

Sunday 4th October 2026
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.00 a.m. Café-style Altogether Worship
4.00 p.m. Tea Time Church

Collect for Today

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Service Readings

Isaiah 5:1-7 (*p.644*), Philippians 3:4b-14 (*p.195*) and Matthew 21:33-end (*p.22*)

Please pray for

... Adrian & Leda Bailey, Mark & Jan Knott, Julie Lodge and Mike Woodcock.
... we give thanks for the life of Joan Hester, Dianne Piper and Grace Brookes whose anniversary of death is at this time and pray for their family and friends.
... those who live and work in Thorn Bank and Vicarage Gate.
... the Koens family in Papua New Guinea supporting the work of Bible translation through vehicle maintenance, teaching, missionary care.

Post Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **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

Welcome to our vineyard!

This church building is a superb vineyard - a place where with good care and nurture, fruit can grow abundantly. The Bible says the fruits of the spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness and self-control - how wonderful if our vineyard can produce these, enriching our lives and those of others. How marvellous that those near and dear to us might feel fed and watered, and better for it...

Oh, but what happens if we don't look after our vineyard? If we don't look after visitors, but send them away? If we don't welcome Jesus either? What happens in ANY part of our lives where people don't feel they are 'all most welcome', but 'almost welcome'?

Today we'll hear Jesus' parable about a vineyard, and the fruit that can grow there, and what happens when it doesn't - when those looking after it aren't, er, looking after it.

This morning in church, I can't guarantee fruit, but we will enjoy something to eat and drink - and something verbal to chew on! Enjoy, tuck in, have a chat, and let's keep growing God's kingdom where we are - in our work, rest and pray (I mean 'play').

Wherever we find ourselves this week, each setting can be our vineyard. Shall we look after it? Because I reckon I know the owner...

Bless you today, tomorrow and onward.

Paul

Mission Focus for October: A Rocha International

A Rocha is a global family of conservation organisations working together to live out God's calling to care for creation and equip others to do likewise. They are helping communities in many parts of the world to tackle the effects of climate change on their environments, and to reduce pollution and destruction of natural habitats from industrialisation among many other projects. At All Saints we have gained the Gold Eco Church award from A Rocha UK. For more information please see All Saints Magazine for October. arocha.org/en/about/ is the international website arocha.org.uk/ is the UK website.

Notices

Autumn Fair: Just an update on the finance side! We're awaiting a few expenses, but it looks like we'll be making a profit of just over £1,500. A huge thank you, once again, to everyone involved in organising the event and for all of you who donated and who came!

Harvest donations: We'll be collecting items for the North Guildford Food Bank at all our Harvest services. They welcome donations of all non-perishable goods, but would particularly like coffee, cereal, jam, honey, peanut butter, marmalade, rice and shaving foam.

Harvest:

✿ **Queen Eleonor's School Harvest Service:**

Monday 5th October and Tuesday 6th October at 10.30am

✿ **Harvest Supper & Quiz:** *Saturday 10th October, 5.30pm-7.30pm*

Come along to our annual quiz and delicious Ploughman's supper. Come with a team or we can find you one on the night. Adults £12.50, children £5. Tickets on line **NOW** at allsaints.short.gy/harvest26 (or speak to Trish if you can't do online purchasing).

✿ **Harvest Festival:** *Sunday 11th October.*

At 10am we'll celebrate with Church Family Communion, with children enjoying Children's Church.

At 4pm, join us for a harvest Tea Time Church.

✿ **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.

Beer & Belief: Following on from our Beer and Belief session last week, when, amongst very many subjects, we discussed a rule of life, we now have a web page set up. It includes the dates of our meetings, a link to the slides we looked at, including the handouts and also a You Tube Link for a video by John Mark Comer, a theologian, who describes a Rule of Life.

allsaintschurchgfd.org.uk/get-involved/small-groups/beer-belief/

Bonfire & Fireworks Tickets: tickets go on sale on this Tuesday 6th for our Bonfire & Fireworks event on Saturday 7th November. Buy them online at allsaints.short.gy/bonfire26. They go really quickly, so don't delay!

St Luke's Day Service of Wholeness & Healing: Sunday 18th October at 4pm. A service offering prayers for individuals in the context of a service of worship. Please do come and bring anyone who might value this ministry of prayer.

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 5 th	Queen Eleonor's School Harvest Service, 10.30am Mission Vision Group, The Hopwood's, 7.30pm
Tues 6 th	Queen Eleonor's School Harvest Service, 10.30am Altogether Worship Planning, The Vicarage, 7.30pm
Weds 7 th	Central Team Meeting, Zoom, 10.00am Men's Coffee Morning, Reading Room. 10.30am Sharing & Learning, 6 Elmside, 7.45pm
Thurs 8 th	Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am (<i>Revd Paul Fenner presiding</i>) Diocesan Church Growth Conference, Welcome Church, 10.00am Choir Rehearsal, Church, 8.00pm
Fri 9 th	Baby & Toddler Group, Church 10.00am Friday Group, 43 Poltimore Road, 3.00pm
Sat 10 th	Prayer Breakfast, 6 Scillonian Road, 9.00am Harvest Supper & Quiz, Church, 5.30pm
Sun 11 th	<i>Harvest Festival</i> Church Family Communion with Children's Church, 10.00am Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

Mon 5 th	Ps. 80, 2 Kings 5, Acts 26:1-23
Tues 6 th	Ps. 89:1-18, 2 Kings 6:1-23, Acts 26:24-end
Weds 7 th	Ps. 119:105-128, 2 Kings 9:1-16, Acts 27:1-26
Thurs 8 th	Ps. 92, 2 Kings 9:17-end, Acts 27:27-end
Fri 9 th	Ps. 88, 2 Kings 12:1-19, Acts 28:1-16
Sat 10 th	Ps. 97, 2 Kings 17:1-23, Acts 28:17-end

Service Readings for Sunday 11th October: Harvest Festival

Deuteronomy 8:7-18, 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 and Luke 12:16-30

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