

Sunday 20th September 2026

Sixteenth 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

Collect for Today

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Service Readings

Exodus 16:2-15 (*p.64*), Philippians 1:21-end (*p.194*) and Matthew 20:1-16 (*p.20*)

Please pray for

... Penny Farbridge, Mark & Jan Knott, Julie Lodge and Mike Woodcock.
... we give thanks for the life of Revd Reginald Orr, Robert Baker, Constance Sweet, Dick Woodcock, George Dean, Martin Hawkins and Roger May whose anniversary of death is at this time and pray for their family and friends.
... those who live and work in The Chase, The Crossways and The Drive.
... the Koens family in Papua New Guinea supporting the work of Bible translation through vehicle maintenance, teaching, missionary care.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; 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 reading for this Sunday is the parable of “The Labourers in the Vineyard”. The parable tells of a landowner who was hiring labourers on a daily wage rate. As he met them, he employed them little by little during the day. At the end of the day, the labourers queued for their wages. Those who started much later in the day received a full day’s wages and those who were there at the beginning of the day expected to receive more. However, the landowner, gave them exactly the same! When they complained, the landowner simply said that he had agreed a wage with them when they started and that was what they received.

This parable is just full of interpretation and opinion. The parable finishes with “the first shall be last and the last shall be first”. I wonder if this refers to the gentiles who are being invited into God’s presence latterly, after the centuries God has shared with Israel. I wonder, too, if this refers to God’s generous love, that is abound to all those who find Him, regardless of when God is revealed in their lives. I wonder if this affirms that we are all equal to God in His eyes, that He calls us each by name and knows every hair on our heads.

I feel it is every one of these wonderings. God is for every single person - to experience Him through discipleship in Christ. We come as we are, willing to be formed in His image to do His will.

Andy

Mission Focus for September: Friends International Guildford (FIG)

Friends International is a charity which spans multiple Churches in the Guildford area and provides support and services to International Students at Surrey University. All Saints has been a supporter of the Charity for a number of years, and members of the congregations also lend their time and support in their work. This month, a new cohort of international students will arrive at Surrey University, and many of them will have little to no network in the UK. FIG will be at the forefront, providing help and support to these students as they navigate life in a foreign country. For information visit on how to support FIG visit www.friendsinternationalguildford.org.uk/ and see the further information in the All Saints Magazine. Please pray for the mission of FIG as they go about their work, and for the impact that they have in so many lives.

Notices

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the Autumn Fair a success. It's one of our most important church and community events and we are grateful to everyone who helped and to those who came to enjoy the day!

Confirmation Follow-Up Group: THIS AFTERNOON, 5pm-5.30pm. Our confirmation candidates will be continuing to study together and others are very welcome to join us. Please speak to Beverly if you're interested.

Youth Group: The first Youth Group of term is TONIGHT, 5.30pm to 7.30pm. Open to all secondary school children. We have table tennis, crafts, games and enjoy pizza together. Please let Jeanette know if your youngster is interested in coming.

Men's Group 'Beer and Belief': We're launching a men's group called 'Beer and Belief', meeting monthly at the Astolat Pub. The group aims to provide a space for men to discuss various topics and to learn from each other and we hope that the group can attract members of the community as well as the congregation. The first session TOMORROW 21st September at 7:30pm. Further information and dates can be found in the flyers.

People's Emergency Briefing Screening: On Friday 2nd October, we're hosting a screening of the People's Emergency Briefing. The Church of England, and Bishop Paul, are encouraging churches to show this powerful film which brings together leading expert insights on the climate and nature crisis into a single, accessible narrative. Tickets are free here: <https://allsaints.short.gy/peb>.

Dray Court Harvest Celebration and 10 year Anniversary: Wednesday 21st October, 2.30pm. We'll be celebrating harvest and also the fact that the Dray Court service has been running for 10 years! Please feel free to come and support us and bring some fruit, veg or flowers with you to add to our display.

Deputy Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO) wanted: Julie Lodge is doing a great job being our PSO, but it is currently a bit overwhelmed. We'd therefore like to appoint her a deputy. If you'd be willing to support the Safeguarding Team in this way, please have a chat with Julie or Beverly.

Choral Scholars: we all very much enjoy having Choral Scholars as part of our choir. The fund, however, is getting a little low and so we'd really appreciate more regular donors to help us keep the programme going. If you can help, please speak to Jeremy, Beverly or Eve (as bookkeeper). Thank you!

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 21st Women's Bible Study, 16 West Meads, 12.30pm
 Hear Here Clinic, Reading Room, 2.00pm
 Children & Young People's Vision Group, Vicarage, 7.30pm
 Beer & Belief, The Astolat, 7.30pm
 Sharing & Learning Group, 5 Elmside, 7.30pm
- Thurs 24th Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am (*Revd Jay Whittaker presiding*)
 Choir Rehearsal, Church, 8.00pm
- Fri 25th Baby & Toddler Group, Church 10.00am
 Friday Group, 43 Poltimore Road, 3.00pm
- Sat 26th Orchard Volunteer Morning, 10.30am to 1.00pm
- Sun 27th 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 21st Ps. 49, 1 Kings 19:15-end, 2 Timothy 3:14-end
- Tues 22nd Ps. 48, 1 Kings 13:11-end, Acts 19:21-end
- Weds 23rd Ps. 119:57-80, 1 Kings 17, Acts 20:1-16
- Thurs 24th Ps. 57, 1 Kings 18:1-20, Acts 20:17-end
- Fri 25th Ps. 51, 1 Kings 18:21-end, Acts 21:1-16
- Sat 26th Ps. 68, 1 Kings 19, Acts 21:17-36
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Service Readings for Sunday 27th September:

17th Sunday after Trinity

Exodus 17:1-7, Philippians 2:1-13 and Matthew 21:23-32

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