

Sunday 15th February 2026

Next before Lent

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

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Service Readings

Exodus 24:12-end (*p.72*), 2 Peter 1:16-end (*p.234*) and Matthew 17:1-9 (*p.17*)

Please pray for

... Mark & Jan Knott, Jenny Powell and Mike and Rosemary Woodcock.
... the family and friends of Arthur Harris and Rosalind Gardner whose anniversary of death is at this time.
... those who live and work in West Meads, Wilderness Court, Wilderness Road and Windsor Close.
... the Koen family in Papua New Guinea supporting the work of Bible translation through vehicle maintenance, teaching, missionary care.

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask 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

In today's Gospel, Jesus leads Peter James & John onto a high mountain, where He is transfigured. His face shining like the sun, His clothes become dazzling white, and Moses and Elijah appear beside Him. It is a breath-taking moment—one the disciples will never forget. And like many of us when something amazing happens, Peter immediately gets energised to start planning a new project: "Lord, it is good that we are here. Let's build some shelters."

Peter's response is wonderfully human. He wants to stay where things are beautiful, clear, and comfortable. It is a natural human impulse. But Jesus does not let them stay on the mountain. Because Faith is not about camping out in spiritual highs; it is about being strengthened for the journey back into everyday life.

This extraordinary encounter happens away from the crowds, in silence and prayer. That too can be a challenge in our noisy turbulent world. Silence can feel uncomfortable—almost suspicious. Yet the Transfiguration shows us if we never step away, we may miss just what God is trying to show us.

Then a voice from the cloud says, "This is my beloved Son... listen to Him." Not "scroll past Him," not "fit Him in when we have time", but "listen to Him." It is a gentle Divine reminder just whose voice truly matters in our lives.

Lastly, when the disciples fall to the ground in fear, Jesus touches them and says, "Rise, and do not be afraid." No thunder no lighting. Just a moment of quiet, gentle encouragement and reassurance. And is it not the same for us too? While life is never without its challenges, whatever mountains we have to climb, whatever fears we may face, Jesus promises that the gentle, quiet, reassurance of His presence, is never, never, that far away.

Paul Fenner

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: today will be Valentine's Day themed! Do come along and enjoy this time together.

Big Build Grant Funding – Help needed! Do you have experience of applying for grant funding or the willingness to learn? We need to make about a dozen grant applications to different funding bodies in the next three months. You'll be part of a team and with support from Beverly and Trish with making the applications and uploading relevant documents. Please contact Trish if you have a few hours to spare.

PCC – new members needed: At the APCM on Sunday 22nd March we will be appointing new members to the PCC. We need a Churchwarden and two Deputy Wardens to serve alongside Robin; one Deanery Synod representative and three PCC members. Please prayerfully consider if you could serve All Saints in this way and talk to Beverly or Trish.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party: This Tuesday! 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.

Mon 16th Hear Here Clinic, Reading Room, 2.00pm-3.00pm
Tues 17th *Shrove Tuesday*
Weds 18th Pancake Party, Church Hall, 5.00pm-6.45pm
Weds 18th *Ash Wednesday*
Dray Court Service, 2.30pm
Joint Ash Wednesday Communion Service, St Mary's, 8.00pm
Thurs 19th Friday Group, 43 Poltimore Road, 3.00pm
Men's Group 'Exploring the Way', 13 Abbots Close, 8.00pm
Choir Rehearsal, Church, 8.00pm
Fri 20th Funeral of Clive Daborn, Guildford Crematorium, 1.30pm
Sun 22nd *Stewardship Sunday: guest speaker David Senior*
Church Family Communion 10.00am, (NB: no Children's Church)
Lent Lunch, Church Hall, 12 noon
Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

Mon 16th Ps. 44, Genesis 37:1-11, Galatians 1
Tues 17th Ps. 48, Genesis 37:12-end, Galatians 2:1-10
Weds 18th Ps. 38, Daniel 9:3-6,17-19, 1 Timothy 6:6-19
Thurs 19th Ps. 77, Genesis 39, Galatians 2:11-end
Fri 20th Ps. 3, Genesis 40, Galatians 3:1-14
Sat 21st Ps. 71, Genesis 41:1-24, Galatians 3:15-22

Service Readings for Sunday 22nd February: 1st Sunday of Lent and Stewardship Sunday

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19 and Matthew 4:1-11

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