

Sunday 11th October 2026

Harvest Festival

10.00 a.m. Church Family Communion with Children's Church
4.00 p.m. Tea Time Church

Collect for Today

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Service Readings

Deuteronomy 8:7-18 (*p.172*), 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (*p.180*) and Luke 12:16-30 (*p.71*)

Please pray for

... Adrian & Leda Bailey, Andrea Fairbairn, Mark & Jan Knott, Julie Lodge and Mike Woodcock.

... we give thanks for the life of Penny Farbridge who died on Friday 2nd October, and we pray for her family and friends at this time.

... we give thanks for the life of Pauline Dean, Joyce Andrews and Mary Walford whose anniversary of death is at this time and pray for their family and friends.

... those who live and work in West Meads, Wilderness Court, Wilderness Road and Windsor Close.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Dear Friends

I've just finished writing a sermon about the Rich Fool.

It's one of the hardest sermons I've written (apart from the last hardest one). Jesus is telling a parable about a rich farmer who had too much produce. He decided to demolish the barns he had and build bigger ones. He was very pleased with himself because this would see him through - enough money to live comfortably. Jesus then said God called him a fool because, that night his life would be taken from him and he'd be left with nothing. All his store of treasure was material and not spiritual. Jesus calls us to look beyond the material to the spiritual.

According to the Church Urban Fund, we are one of top 1% least deprived parishes in England. HOWEVER, 14% of the children in our parish live in poverty and 21% of people live alone.

How can I stand here and say our material values are of no consequence when we have mortgage to pay, salaries to earn, bills to pay - especially as we have parishioners who live poles apart, I would be public enemy number one?

So, I looked beyond the literal meaning of this parable and tried to put myself in the different shoes of those who read or listen to it. I feel Jesus is calling us to build our spiritual wealth.

This is how we live our lives as a disciple of Jesus. Sometimes we DO things for our spiritual wealth - such as work or volunteer for the church, be a pastoral visitor, stand as church warden, join the preaching group) - and sometimes we simply BE: nourished by encounters with God, pray for His support and guidance, reflect on where we saw God this week. Listen.

This week I pray that, whether you find yourself DOING things for God's Kingdom here in the parish or SIMPLY BEING in his presence and drawing on His strength, you build your spiritual wealth with the divine.

Best wishes.

Andy

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

Thank you to Jo, Robin and the events team for organising a great Harvest Supper & Quiz last night. And thanks to everyone who came to support it!

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. We'll deliver to the food bank on Monday 12th – so please do deliver items before then.

We'll also be collecting chocolates and plants to give to people who are going through challenging times.

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: We meet again on Monday 12th, 7.30pm in The Astolat. Visit this web page to see what we did last time. All men welcome from either our church or the wider community.

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

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!

Bonfire & Fireworks Tickets: tickets are on sale NOW 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!

Note: we need brush wood for the fire – please contact Simon Moulden if you have some!

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.

Light Party: Saturday 31st October 4pm-6pm in church. As daylight fades, come and enjoy music, games and craft activities all based on the theme of light. Suitable for children up to 11 and their families. (Children need to be accompanied by an adult). Please let Jeanette know if you'd like to come.

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 12th Onslow Infant's School Harvest Service, 10.30am
Women's Bible Study, 16 West Meads, 12.30pm
Beer & Belief, The Astolat, 7.30pm
- Tues 13th Pastoral Team Meeting, 5 Elmside, 4.30pm
'Coping with Parenting when your child is Neurodivergent',
Church, 7.30pm
- Weds 14th Wednesday Lunch Group, Wilders, 12.30pm
Standing Committee, Reading Room, 7.30pm
- Thurs 15th Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am
Men's Group 'Exploring the Way', 24 Bannisters Road, 8.00pm
Choir Rehearsal, Church, 8.00pm
- Fri 16th Friday Group, 43 Poltimore Road, 3.00pm
- Sun 18th BCP Communion, Reading Room, 8.00am
Morning Worship with Children's Church, 10.00am
St Luke's Day Service of Wholeness & Healing, 4.00pm
Confirmation Group, Reading Room, 5.00pm
Youth Group, Church Hall, 5.30pm.
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Daily Readings for the coming week

- Mon 12th Ps. 98, 2 Kings 17:24-end, Philippians 1:1-11
- Tues 13th Ps. 106, 2 Kings 18:1-12; Philippians 1:12-end
- Weds 14th Ps. 111, 2 Kings 18:13-end, Philippians 2:1-13
- Thurs 15th Ps. 115, 2 Kings 19:1-19, Philippians 2:14-end
- Fri 16th Ps. 139, 2 Kings 19:20-36, Philippians 3:1-4:1
- Sat 17th Ps. 121, 2 Kings 20, Philippians 4:2-end
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Service Readings for Sunday 18th October: Trinity 20

Isaiah 35:3-6, 2 Timothy 4:5-17 and Luke 10:1-9

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