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If you'd like to feature anything in the magazine, we would love to hear from you! Articles should be emailed to **allsaintsmag@gmail.com** by the **15th of the previous month**. We like to keep content varied and interesting so almost anything goes. Please get in touch if you have any questions. Thank you!

ALL SAINTS SERVICES AND OPENING TIMES

Our pattern of services is as follows:

- ★ Morning Prayer takes place Monday to Wednesday at 9.15am in the church and via Zoom for anyone who would like this option.
- ★ A service of Holy Communion is held in church every Thursday morning at 9.30am.
- ★ An 8am service of Holy Communion is held in church on the first and third Sundays of the month (the third Sunday will use the Book of Common Prayer).
- ★ Our 10am Sunday services follow this pattern:
 - First Sunday: Café-style Altogether Worship
 - Second, fourth and fifth Sundays:
 Church Family Communion with Children's Church
 - ♦ Third Sunday: Morning Worship with Children's Church Note: Children's Church is term-time only
- ★ Each Sunday, we hold 'Tea-Time Church' at 4pm.
- ★ Each Sunday, we record the sermon and this can be found on our YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/@allsaintsguildford



THOUGHTS FROM THE VICARAGE



One of the things I've been particularly encouraged by lately is the growing strength and capacity of the musical life of All Saints. As most of you will know, we alternate between 'choir Sundays' and 'band Sundays'; and both of these areas of church life are growing and developing.

Over the past couple of years our choir has welcomed new members, including both people from within the congregation, and also new cho-

ral scholars. Under Jeremy Barham's leadership the choir has grown in strength and capability, as well as in number; and I'm delighted that we've been able to offer a third Choral Evensong in June this academic year, followed by a Strawberry Tea.

This choral excellence has been recognised by a charity known as the Ouseley Church Music Trust, and I'm delighted to announce that a grant of £1,350 has been awarded to All Saints, to continue this long-standing tradition. The grant will enable our Choral Scholar scheme to continue, and include the option of welcoming a third scholar if a suitable person emerges to take on that role. We've also been able to encourage a young organist, Toby Beckingham, who has played for one or two services, and who is keen to develop his skills under Jeremy's leadership.

Our band has also been developing well, under the leadership of Andy Wells. One of our pianists, Will Hoar, left us last year to take up a new job in Bedford, and we were sad to see Will leave. But very quickly, Ivy Hayler stepped in, and has become an excellent new pianist alongside Julie Shaw. New members have joined recently, and the band has now set up a monthly Saturday morning rehearsal to develop their skills further. Children are now welcome to join the band, and it's good to be able to welcome young musicians and help them to develop their skills.

So well done to all our musicians at All Saints, and especially to Jeremy and Andy! And we look forward to all that you will bring to our worship in the months and years to come.

Beverly

MISSION FOCUS: A ROCHA

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. These organisations respond to the global crisis of biodiversity loss by carrying out community-based conservation projects, through:

- ecological monitoring and research in areas of high value for wildlife;
- practical measures for conserving and restoring habitats and their fauna and flora;
- participation in nature conservation through environmental education and community outreach;
- providing a forum for understanding the relevance of the Christian faith to environmental issues.

The name A Rocha means 'The Rock' in Portuguese, as their first initiative was a field study centre in Portugal. A Rocha is present in more than 20 countries around the world. At All Saints we have contact with A Rocha UK through its Eco Church scheme, and we have recently gained the Gold Eco Church award.

Internationally, in all the countries A Rocha operates, it's identified by five distinctive commitments:











- **Christian**: A Rocha follows Jesus Christ, who created the world and calls us to care for it.
- **Conservation**: A Rocha protects and restores nature and is committed to local places and people over the long term.
- **Community**: A Rocha invests in good relationships through its commitment to God, one another and the wider creation.
- **Cultural Diversity**: A Rocha celebrates the insights, perspectives and solutions offered by diverse cultures.
- **Collaboration**: A Rocha seeks to work with anyone who shares their vision.



A Rocha's projects are varied. One project in Watamu Marine National Park, Kenya, monitors sharks, rays, guitarfish and coral reefs to understand their ecology and inform policy and protection along

the Kenyan coast. The team in Portugal is working in and around the River di Alvor conducting bird, moth and water quality surveys.

