room, 2.00pm-3.00pm
- Weds 23rd Premises Team Meeting, Reading Room, 8.00pm
- Thurs 24th Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am, Revd Julian Hubbard
 presiding.
 Men's Group – "Exploring the Way", 13 Abbot's Close, 7.30pm
 Choir Rehearsal, Church, 8.00pm
- Sat 26th Orchard Volunteer Morning, 10.30am-1.00pm
- Sun 27th Church Family Communion, 10.00am (Revd Paul Fenner
 presiding)
 Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm
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Daily Readings for the coming week

- Mon 21st Ps. 98, Ezekiel 1:1-14, 2 Corinthians 1:1-14
- Tues 22nd Ps. 30, 1 Samuel 16:14-end, Luke 8:1-3
- Weds 23rd Ps. 111, Ezekiel 2:3-3:11, 2 Corinthians 2:5-end
- Thurs 24th Ps. 115, Ezekiel 3:12-end, 2 Corinthians 3
- Fri 25th Ps. 7, 2 Kings 1:9-15, Luke 9:46-56
- Sat 26th Ps. 121, Ezekiel 9, 2 Corinthians 5
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Service Readings for Sunday 27th July: Trinity 6

Genesis 18:20-32, Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19) and Luke 11:1-13

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