

Sunday 8th February 2026
Second Sunday before Lent

10.00 a.m. Church Family Communion with Children's Church
4.00 p.m. Tea Time Church

Collect for Today

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Service Readings

Genesis 1:1-2:3 (*p.1*), Romans 8:18-25 (*p.154*) and Matthew 6:25-end (*p.6*)

Please pray for

... Jo Garrick, Mark & Jan Knott, Jenny Powell and Mike and Rosemary Woodcock.

... the family and friends of Jean Arni, Nancy Hawkins and Nell Barnard whose anniversary of death is at this time.

... those who live and work in Thorn Bank and Vicarage Gate.

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

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; 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 wonder whether you would describe yourself as a 'worrier'? Do you find yourself worrying about small things on a regular basis: whether you've cooked enough food for when the family come round; or if you'll have the energy for a particular event or meeting; or whether you'll get to work, or the hospital, or an appointment on time? Do you find yourself worrying about huge things? Where our world is going, under the leadership of politicians such as Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin; whether there will be another pandemic; if global warming will destroy our present way of life? On a scale of 1-10 where do you come in terms of worrying?

Jesus and Paul have strong words to say about anxiety and worry. Jesus said, 'Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear' (Matthew 6:25); and it's a command rather than suggestion. St. Paul wrote, 'Do not be anxious about anything; but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus' (Philippians 4:6).

How good are we at obeying Jesus' command? To what extent do we experience the 'peace' that St. Paul describes? As we explore the Scriptures today, let's see what we can learn from these two great spiritual leaders.

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Mission Focus for February: Guildford Town Centre Chaplaincy (GTCC)

GTCC is run by various Guildford churches for the people of Guildford. Over 100 volunteers are: Street Angels; Community Angels and Volunteer Chaplains. Since 2008 Street Angels have provided practical care every Friday and Saturday night to people in a vulnerable state in Guildford Town Centre because of eg alcohol, drugs, or homelessness. In 2008, almost overnight, tensions were calmed, crime dropped, and antisocial behaviour was reduced by around a third. More information in February's magazine and on their website gtcc.org.uk/.

Notices

Tea Time Church today: This week our theme is 'Consider the Lilies – Trusting God'. Sounds intriguing – come along at 4pm to find out more.

Revision of Electoral Roll. CofE rules require that in each year following the preparation of a new Roll, a revision is carried out to remove any people no longer eligible. That revision will take place from Sunday 22nd February to Saturday 7th March inclusive. Formal notice of this revision is being posted today. Apart from the revision, it is a good time for any not on the Roll to consider joining. Further information is available on our website allsaintschurchgfd.org.uk/about-us/electoral-roll and in the latest Parish Magazine, or from Richard Pointer, Electoral Roll Officer.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party: 17th February, 5pm-6.45pm in the hall. Join us for pancakes and all the usual lovely toppings! No booking needed, just turn up. Donations welcome.

Ash Wednesday: 18th February.

- ✠ Dray Court 2.30pm: Join us with the residents for a special Ash Wednesday service with communion and imposition of ashes for those who would like.
- ✠ St Mary's, Quarry Street 8.00pm: a beautiful service including the imposition of ashes. Canon Simon Butler will be preaching.

Lent Courses 2026: This year during Lent we'll be offering a range of different Lent Courses, rather than just one. Our Small Groups will be choosing their own Lent materials, and continuing their usual patterns of meeting during the week. If you'd like to join in with one of these groups during the season of Lent, do be in contact with one of the Small Group leaders directly, to find out what they're studying.

Funeral of Clive Daborn: Clive was a faithful member of the Dray Court congregation. His funeral will take place on Friday 20th February, 1.30pm at Guildford Crematorium.

Stewardship Sunday: 22nd February. Each year we review our financial giving to All Saints on this Sunday and for the following three weeks. David Senior, the Diocesan Stewardship Officer, will be coming to preach at 10am and 4pm. Please do come and hear David, he is a very inspiring speaker.

Lent Lunch: 22nd February at 12 noon. Please stay on after coffee in the hall for our annual soup and bread Lent lunch. No need to book. We'll be taking donations for the Koens family in Papua New Guinea.

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.

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| Mon 9 th | Pastoral Team meeting, 5 Elmside, 10.30am Women's Bible Study Group, 16 West Meads, 12.30pm Big Build Meeting, The Vicarage, 7.30pm (7pm for prayer) |
| Tues 10 th | Altogether Worship Planning, The Vicarage, 7.30pm |
| Weds 11 th | Central Team Meeting, The Vicarage, 10.00am Wednesday Lunch Group, Wilders, 12.30pm Standing Committee Meeting, Zoom, 7.30pm |
| Thurs 12 th | Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am Choir Rehearsal, Church, 8.00pm |
| Fri 13 th | Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 10.00am |
| Sat 14 th | Prayer Breakfast, 5 Elmside, 9.00am |
| Sun 15 th | BCP Communion, Reading Room, 8.00am Morning Worship with Children's Church, 10.00am Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm Youth Group, Church Hall, 5.30pm |

Daily Readings for the coming week

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| Mon 9 th | Ps. 30, Genesis 29:31-30:24, 2 Timothy 4:1-8 |
| Tues 10 th | Ps. 36, Genesis 31:1-24, 2 Timothy 4:9-end |
| Weds 11 th | Ps. 34, Genesis 31:25-32:2, Titus 1 |
| Thurs 12 th | Ps. 37, Genesis 32:3-30, Titus 2 |
| Fri 13 th | Ps. 31, Genesis 33:1-17, Titus 3 |
| Sat 14 th | Ps. 42, Genesis 35, Philemon |

Service Readings for Sunday 15th February: next before Lent

Exodus 24:12-end, 2 Peter 1:16-end and Matthew 17:1-9

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