Tropical forests in Africa are under relentless pressure. A Rocha has been involved in forest conservation in Africa for 30 years. Mining can lead to large areas of forest being cleared and the ground being contaminated. A Rocha Ghana is taking a lead in protecting Atewa Forest in Ghana – home to more than 100 species at risk of extinction – from proposed bauxite (the ore of aluminium) mines.





In Canada, A Rocha is helping to survey and restore the Little Campbell River catchment in British Columbia. This river is under pressure from urbanisation and agricultural land development. The Salish Sucker (Catostomus sp) was thought to be locally extinct

but has now been found in one pond and the Little Campbell River Watershed has now been included in the Salish Sucker Critical Habitat.

See <u>arocha.org/en/about/</u> (international) and <u>arocha.org.uk/</u> (UK) for more information.

Katherine Hopwood

BISHOP ANDREW JOINS CHURCH HOUSE AND CATHEDRAL COL-LEAGUES IN A DARING DESCENT



On 14th June, almost 30 intrepid adventurers, including Bishop Andrew, descended 160 feet down the side of Guildford Cathedral in the name of charity. All the abseilers were fundraising for the Cathedral to support the £3,500 daily running costs and to boost mission and community outreach. In addition, Bishop Andrew was fundraising for the Bishop of Guildford's Communities Fund to support churches who are reaching out to some of our more disadvantaged communities.

All the abseilers were presented with certificates by Dean

Bob once they were safely down on the ground, with some giving interviews to BBC Surrey. Bishop Andrew said: "As I was about to step off backwards over the edge of the tower into the 160 ft abyss between me and the ground, I was reminded that, sometimes in our Christian journey we can't look forwards and see what's ahead. It's only in looking backwards and having trust that we can see where God has been at work in helping us through our struggles."

There is still time to donate and help the abseilers reach the £15,000 target.

Diocese of Guildford 'Parish Brief'





Sunday 13th July, 4pm

All pets welcome to celebrate all that they mean to us and to receive a blessing.

If your pet is too shy then please come along with a photo.



Church Hall 'Freshen Up'

Help needed to make the hall ready for the new nursery school term.

Please contact Robin at

churchwarden-b@allsaintschurchgfd.org.uk

if you can help on any of these dates.

Thank you!

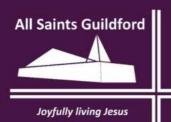
Thursday 31st July Friday 1st August Saturday 2nd August





Sunday 3rd August 4.00pm-5.30pm Dray Court

- ★ Games and jigsaws will be provided, but do bring your own too!
- ★ Homemade cakes and tea/coffee
- ★ Under 18s to be accompanied by an adult
- ★ All welcome Dray Court residents, All Saints' members, family and friends





THANK YOU FROM CAROLYN & PETER

Dear All Saints,

Apologies for taking so long to write to say a huge THANK YOU for the uplifting service and wonderful send-off you gave us as we left Guildford and moved to Marlborough. Thank you for the very generous monetary gift sent to The Leprosy Mission, and for the beautiful rose which is flourishing and has just started to flower. It is a constant reminder of you all and the happy memories we have.

We are beginning to get used to being here in Marlborough. The house is nearly straight but there are still some jobs to do, including getting pictures up on the walls and fixing some curtain rails. We have made good progress on taming the garden. The beans are growing up the poles, and the dahlias are looking good – buds forming but not in bloom yet! It is lovely to have space to welcome visitors, of which we have had quite a

few. If you are passing on the M4, we are close to junction 15. Do give us a call!

We are gradually settling into a new church community and have been warmly welcomed by folk at St Mary's. It is lovely to be close to Lizi, Andy and Ambrose, and be able to help and support them as they draw near to when the new baby is due – exciting times!

Again, a very big thank you. And hope to see you again before too long.

With love from Peter and Carolyn.



News from the Nicholls family... Baby Isobelle Anne was born on Thursday 19th June. We wish Lizi, Andy and Ambrose our best wishes at this very special time.



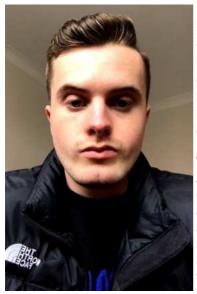
6TH JULY

Please invite your Godparents to:

10am Cafe-Style Altogether Worship or 4pm Tea-time Church



PARISH PROFILE DAN BROWN



I live in Bannisters Road, and this has been my address my whole life as I was born in the Village. Currently I work as a paralegal in a family law firm in Central London, specialising in assisting victims of domestic violence obtain protection in the family court, along with other matters such as adoption and care proceedings.

