

Sunday 25th October 2026

Bible Sunday

10.00 a.m. Church Family Communion

4.00 p.m. Tea Time Church

Collect for Today

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Service Readings

Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 8-12 (*p.449*); Colossians 3:12-17 (*p.199*) and Matthew 24:30-359 (*p.26*)

Please pray for

... Adrian & Leda Bailey, Andrea Fairbairn and Mark & Jan Knott.

... we give thanks for the life of Mike Woodcock who died on Saturday 10th October, and we pray especially for Rosemary and their family and friends.

... we give thanks for the life of Tim Rayner (Julie Shaw's brother) who died recently, and we pray especially for his parents (Dave and Jenny), Julie and her sister Liz.

... we give thanks for the lives of George Richie, Raymond George and John Finch whose anniversary of death is at this time and pray for their family and friends.

... those who live and work in Bannisters Road, Beechcroft Drive, Benbrick Road and Bray Road.

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

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Dear Friends

Today, in the life of the Church, is the last Sunday of the Trinity season, and also 'Bible Sunday'. It's the Sunday where we move from 'Ordinary Time', which we've been in since Trinity Sunday on the 31st May, and move towards a season of festivals – All Saints, Remembrance Sunday, Advent Sunday and then Christmas. And on this last Sunday of the Trinity season we give thanks for the Scriptures, and the gift that they are to us, to the Church, and to the world.

Each of our readings for today focusses our thoughts on the Bible and its meaning for our lives. In the Book of Nehemiah, the scribe Ezra reads the 'Book of the Law' to the Israelites who have recently returned from exile in Babylon. It's a deeply poignant moment as the people hear the Scriptures read to them after a period of seventy years away from Jerusalem, and the land of Israel. Nehemiah records how the people wept as they heard the words of the Lord proclaimed freely once again.

Some five or six hundred years later Matthew, in his Gospel, records Jesus' words: 'Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away' (24:35). Jesus' words have now become 'Scripture' for us, just as he himself was and is the living Word of God. And St Paul, in his letter to the church in Colossae, encourages his hearers to 'Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly' (Colossians 3:16). It's here that we will find wisdom, guidance, truth and grace to live as followers of Jesus today.

So, on this Bible Sunday, I pray that we'll treasure the words of Scripture once again, and allow them to shape us and form us into the likeness of Christ.

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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: We've had a message from Guildford Food Bank – “Thank you so much for your Harvest donation. Your generous giving really helps us to build our stock in preparation for the winter and our busiest time of the year in December. Please pass on our thanks to everyone involved.”

Light Party: Saturday 31st October 4pm-6pm in church. As daylight fades, come and enjoy music, games, craft activities and food, all based on the theme of light. We'll be celebrating Jesus as the light of the world. 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.

All Saints' Patronal Festival, Next Sunday 1st November:

- 8am: Holy Communion
- 10am: Café-style Altogether Worship service
- 6pm: A special Choral Evensong at with refreshments after.

Funeral of Penny Farbridge: This will be on Tuesday 3rd November 10.30am Holy Trinity Church, followed by Committal at Guildford Crematorium at 12pm, and then refreshments at The Withies Inn, Compton. If you would like to attend, please email Emma Humphreys at ehumphreys10@gmail.com so that the family know numbers.

Funeral of Michael Woodcock: This will be held here at All Saints on Thursday 5th November at 1.30pm, followed by refreshments in church.

Bonfire & Fireworks Tickets: tickets are SOLD OUT for our Bonfire & Fireworks event on Saturday 7th November. *We still need brush wood for the fire – please contact Simon Moulden if you have some!*

Remembrance Sunday, 8th November:

- 10am: We'll be celebrating Remembrance Sunday, along with our uniformed organisations, with a live trumpeter at 11am. Afterwards, the uniformed groups will be holding a cake sale in the hall in aid of The Royal British Legion.
- 4pm: A Service for the Bereaved where we give thanks for the lives of those we love but no longer see.

Growing Flowers Sustainably: On Tuesday 27th October, 6pm-8.30pm, here at All Saints. Dr Jill Timms, Associate Professor at the University of Surrey will be joined by speakers sharing the latest research alongside practical, advice on growing and enjoying flowers more sustainably. Details and free tickets here: www.tickettailor.com/events/universityofsurrey3/2399577

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.

Thurs 29th Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am (*Revd Julian Hubbard presiding*)

Men's Group 'Exploring the Way', 6 Scillonian Road, 8.00pm

Choir Rehearsal, Church, 8.00pm

Sat 31st Band Rehearsal, Church, 10.00am

Light Party, Church, 4.00pm

Sun 1st *All Saints' Day Patronal Festival*

Holy Communion, Reading Room, 8.00am

Café-Style Altogether Worship, 10.00am

Choral Evensong, 6.00pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

Mon 26th Ps. 126, 2 Kings 21:1-18, 1 Timothy 1:1-17

Tues 27th Ps. 132, 2 Kings 22:1-23:3; 1 Timothy 1:18-end of 2

Weds 28th Ps. 119:153-end, 2 Kings 23:4-25, 1 Timothy 3

Thurs 29th Ps. 143, 2 Kings 23:36-24:17, 1 Timothy 4

Fri 30th Ps. 144, 2 Kings 24:18-25:12, 1 Timothy 5:1-16

Sat 31st Ps. 147, 2 Kings 25:22-end, 1 Timothy 5:17-end

Service Readings for Sunday 1st November:

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Revelation 7:9-end, 1 John 3:1-3 and Matthew 5:1-12

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