

## **Sunday 3rd May 2026**

### **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
10.00 a.m. Café-style Altogether Worship  
2.30 p.m. Confirmation Class  
4.00 p.m. Tea Time Church

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### **Collect for Today**

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

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### **Service Readings**

Acts 7:55-end (*p.122*), 1 Peter 2:2-10 (*p.230*) and John 14:1-14 (*p.105*)

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### **Please pray for**

... Dave Barclay, Angus Bentall, Mark & Jan Knott, Jay Whittaker and Mike and Rosemary Woodcock.

... the family and friends of Elsie Smallpeice and Herbert Doughty whose anniversary of death is at this time.

... those who live and work in Queen Eleanor's Road, Raymond Crescent, Reindorp Close and Ridgemount.

... 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**

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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### **Financial Giving**

Donations are welcome at all our services. If you don't give regularly via the Parish Giving Scheme, please put your donation in the bowl, tap the card reader on your way out, or use the QR code on the back of this news-sheet. Thank you.

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## Dear Friends

Now, "Andy" and "board games" is not two words you'd find in the same sentence when it comes to me. I found them too long, too difficult or someone else was always winning. I have no doubt I have just offended half of the readers so I'm going for a confession .....

..... last week we were away in Wales, staying on a farm overlooking the Rhondda Valley. It was beautiful. In the cupboard were the dreaded board games. Out came Trivial Pursuit Disney. Linda and Ellie played it and I joined in to keep the peace. Well, I have to say it was good fun. I even knew some answers. We played it every evening. Then we found Kerplunk. What a game!

So why the revelation of board games? Well, I think I have found patience, I understood the rules and I didn't care if I won or not (which I didn't!).

Theologically, this means I have learnt to reflect - and that takes time, I am a disciple of Christ and strive to do as he does, and as long as the people I care for I can help them encounter God, then I am at peace.

John 14 1-14 (the gospel reading for this week) leads on from Christ telling his disciples that he will soon be leaving them and will be betrayed. In this passage he seeks to comfort them, as he does us. Much as you find in board games you do well in some games but not in others. Life has its high and low points - especially at a time with school exams, GCSEs, A levels and end of year exams. Some have poor health and some job worries. Equally some have a new house, new job, just retiring! Wherever we are, all we need is Christ, as Christ said to his disciples in this passage:

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life" (v6).

God always has a plan for us, even if we might not see it if we're on a snake, rather than a ladder. Each encounter we have with God lets us see the way He has for us and by following this, we have Christ living within us.

This week I pray you encounter God, whether on a snake or a ladder, and that this encounter enriches your life.

**Andy**

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### **Mission Focus for May: Christian Aid ([www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk))**

Christian Aid works to create a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty. Christian Aid helps people of all faiths and none. They respond to emergencies caused by earthquakes, war and floods, and long-term projects include those to help set up businesses, promote women's rights, and protect children from being trafficked. For more information please see the article in the May Magazine.

## Notices

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**Church Walk, Tomorrow, 4th May:** We'll meet at church at 10am ready for a 10.15am start to walk to Watt's Gallery (about 2.5 miles). We'll aim to leave Watt's Gallery at noon to head off on the (about 1.8 miles) walk to St John's Church in Puttenham. If you prefer this shorter walk, please join us at Watt's Gallery outside the café ready to leave at noon. Do bring a picnic lunch to enjoy at St John's. Sign up on the sheet at church, with names of those will be coming and whether you will meet at church or at Watts' Gallery. More details pages 16-18 of April Magazine. Any questions, please contact Bruce Hopwood on [missions@allsaintschurchgfd.org.uk](mailto:missions@allsaintschurchgfd.org.uk).

**Office closed:** The office will be closed from this Monday to Wednesday. Trish will be back in on Thursday.

**Ascension Day, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May:** At 9.30am, Revd Paul Fenner will be leading our service of Holy Communion. Do join us and stay for refreshments afterwards if you can.

**Christian Aid week is Sunday 10th to Saturday 16th May:** Please support Christian Aid by:

- Baking cakes for the car wash and bake sale 2pm to 4.30pm Saturday 16th May at Onslow Village Hall Car Park, or come and buy some cakes! Please provide a full list of ingredients.
- Bring your car to be washed – or offer to help wash some cars (even if you cannot come for all time). Invite your neighbours!
- Deliver envelopes between Sunday 10th to Saturday 16th May – we do not need to collect them.
- Give to the work of Christian Aid – using the envelope, or the QR code on the envelope, or bring your donation to the Car wash and cake sale on 16th May!
- Pray for the work of Christian Aid



**Pentecost, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May:** Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit. At 10am there will be an All-Age Communion service and at 4pm, Tea Time church.

**Missed a sermon?** If you miss a sermon or would like to listen again, head over to our YouTube channel and catch up. Newly available are Martyn's sermon on Maundy Thursday and Julie's beautifully illustrated all-age talk on Easter Sunday. Each Sunday's sermon is generally online on the next day. Here's the link: [www.youtube.com/allsaintsguildford](http://www.youtube.com/allsaintsguildford)

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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.**

- Mon 4<sup>th</sup>     *Early May Bank Holiday*  
                  *NB: no Morning Prayer*  
                  May Bank Holiday Walk to Puttenham, 10.15am
- Tues 5<sup>th</sup>     Altogether Worship Planning, Vicarage, 7.30pm
- Weds 6<sup>th</sup>     Men's Coffee Morning, Reading Room, 10.30am  
                  Preaching Group, Vicarage, 6.30pm  
                  Sharing & Learning Group, 5 Elmside, 7.45pm
- Thurs 7<sup>th</sup>    Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am  
                  Choir Rehearsal, Church, 8.00pm
- Fri 8<sup>th</sup>     Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 10.00am
- Sat 9<sup>th</sup>     Prayer Breakfast, The Hopwoods, 10.00am
- Sun 10<sup>th</sup>    *Christian Aid week begins*  
                  Church Family Communion with Children's Church, 10.00am  
                  Confirmation Class, Reading Room, 2.30pm  
                  Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm

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## Daily Readings for the coming week

- Mon 4<sup>th</sup>     Ps. 145, Numbers 9:15-end,10:33-end, Luke 4:38-end
- Tues 5<sup>th</sup>     Ps. 19, Numbers 11:1-33, Luke 5:1-11
- Weds 6<sup>th</sup>     Ps. 30, Numbers 12, Luke 5:12-26
- Thurs 7<sup>th</sup>    Ps. 57, Numbers 13:1-3,17-end, Luke 5:27-end
- Fri 8<sup>th</sup>     Ps. 138, Numbers 14:1-25, Luke 6:1-11
- Sat 9<sup>th</sup>     Ps. 146, Numbers 14:26-end, Luke 6:12-26

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## Service Readings for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31, 1 Peter 3:13-end and John 14:15-21

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