Tell us what brought you to All Saints

Although I've lived in the parish all my life, I only began to be a regular at All Saints in around December 2022, having previously spent some time at other churches in Guildford. My late grandparents used to attend All Saints back in the 1960s, and my grandfather was briefly the Treasurer, so it felt good to re-establish a family connection to the

church. I remember receiving a warm welcome, and being offered opportunities to get involved with church life, and felt as though becoming a regular was the right next step.

What do you value most about All Saints and its community?

The fact that All Saints, despite being a relatively small parish church, is still able to buck the trend, and to attract people from many nations and cultures, and to outreach to the community so well is something that I think should be valued. I've felt the support of many members of the church, and this has been very useful and something that I do not take for granted. Even in small acts of service, All Saints helps to bring about positive change in the local community. Since joining, I've found the small church groups, especially the Young Adults Group, and its replacement group particularly useful and insightful.

Where do you like to spend time in Guildford?

When I am not at work, or at All Saints, I like to spend time at the local martial arts gym in Guildford town centre, practicing some Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and keeping fit. I also enjoy spending time with friends in the town centre or watching the football, as well as going for walks across the Mount, or down towards Blackwell Farm, as well as in Godalming and Haslemere.

Name your three desert island discs

My favourite song of all time is Here Comes the Sun by The Beatles, the first song I can remember hearing as a child. Aside from this, I like listening to anything by The Chainsmokers as well as D-Block Europe.

What are your favourite books and/or films?

I've always liked The Great Gatsby - both the film and the book - as well as Conclave and classic Alfred Hitchcock films. I also enjoy listening to podcasts to wind down in my spare time.

And your favourite meal?

I enjoy a classic chicken curry or a traditional Turkish kebab and salad.

Describe yourself in three words

Sincere, blessed, hopeful.





GREETINGS FROM UKARUMPA PAPUA NEW GUINEAI



Levi (16), Heidi (13) and Eowyn (11) have finished the school year and are enjoying a seven-week break. In addition to the usual jobs of feeding animals whose owners are away, the children were also asked to help process some vegetables for a translator who is off to spend time working in a remote location. Dehydrating fresh carrots and cabbages means that translators have a more varied diet when working in areas where food is not available for purchase or where options are very limited.

Pastor Willie Toito (a PNG citizen) works alongside me (Clare) in the Staff Care Department. Most of the time, he assists staff at the Ukarumpa centre.

In these photos, however, he is working with the Aitape West Translation Project on the coast, teaching a workshop to pastors. Pastors from this area have been requesting training for years; most have never had the opportunity to attend Bible college.





Please pray with us:

-Pray for those who took the preaching course to apply what they've learned and encourage each other. Pray for other opportunities for the Papua New Guinean trainers to teach pastors around the country.

- -Pray for translators working in remote villages: for productive times of work and great relationships as they work with speakers of the local language.
- -We praise God that there are teachers for most classes at Ukarumpa International School next year. Eowyn doesn't have a full schedule, but we are relieved that she will have lessons in mathematics, English, science and band.
- -We are also delighted that several new colleagues are planning to join the staff care department in the next year! Please pray for these women to settle in well to their new roles.
- -We are grateful for those who have started giving to our Wycliffe work this year, and for some generous one-off gifts. We continue to ask God to provide for all our financial needs.

Blessings,

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Andrew and Clare Koens, with Levi, Heidi and Eowyn



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Wednesday 30th July 10am-12.30pm

Come and enjoy some summer-themed craft activities within our wonderful space. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

> Free event, but must be booked in advance at: www.guildford-cathedral.org/events/boxoffice

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: THANK YOU

Christian Aid week ran from Sunday 11th to Saturday 16th May this year. As always,

there were lots of ways people could support the work of this amazing charity. Christian Aid was set up by the churches of the UK and Ireland after the Second World War and now works in many countries where there is war, famine or natural disasters (including changes to agriculture following global warming), trying to relieve poverty around the world and help people of all faiths and none.

We had enough deliverers to deliver over 800 envelopes to houses in this area; enough car washers to wash over 25 cars (and a motorbike) at the village hall and bakers who provided delicious cakes and biscuits which were sold at the village hall, and next day at church.

