

Sunday 30th August 2026
Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 a.m. Church Family Communion

4.00 p.m. Tea Time Church

Collect for Today

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Service Readings

Jeremiah 15:15-21 (*p.728*), Romans 12:9-end (*p.158*) and Matthew 16:21-end (*p.16*)

Please pray for

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

... we give thanks for the life of Peggy Colson, Allan Laporte, Julie Banks and Revd Michael Powell whose anniversary of death is at this time and pray for their family and friends.

... 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.

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; 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

For many weeks now, our New Testament readings have come from the pen of St. Paul, and specifically from his letter to the church in Rome. It's a letter which is packed full of insight, truth and theology, and one which Christians have treasured for hundreds of years.

Today, and in chapter 12 of Paul's letter, he gives us some deeply practical instructions about how we should live the Christian life. In many ways this chapter is an outworking of Paul's teaching in the first 11 chapters of the letter.

In chapter 12 Paul describes the qualities and actions that are appropriate within the Body of Christ. He talks about 'love', and how it must always be genuine and sincere. He describes the 'devotion' we should have for one another, loving one another from the heart. He talks about the need for 'zeal', or 'spiritual fervour' – keeping the flame of the Holy Spirit alive among us. Paul encourages us to rejoice in hope, to be patient in suffering, and to persevere in prayer. There are lots more insights for us to consider too, which may be summed up in the words, 'Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good' (12:21).

We'll be looking at this chapter in a bit more detail this morning, and listening out for the Lord's words directly to each and every one of us - as we seek to grow into the likeness of Jesus.

Beverly

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

Return to the Common Cup (single chalice) at Communion Services: From this Thursday 3rd September, we will no longer offer small cups at communion and will return to a single chalice. More information will be in the September magazine, on the noticeboard, on the website and via email.

Tea time church: Today we'll be looking at another story involving Peter and asking "which Peter am I?" Do come along, children are most welcome.

Looking ahead:

- Sunday 6th September:
 - ✝ *Thank you, Jeanette!* We'll be thanking Jeanette for her work as Children and Young Peoples' Vision Group chair. Between the service and the picnic, we'll stay in church and celebrate Jeannette with cake and bubbly (board games etc available for children).
 - ✝ *Altogether Worship 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.
 - ✝ *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!
- Sunday 13th September: *Pastoral Sunday*. During our 10am Church Family Communion, we'll be thanking Richard Hemingway for a remarkable 40 years service as Pastoral Assistant in this parish. We'll also be showcasing the work of the Pastoral Team.
- Saturday 19th September: *Autumn Fair*, 2pm-5pm. More info to follow!

Children and Young Peoples' Vision Group: new chair-person needed. On the 6th September Jeanette Whiteman will be stepping down from the role of 'Vision Group Chair', having served children and families in this way for almost a decade! Jeanette will continue to be involved with Children's Church, Youth Group and the Baby & Toddler Group, going forwards. If you'd be interested in exploring the role of chair-person for this important aspect of our ministry at All Saints, please let Beverly know.

Autumn Fair: Coming soon on 19th September! Please bring your donations to the foyer (see list on the noticeboard). And of course, we always need more helpers, so if you can lend a hand on a stall, please tell Trish or Jo.

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 31 st	<i>Summer Bank Holiday (no Morning Prayer today)</i>
Weds 2 nd	Central Team Meeting, Zoom, 10.00am Men's Coffee Morning, Reading Room, 10.30am
Thurs 3 rd	Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am Men's Group 'Exploring the Way', 6 Scillonian Road, 8.00pm
Fri 4 th	Baby & Toddler Group, Church 10.00am
Sat 5 th	Band Rehearsal, Church, 10.00am
Sun 6 th	<i>Backpack Sunday</i> Holy Communion, Reading Room, 8.00am Café-Style Altogether Worship, 10.00am Church Family Picnic, Field and/or hall, 12 noon Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

Mon 31 st	Ps. 126, 2 Samuel 18:1-18, Acts 10:34-end
Tues 1 st	Ps. 132, 2 Samuel 18:19-19.8a, Acts 11:1-18
Weds 2 nd	Ps. 119:153-end, 2 Samuel 19.8b-23, Acts 11:19-end
Thurs 3 rd	Ps. 143, 2 Samuel 19:24-end, Acts 12:1-17
Fri 4 th	Ps. 144, 2 Samuel 23:1-7, Acts 12:18-end
Sat 5 th	Ps. 147, 2 Samuel 24, Acts 13:1-12

Service Readings for Sunday 6th September: 14th Sunday after Trinity

Exodus 12:1-14, Romans 13:8-end and Matthew 18:15-20

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