

## **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

### **Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

- 8.00 a.m. BCP Communion
- 10.00 a.m. Morning Worship with Children's Church
- 4.00 p.m. Tea Time Church
- 5.00 p.m. Confirmation Group
- 5.30 p.m. Youth Group

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### **Collect for Today**

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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### **Service Readings**

Isaiah 44:6-8 (*p.683*), Romans 8:12-25 (*p.153*) and Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (*p.14*)

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### **Please pray for**

... Esme Doran, Violet Guo, Mark & Jan Knott, Julie Lodge, Paddy Payne and Mike Woodcock.

.... the family and friends of Sheila Kirkland, who sadly died last week. And we give thanks to God for Sheila's life.

... those who live and work in Farm Walk, Farnham Road and Friars Gate.

... 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**

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he 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

For several weeks now, our Sunday readings have included extracts from St Paul's Letter to the Romans, which is the nearest thing in the New Testament to a systematic theology and provides a pattern for Christian writers ever since.

The central theme is Jesus Christ and the meaning of his death and resurrection for the church and individual believers but also for what St Paul called the "cosmos", the natural world and human society.

A prominent sub-theme is the conflict to which the cosmos (and the church) is prone, and how this struggle reproduces itself within each of us. This is not a battle with weird demons but a very human struggle with "principalities and powers", as St Paul terms the destructive transpersonal forces which dominate us.

In calling the church "ecclesia", St Paul is parodying Greek government. It was the word for the local parliament. So, he was positioning the new church as the future form of ordering society according to the love of God in Christ, as the "first fruits" of a new creation.

It is a high calling, especially in a modern liberal democracy with plural forms of faith and values. Perhaps now more than before, it means joining with others in the struggle against "principalities and powers" in our own time and place.

Julian

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## Mission Focus for July: Mosaic Middle East (MME)

Our prayers are still urgently needed for the work of MME, particularly for the beleaguered Christian communities in Iraq. Iran and other areas of the Middle East are of course more in the spotlight at the moment, but Iraq continues to feel the effects of ISIS and the wars since 2000. It remains a country suffering all kinds of internal strife, but some Christian communities soldier on against all the odds. St. George's Church in Baghdad is one of these – it stands steadfast as a beacon of hope. Please continue to offer prayers for the Rev'd Faiz and all those who benefit from his ministry!

## Notices

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**Thank you** to Julian for being here with us again today to preach, and we thank him for presiding at our service last weekend too.

**Sheila Kirkland:** We continue to give thanks to God for the life of Sheila, who died last week. Sheila was a very long-standing member of our church, and also a supporter of the Cathedral. Our prayers are with the family at this sad time.

**Youth Group:** TODAY, the Youth Group will meet as usual and we invite any year 6 children who might like to join us from September onwards. Why not come and see what we get up to each month and enjoy pizza with us too! Please let Jeanette know if your young person would like to come, [jeanette.whiteman@gmail.com](mailto:jeanette.whiteman@gmail.com).

**Orchard Volunteer Morning: Saturday 25 July, 10.30-1.00pm:** Weather permitting we will carry out some wildlife surveys – a Flower Insect Timed count and butterfly survey (The Big Butterfly Count is on between 17 July – 9 August). We will be watering, cutting back and tidying, and hoping to continue renovating the garden chairs. Do come join us – no gardening experience needed – come along any time between 10.30am and 1.00pm and stay as long as you have free! Meet by the metal shed (bring gardening gloves and any suitable tools eg secateurs, small fork/trowel).

**Sponsored Bible Reading Event:** On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August, 9.30am-12 noon we'll be reading through Mark's gospel and raising money for the Koens and their work for Wycliffe Bible Translators in Papua New Guinea. Have a chat with Katherine, Bruce or Richard Hemingway from the Mission Vision Group to find out more.

**Dray Court Service in August:** On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August at 2.30pm, we'll have a special Dray Court Service celebrating our favourite hymns. If you'd like to choose a hymn and come along, please let Beverly know. Offers of cake would be very welcome!

**Thank you from Sue:** Sue Hawkins would like to give her thanks to everyone involved in her confirmation service on 5<sup>th</sup> July. She would like to give her best wishes to the other young candidates who stood alongside her.

**Contacting our curate:** If you need to get in touch with Andy, our new curate, please use this email address: [curate@allsaintschurchgfd.org.uk](mailto:curate@allsaintschurchgfd.org.uk).

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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 20<sup>th</sup>    Hear Here Clinic, Reading Room, 2.00pm  
Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup>    Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am  
                  Men's Group 'Exploring the Way', 8.00pm, 13 Abbot's Close  
                  Choir Rehearsal, Church, 8.00pm  
Sat 25<sup>th</sup>    Orchard Volunteer Morning, 10.30am-1pm  
Sun 26<sup>th</sup>    Church Family Communion with Children's Church, 10.00am  
                  Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm

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## Daily Readings for the coming week

Mon 20<sup>th</sup>    Ps. 1, 1 Samuel 10:1-16, Luke 22:24-30  
Tues 21<sup>st</sup>    Ps. 5, 1 Samuel 10:17-end, Luke 22:31-38  
Weds 22<sup>nd</sup>    Ps. 30, 1 Samuel 16:14-end, Luke 8:1-3  
Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup>    Ps. 15, 1 Samuel 12, Luke 22:47-62  
Fri 24<sup>th</sup>    Ps. 19, 1 Samuel 13:5-18, Luke 22:63-end  
Sat 25<sup>th</sup>    Ps. 7, 2 Kings 1:9-15, Luke 9:46-56

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## Service Readings for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July: 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

1 Kings 3:5-12, Romans 8:26-end and Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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