There were many ways in which people could donate money to Christian Aid:

- On the back of each delivered envelope was a form with a QR code which enabled donors to donate directly to Christian Aid, while informing All Saints that a donation had been made. This could be done anonymously, or as a named donation, and those that pay tax could Gift Aid their donation. £105 plus £26.25 was raised in this way.
- People could return their envelopes to church; £315 was raised in this way, plus £31.25 Gift Aid.

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- People could return their envelopes to the car wash (£30 plus £7.50 gift aid) or donate cash at the car wash and bake sale on Saturday, and bake sale at church on Sunday: (£306).
- At the car wash, people could donate by card directly to Christian Aid using an app that Christian Aid had provided: £357 plus £67.75 was raised in this way.



In total, All Saints raised £1,113 plus £132.75 Gift Aid for Christian Aid. This will make a real difference to the people that are helped by Christian Aid. Thank you to all who donated time, money and cakes!

If you meant to donate and forgot to do so, there are still some envelopes at the back of church – if you use the QR code on the



back of the envelopes (or the QR code below) then the money goes straight to Christian Aid (so I don't need to go to the bank again) but if you don't have a smart phone then feel free to leave a donation in an envelope in the church office or letter box in the foyer. We cannot deliver envelopes outside Christian Aid week, but all donations are welcome whatever time of year it is!

Next year Christian Aid week will be **10**th **to 16**th **May**. Please put the date of the car wash and bake sale in your diaries: **Saturday 16**th **May, 2-4.30pm** approx.

Thank you.

Katherine Hopwood





Plastic Free July

This is a great opportunity to review where you might be able to reduce single-use plastics in your life. Being part of Plastic Free July will help you find great alternatives that can become new habits forever. Paying attention to what we consume, and its effect on God's earth, can lead us not into guilt, but into action and prayerful determination to see change where it's possible.

Read more about the effects of plastic here.

CAROLE BOOKHAM: ARTIST

Carole Bookham has been attending art classes with Conquest Art for some time and has just exhibited, for the second time, in an exhibition hosted at Godalming Museum. Her artwork is pictured below.

The exhibition this year was called 'Water is Life' and was organised by 'What Next?' an environmental charity based in Godalming. Their goal is to support local communities across Waverley Borough in mitigating, preparing and adapting to the impact of climate change and ecological damage. They aim to provide: information, support, advice, guidance and action through activities, events, workshops and installations in their centre.

Conquest Art is a lovely group with an aim to "inspire people living with disability or long-term health issues to discover their creative energy and build self-confidence through art". I chatted to one of the volunteers and she commented on how Carole had grown so much during her time





with them. She said, "Carole was so tentative to begin with, almost not wanting to make a mark on the paper...now there's no stopping her!"

Here's Carole with her Mum, Pauline, under Carole's picture. Carole really values her time at Conquest Art and enjoys going every week. She has made some great friends there and after the exhibition, they shared a celebratory cup of tea in a coffee shop down the road. Well done Carole, and we'll look forward to next year's exhibition!

Trish Tye



The **Big Butterfly Count** is a nationwide citizen science
survey aimed at
helping us assess
the health of our
environment.

Counting butterflies can be described as taking the pulse of

nature and we depend on you, our citizen scientists, to help us assess how much help nature needs. The data from this and other counts will also help us to identify important trends in species that will assist us in planning how to protect butterflies from extinction, as well as understanding the effect of climate change on wildlife.

Simply count butterflies for 15 minutes during bright (preferably sunny) weather during the Big Butterfly Count. Records are welcome from anywhere: from parks, school grounds and gardens, to fields and forests. More details can be found here.

butterfly-conservation.org

The Orchard Project team will aim to do a butterfly count during the **July orchard work morning**, so join them for that if you can.

BIG BUILD UPDATE



There has been much activity during the last month, and we are moving forward. We have now received the Church of England Faculty which the architect advises is weightier than planning permission from Guildford Borough Council. We submitted details of our project for planning permission on 9th June and expect a response by 4th August. The

GBC process allows for four weeks of consultation followed by another four weeks for preparing reports etc. In the meantime, with the architect, we will be sorting out a surveyor, a principal design engineer, M&E engineer and a planning control officer.

Prior to our submission to GBC, we received the comprehensive ecology report which concluded that we can make the required 20% biodiversity net gain. This will be achieved by developing the demolished chapel area and by growing a small hedge between the proposed office and the ramp.

