

Sunday 17th May 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter

- 8.00 a.m. BCP Communion
- 10.00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 2.30 p.m. Confirmation Class
- 4.00 p.m. Tea Time Church
- 5.30 p.m. Youth Group

Collect for Today

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

Service Readings

Acts 1:6-14 (*p.114*), 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 (*p.232*); and John 17:1-11 (*p.108*)

Please pray for

... Angus Bentall, Mark & Jan Knott, David Richards, Sue & John Smith (Zoë's parents) and Paul Young.

... the family and friends of Tony Hayward, Emmie Ulrich and Isobel Cleave whose anniversary of death is at this time.

... those who live and work in Scholar's Walk, Scillonian Road and Stag Hill.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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.

Dear Friends

Today is the Sunday which falls between Ascension Day (14th May) and Pentecost (24th May), and is part of a season of prayer. These days are often kept as a 'Novena of Prayer' – nine days to watch and pray, and to wait in expectation for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Today and during these days we'll be keeping that focus on prayer, during both our mid-week and Sunday services.

This time of prayer was initiated by Jesus, before his ascension into heaven, recorded for us in Acts 1:1-11. Jesus told his disciples not to leave Jerusalem, but to 'Wait for the gift my Father has promised, which you have heard me speak about' (Acts 1:4). He reminded them that John had baptised with water, but that they would be baptised with the Holy Spirit. And the disciples, along with some of the women, Mary Jesus' mother, and his brothers joined together in prayer; constantly praying and waiting in expectation for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Since then Christians have kept these days as a time of prayer; a time for waiting expectantly for the coming of the Holy Spirit to us once again; praying particularly for the coming of God's kingdom – for his will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Today we'll be thinking about prayer: What it is? Why we do it? What does it achieve? And as we do that I hope we will discover the Lord's light entering our lives, and our world.

Beverly

Mission Focus for May: Christian Aid (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

Youth Group and Baby & Toddler Group: Both these groups are thriving, and with good numbers of young people and families coming along. We would value new leaders for Youth Group: particularly someone who could engage well with the boys who come (Sunday evening, 3rd Sunday of each month). For Toddlers: someone to be part of the 'Team', setting up, engaging parents and children, and helping to clear away afterwards (Friday mornings during term time). If you have a few hours to spare, please contact Jeanette Whiteman (jeanette.whiteman@gmail.com).

Christian Aid: A big thank you to everyone who helped in whatever way during Christian Aid week and especially at the Car Wash & Cake Sale yesterday. We'll report on the funds raised as soon as possible.

Pentecost, next Sunday, 24th 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.

Onslow Infants PTA Summer Fair, 20th June, 11.30am-2.30pm: We have been asked if we'd like to run one of the stalls at Onslow Infants PTA Summer Fair. There would be no organising, we'd just be manning it. We can split the time between a few of us, so not a big effort. Please let Trish know asap if you'd be happy to help for 90 mins on the day. It'll be lovely to have an All Saints presence at the fair

Autumn Fair! It's very early to be thinking about the Autumn Fair on 19th September, but your team of organisers are meeting *today* to start the planning, especially around entertainment that needs to be booked. If you have time to help on the team, we'd really love you to join us. We have a few meetings and then in our calendar. If you're interested, please have a chat with Jo Smalley or Trish.

Choral Evensong followed by Strawberry Teas in the Vicarage Garden: Sunday 21st June our choir will be leading us in Choral Evensong at 4pm and this will be followed by strawberry teas in the Vicarage garden. All welcome – and if you'd like to bake a cake, please let Jo Smalley know.

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

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 18th Hear Here Clinic, Reading Room, 2.00pm-3.00pm
Premises Meeting, Reading Room, 8.00pm
- Tues 19th Vision Group Chairs Meeting, Reading Room, 12.00pm
- Weds 20th Central Team Meeting, Office/Zoom, 10.00am
Dray Court Service, 2.30pm
PCC, Vicarage, 7.15pm
- Thurs 21st Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am
Choir Rehearsal, Church, 8.00pm
- Fri 22nd Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 10.00am
- Sun 24th *Pentecost Sunday*
Church Family Communion, 10.00am
Confirmation Class, Reading Room, 2.30pm
Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

- Mon 18th Ps. 93, Numbers 22:1-35, Luke 7:36-end
- Tues 19th Ps. 99, Numbers 22:36-23:12, Luke 8:1-15
- Weds 20th Ps. 29, Numbers 23:13-end, Luke 8:16-25
- Thurs 21st Ps. 24, Numbers 24, Luke 8:26-39
- Fri 22nd Ps. 28, Numbers 27:12-end, Luke 8:40-end
- Sat 23rd Ps. 43, Numbers 32:1-27, Luke 9:1-17

Service Readings for Sunday 24th May: Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 and John 7:37-39

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