

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2025**  
**Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

10.00 a.m. Church Family Communion

4.00 p.m. Tea Time Church

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**Collect for Today**

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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**Service Readings**

Genesis 15:1-6 (*p.12*), Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 (*p.222*) and Luke 12:32-40 (*p.72*)

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**Please pray for**

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

... the family and friends of Robin Nugent, our architect for the Big Build project, who died recently.

... Rachel Koci and family following the death of her Mum, Trixie.

... Marguerite and Dave following the death of Marguerite's brother.

... Isabella Hanley-Bryant, her parents Claire and Rich, and her Godparents, one year on from her baptism on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

... the family and friends of Andy Morgan whose anniversary of death is at this time.

... those who live and work in Irwin Road, Iveagh Road, Litchfield Way and Lynwood.

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

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**Post Communion Prayer**

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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## Dear Friends

Our bible readings for today have a clear focus on 'faith' – putting our trust in God, and living that out in our daily lives.

From the earliest days of the biblical story, faith has been central. In our reading from the book of Genesis for today (15:1-6), Abraham is commended for this faith. In fact, he believes that his descendants will be as many as the stars in heaven, even though he and his wife Sarah are old, and beyond the age of child-bearing. This faith in God is 'credited to him as righteousness' (15:6).

Our reading from the New Testament book of Hebrews gives a litany of those who have lived by faith, giving us examples to emulate in our own lives. It begins with Abel, then Enoch and Noah, then moves on to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Rahab, Gideon and many more of the Old Testament heroes. All of these people were commended for their faith, even though none of them received what had been promised to them in their lifetime. The writer of the book of Hebrews tells us that 'Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see' (11:1).

And Jesus, in our Gospel reading for this morning, articulates the meaning of that hope (Luke 12:32-34). We hope for the kingdom of heaven – a life beyond this one, full of righteousness, peace and truth. That's the 'treasure' we need to set our hearts on; the treasure we need to believe in; the possession that we need to sell everything to attain. We do this through faith, following in the footsteps of Abraham and the saints of old. Let's consider today how each of us may grow in faith, and find that faith credited to us as righteousness.

**Beverly**

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## Mission Focus for August: North Guildford Food Bank

The North Guildford Food Bank (NGFB) provides temporary help for individuals and families living in the Guildford area by supplying food parcels and signposting people to other helpful local services. Last year NGFB fed nearly 3500 adults and 2500 children – an increase of about 1500 adults and children on the previous year and nearly triple pre-pandemic levels. There will be a collection box in church in October for Harvest and also throughout November to contribute towards Christmas parcels. For more information please see the Mission Focus article in August's church magazine and their website: [northguildfordfoodbank.co.uk](http://northguildfordfoodbank.co.uk)

## Notices

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**Children's Church over the summer:** Over the summer holidays, the services will be accessible for children and there will be activities at the back of church for children to do so that they can enjoy being in the service.

**Tea Time Church today:** Today we'll be hearing the gospel of Luke chapter 12:32-34 and Jesus' teaching on treasure in heaven. Our hearts will be where our treasure is.

**Thank you** to everyone who baked cakes and helped at the Dray Court Tea and Board Games event last Sunday. It was hugely appreciated by the residents at Dray Court and we hope this will become a regular event. Thanks to Jo and the events team for organising.

**Thank you from Andrea Fairbairn:** Andrea has been unable to come to church lately but is getting back to normal and we should soon see her again. She emailed this week and asked that we convey her thanks to everyone who has been praying for her, she is most grateful.

**Big Build Grant Funding:** Good news! We have been awarded a grant of £10,000 by Marshall's Charity towards the Big Build. Thanks to Beverly and the team for securing this grant. We have more applications in, so please pray that the grant givers will understand our mission and support the project.

**Recycling:** If you used the 'Air, Home & Laundry' recycling bin in the foyer, I'm afraid it has now been closed as Terracycle have stopped recycling these items. I think this is good news in some way as it's likely that larger supermarkets will take this waste. Thanks, Trish.

### Special Events coming up:

- **Beverly's 10 Year Anniversary Celebration:** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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!

*There is now a sign-up sheet in the foyer, please add your name if you're able to come.*

- **Autumn Fair** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2-5pm. Speak to Jo Smalley (joannapearce@live.co.uk) if you have any ideas for the fair, if you'd like to join the team or can offer help in any way.
- **Harvest Supper & Quiz** Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 5.30-7.30pm.
- **Harvest Festival** Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 10am and 4pm.

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## 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.**

Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	Central Team Meeting, Vicarage, 10.00am Altogether Worship Planning, Vicarage, 7.30pm
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday Lunch Group, Wilders, 12.30pm Standing Committee, Vicarage, 7.30pm
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am. "Exploring the Way", 24 Bannisters Road, 7.30pm
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	Prayer Breakfast, 5 Elmside, 9.00am
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup>	BCP Communion, Reading Room, 8.00am Morning Worship, 10.00am Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm

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## Daily Readings for the coming week

Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Ps. 30, Ezekiel 28:1-19, James 2:1-13
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup>	Ps. 36, Ezekiel 33:1-20, James 2:14-end
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup>	Ps. 34, Ezekiel 33:21-end, James 3
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	Ps. 37, Ezekiel 34:1-16, James 4:1-12
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup>	Ps. 98, Isaiah 7:10-15, Luke 11:27-28
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup>	Ps. 42, Ezekiel 36:16-36, James 5:7-end

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## Service Readings for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August: Trinity 9

Jeremiah 23:23-29, Hebrews 11:29-12:2 and Luke 12:49-56

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