On the grant funding front, the surveyor from Marshall's Charity visited us on 18th June. He advised that we should expect to hear whether the Trustees would accept our request for a grant up to £25k by mid-July. We have also registered with the Benefact Trust and it has asked us to make a full application. We have also applied to the National Lottery Community Fund. The outcome will be known in 16 weeks.

In addition to more grant applications, at its last meeting the PCC approved the sale of 6 Thorn Bank. We are required to get three valuations and submit them to the Bishop's Council for their approval. Most of the money from the sale will go to the Big Build fund. We have started to prepare a brochure to promote the project, and explain how we hope to address some of the issues raised in our community audit. It will be sent to those who took part in the audit, as well as to neighbours, hall users and anyone else who needs or would like more information on our plans.

26th September has been earmarked for an information meeting (6pm to 8pm). Watch out for further details.

Robin Holdsworth

ROMSEY ABBEY



Romsey Abbey is a special place for me. I've been a bridesmaid there for my school friend Kate, made Godmother to her son there and finally, this week, I attended her mother's memorial service, once more in the abbey. I knew little of the abbey's history and so I did some research.

The abbey can trace its origins back to the tenth century as part of a monastic foundation of Benedictine

women. Although the Vikings burnt down the original church in 993, it was rebuilt in stone in around 1000. In Norman times, the abbey was rebuilt on the original foundations. From here it prospered and by 1240, a community of more than 100 nuns resided there.

A little scandal hit the abbey in the late 1400s when the Abbess Elizabeth Broke appeared to allow the nuns to go to the town's taverns, to have poor bookkeeping and to have poor dress standards! Sadly the Black Death decimated the town and the population of nuns. After the plague, there were never more than 26 nuns in the abbey. The dissolution of the monasteries forced the final dispersal of the nuns, but the abbey remained as it was always a place of worship for local people.

Romsey Abbey is now a Church of England parish church, the largest in Hampshire. The most notable burial at Romsey Abbey is that of Earl Mountbatten of Burma, assassinated by members of the Provisional IRA in 1979. Earl Mountbatten lived locally at Broadlands House. He requested that his grave be aligned north-south so that he faces the sea where his wife, Edwina's ashes were scattered.

Romsey and its abbey are delightful, and I'd highly recommend a visit.



Trish Tye

STRAWBERRY TEASUNDAY 22ND JUNE







Onslow Village Garden Club



Onslow Open Gardens, a joint event between the Garden Club and Onslow Village Residents' Association, on June 8th was very successful. The weather was kind and around 250 visitors spent the afternoon strolling round the gardens. The gardens were all very different and full of good ideas for planting borders, for wildlife areas, for play areas for children and seating areas to relax and enjoy the garden. Not forgetting the tea and cake available at the largest of the nine gardens!

Join us on **Wednesday 16th July** for our regular monthly meeting in Onslow Village Hall at 7.30pm. The speaker, Geoff Hawkins, will give a talk entitled 'Planning and Planting a Border'. This will be an illustrated talk on how to design beds and borders to fit into your garden design. Do come to hear ideas that you might be inspired to incorporate into your garden.

Anne Bradbeer





Sunday 20th July

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August 18th
September 15th
October 20th
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December 15th
January 19th
February 16th

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ST SWITHIN'S DAY: 15TH JULY

Who was St Swithin?

St Swithin was the Bishop of Winchester from 852 to 862 AD. On his request, rather than being buried in Winchester Cathedral, he was buried in a simple tomb in the graveyard "where the sweet rain of heaven may fall upon my grave".

However, on 15 July 971 AD his body was moved inside the cathedral. A huge storm then hit and it supposedly rained for 40 days after. Legend suggests that the spirit of St Swithin was so outraged at being moved that he was responsible for this weather. The folklore therefore suggests:

"St Swithin's Day, if it does rain Full forty days, it will remain St Swithin's Day, if it be fair For forty days, t'will rain no more"

Is there any truth to the folklore?

No. The Met Office, which looks after weather statistics for the UK, has said that since the start of records in 1861, there has never been a record of 40 dry or 40 wet days in a row following St Swithin's Day. The closest we have got in the modern record was in Cassley, Highland, which once experienced rain on St Swithin's Day and on the following 34 days.

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Guildford Sunset Homes is a small, well-respected charitable trust based in Merrow, near Guildford, registered under the Communities and Societies Benefits Act of 2014.

