

Sunday 9th August 2026
Tenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 a.m. Church Family Communion

4.00 p.m. Tea Time Church

Collect for Today

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Service Readings

1 Kings 19:9-18 (*p.336*), Romans 10:5-15 (*p.156*) and Matthew 14:22-33 (*p.15*)

Please pray for

... Violet Guo, Mark & Jan Knott, Julie Lodge and Mike Woodcock.

... we give thanks for the life of Andy Morgan whose anniversary of death is at this time and pray for their family and friends.

... those who live and work in Madrid Road and Manor Way.

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

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; 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

Our Gospel reading for this morning, Matthew 14:22-33, is a familiar one – Jesus walking on the waters of Lake Galilee. It's one of those moments, rather like Jesus' Transfiguration which we celebrated at the Thursday Communion this week, when the disciples' eyes are opened to Jesus' glory, his majesty.

The event happens at the end of a deeply demanding day for Jesus. Earlier in the day he'd heard of the death of his cousin John the Baptist, and had tried to find a place of solitude to rest and pray. But the crowds followed him, and instead of rejecting them, he fed the five thousand with five loaves of bread and two small fish. Then at the end of the day Jesus again seeks solitude for prayer, and sends his disciples out in a boat to the other side of lake Galilee – going on ahead of him.

But then, as so often happened on that lake, a storm suddenly whipped itself up, and the disciples were in acute danger. During the fourth watch of the night, somewhere between 3am and 6am, Jesus goes out to them, walking on the water. It's a moment of extreme terror for the disciples, and beyond anything they'd previously experienced Jesus. Yet graciously he calms them: 'Take courage! Is it I. Don't be afraid' (Matthew 14:27).

Today we'll consider what this passage teaches us about Jesus' nature, his majesty, his glory. We'll also look at the implications for ourselves, as we live by faith today.

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Mission Focus for August: Church Mission Society (CMS)

CMS is one of the major Anglican missionary societies. All Saints' has been a regular financial supporter of this Society from our annual mission budget for a number of years now, and this month we have an opportunity to find out more about who they are and what they do, so that we can pray for their work worldwide both in church and in our private prayers. Their current theme is an invitation to "come with CMS to the edges, and discover God in ways you may not have expected". "People at the edges" means those Christians who are facing persecution or other serious crises. They are at the centre of God's story. So please remember them in prayer throughout this month. There is also more information in the August magazine and on the CMS website

Notices

Children's Church: Now that we're in the school summer holidays, we're giving our Children's Church leaders a well-earned break! Children are extremely welcome in our services and there will be specially prepared activities at the back of church for each Sunday. We ask that parents supervise their children when they are enjoying the activities. Children and families are also very welcome at Tea Time Church every Sunday for an intergenerational service with activities for children.

Tea Time Church today: Today, Jo will be encouraging us to think about 'Stepping out in Faith'. Do come along – it's suitable for all ages!

Sponsored Bible Reading Event: On Saturday 15th 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 19th 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!

Sheila Kirkland's Funeral: This will be held at Guildford Cathedral on Tuesday 25th August at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome.

Tea & Cake at The Vicarage on Wednesday afternoons: Beverly would like to welcome people into the new look Vicarage – house and garden. She will hold an 'open house' at the Vicarage on Wednesday afternoons until **26th August**. Everyone is welcome – especially children and families, to drop in between **2.30pm and 4pm**. (On 19th August, instead of meeting at the Vicarage, everyone would be welcomed to the Dray Court service entitled "Our Favourite Hymns").

Looking ahead:

- Sunday 6th September: *Backpack Sunday* – a special service when we gather together after the school summer holidays and pray for the new school term and new starts. Bring your school backpack or work bag and we'll pray for new beginnings.
- Sunday 6th September: *Church Family Picnic* at 12 noon. Gather on the field to catch-up with one another after the summer break. Bring your own picnic, something to sit on, sun hats, sun cream and maybe field games!
- Saturday 19th September: *Autumn Fair*, 2pm-5pm. More info to follow!

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.

Weds 12th Wednesday Lunch Group, Wilders, 12.30pm
Tea & Cake at The Vicarage, 2.30pm-4.00pm
Standing Committee, Zoom, 7.30pm
Sharing & Learning Group, 5 Elmside, 7.45pm
Thurs 13th Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am
Choir Rehearsal, Church, 8.00pm
Fri 14th Friday Group, 43 Poltimore Road, 3.00pm
Sat 15th Sponsored Bible Reading, Church, 9.00am to 12 noon
Sun 16th BCP Communion, Reading Room, 8.00am
Morning Worship, 10.00am
Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

Mon 10th Ps. 71, 1 Samuel 24, Acts 3:11-end
Tues 11th Ps. 73, 1 Samuel 26, Acts 4:1-12
Weds 12th Ps. 77, 1 Samuel 28:3-end, Acts 4:13-31
Thurs 13th Ps. 78:1-39, 1 Samuel 31, 1 Acts 4:32-5:11
Fri 14th Ps. 55, 2 Samuel 1, Acts 5:12-26
Sat 15th Ps. 98, Isaiah 7:10-15, Luke 11:27-28

Service Readings for Sunday 16th August: 11th Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 56:1,6-8; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 and Matthew 15:21-28

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