

Sunday 31st August 2025

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

10.00 a.m. Church Family Communion

4.00 p.m. Tea Time Church

Collect for Today

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Service Readings

Proverbs 25:6-7 (*p.619*), Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 (*p.224*) and Luke 14:1,7-14 (*p.74*)

Please pray for

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

... Charles Okwonna and his family following the death of Charles' mother Adline Okwonna.

... the family and friends of Allan Laporte and Revd Michael Powell whose anniversary of death is at this time.

... those who live and work in Palmers Lodge, Pentreath Avenue, Poltimore Road and Powell Close.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace: by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; 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

Our Gospel reading for today comes from Luke's Gospel, and chapter 14. Here we find Jesus at the home of a prominent Pharisee, where he had been invited for a meal. Others had been invited too, and Jesus was watching carefully how both the host and the guests were acting. There were clearly 'norms' which had to be adhered to, in which status and importance were key. Into this competitive, self-seeking environment Jesus has things to say to both the guests and also the host; and he does this in the form of two parables.

The first parable could be described as a 'Parable of Humility' (Luke 14:7-11), and the second a 'Parable of Hospitality' (Luke 14:12-14). The first warns ambitious guests who wanted to be noticed by the host, of the dangers of promoting themselves above other people; if someone more important arrives, and they've sat in the best seats, they're likely to be asked to move and thus humiliated. The second parable warns the self-important host against offering hospitality in order to be paid back by his guests at a later stage; that may be how the world works, but it's not how the kingdom of God operates.

Both these parables explore the theme of humility – both before people, and before God. We'll consider what that might mean for us, in our day to day lives.

Beverly

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

Notices

Beverly's 10 Year Anniversary Celebration: NEXT SUNDAY. After our 10am Café-style Altogether Worship service, we'll celebrate with prosecco and cake. From midday, we'll enjoy a picnic lunch together on the field. Food will be provided, but please also bring anything you'd like as a picnic. Several 'old friends' will be joining us for the occasion!

It's also **Backpack Sunday**, so do bring along your school bag, work bag or anything that signifies the work you do, for a special blessing. Key rings will be given to anyone who would like one!

Please note, there will be no Tea Time Church on 7th.

Baby & Toddler Group: starts on Friday 5th September from 10am to 11.30am. Please pray for Vanessa and the team as the new term begins.

Band Rehearsal: The band will be having its monthly rehearsal on Saturday 6th September at 10am. Contact Andy if you're thinking of joining the band!

The funeral of Trixie (Rachel Koci's mum) will be held on Wednesday 10th September at 1.30pm at Guildford Crematorium. Beverly will be leading the service and anybody who would like to attend would be very welcome.

Children's Church starts on 14th September: Julie, Jeanette and the team will be welcoming children back to Children's Church from Sunday 14th. We'll be starting the new term with breakfast - look out for the email invitation soon! (Replying to the email invitation is important as we don't want to waste food).

Hear Here Clinic: We run the clinic in the Reading Room on the third Monday of every month, 2pm-3pm. Rosemary and Sue would value help with hospitality (making tea and welcoming people). If you would like to help in this way, please contact Rosemary.

Pilgrim course books needed: Did you take part in the Pilgrim courses – and if so, do you still have 'The Beatitudes' book? The Women's Bible Study group are planning to work through this book in the autumn and would love to borrow the books if possible. If you have one to loan, please give to Trish. Thank you!

Special Events coming up:

- **Autumn Fair** Saturday 20th September, 2-5pm. Donation boxes are in the foyer and we'd love volunteers for the day. Please see Jo or Trish.
- **Harvest Supper & Quiz** Saturday 11th October, 5.30-7.30pm. We'll have a great quiz from Quizmaster Robin and enjoy a ploughman's supper together. Tickets are now available on the website:
allsaintschurchgfd.org.uk/about-us/whats-on/harvest-supper-quiz/
- **Harvest Festival** Sunday 12th October at 10am and 4pm.

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 2 nd	Autumn Fair Meeting, 8.00pm
Weds 3 rd	Men's Coffee Morning, Reading Room, 10.30am Premises Meeting, Reading Room, 8.00pm
Thurs 4 th	Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am Men's Wellbeing Social, 7.30pm Big Build Meeting, Vicarage, 7.30pm,
Fri 5 th	Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 10.00am
Sat 6 th	Band Rehearsal, Church, 10.00am,
Sun 7 th	<i>Beverly's 10th Anniversary Celebration and Backpack Sunday</i> Holy Communion, Reading Room, 8.00am Café-style Altogether Worship, 10.00am <i>followed by prosecco and cake</i> Celebration picnic lunch, 12 noon

Daily Readings for the coming week

Mon 1 st	Ps. 80, Proverbs 8:1-21, Mark 5:1-20
Tues 2 nd	Ps. 89:1-18, Proverbs 8:22-end, Mark 5:21-34
Weds 3 rd	Ps. 119:105-128, Proverbs 9, Mark 5:35-end
Thurs 4 th	Ps. 92, Proverbs 10:1-12, Mark 6:1-13
Fri 5 th	Ps. 88, Proverbs 11:1-12, Mark 6:14-29
Sat 6 th	Ps. 97, Proverbs 12:10-end, Mark 6:30-44

Service Readings for Sunday 7th September: Trinity 12

Deuteronomy 30:15-end, Philemon 1-21 and Luke 14:25-33

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