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We are currently seeking a new Trustee to join our friendly and dedicated Board. If you have experience in housing associations, the charity or property sectors, and you are passionate about giving back to your community, we'd love to hear from you.

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- Around six board meetings per year
- The opportunity to help guide the development and direction of a thriving retirement community
- Work alongside a supportive team and professional estate management company ELM Group, who employ two members of staff to take care of the day to day running of the Estate.

This is an exciting time to join a friendly and well-reputed charitable organisation as we continue to develop and improve the estate for residents.

Interested in making a difference?

Please contact Lorraine Collis, Company Secretary at **01252 356004** or **lcollis@elmgroup.org.uk**

www.guildfordsunsethomes.org.uk

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It can be read in the Bible in Ruth chapters I and 2

A short story from the Bible

When famine came to Bethlehem, Elimelech took his family to the nearby country of Moab. The two sons married local girls.

But Elimelech and his sons died, leaving Naomi, Orpah and Ruth as widows.



Naomi told her daughters inlaw she was returning to Bethlehem.



The girls cried, and Orpah Left, but Ruth stayed.



I will stay with you. Your people and your God will



So Naomi and Ruth went back to Bethlehem. (Call me'Mara' not 'Naomi'* because God has made my life bitter.



"Naomi means Pleasant' 'Mara' means 'Bitter' It was the start of the barley harvest. Ror people were allowed to glean - to pick up the ears of grain that had been dropped. Ruth went out

to glean.

She picked a field, asked if she could glean, then worked hard



The field's owner, Boaz, arrived



Boaz told Ruth she was welcome to work in his fields.

He told her to join his workers at lunch-time, and made sure she had more than enough to eat.



Ruth worked hard and took home a huge bag of grain.

l worked in Boaz's field.



Ruth worked all through the barley and wheat harvests in Boaz's fields.





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*donations welcome



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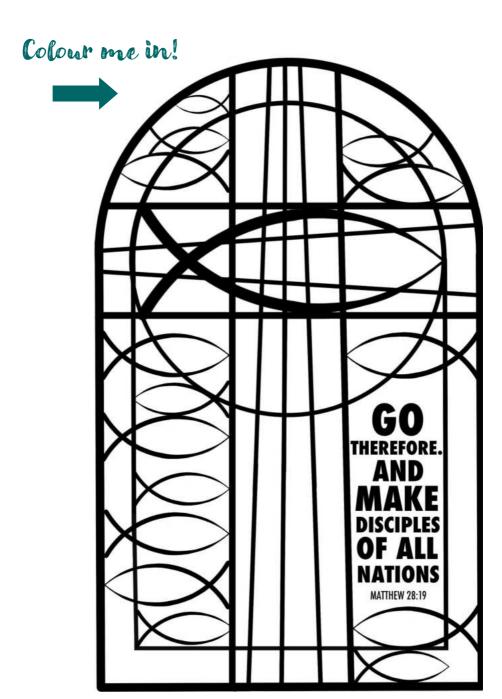


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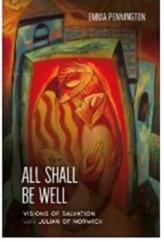
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All Shall Be Well: Visions of Salvation with Julian of Norwich By Emma Pennington, BRF, £12.99

How can all be well in the world in which we live? What does 'All shall be well' mean when all is *not* well? Through revelations 10 to 16 of his *Revelations of Divine Love*, Julian of Norwich returns time and again to the idea that 'all is well'. In her latest book, Emma Pennington examines this popular mantra and explores what Julian really means by it, bringing depth and relevance to these words for the reader who lives in an age of pandemic, war and climate crisis which closely echoes Julian's own.

Through deep engagement with Julian's visions, we are encouraged to reflect in prayer and devotion on our own personal relationship with God.



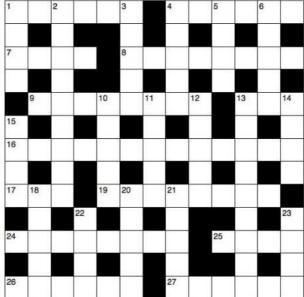
Before You Open Your Bible - nine heart postures for approaching God's Word By Matt Smethurst, 10Publishing, £3.99

We know the Bible is important, but many of us struggle with it. We're not biblical experts, though we may have started enough reading plans to be really familiar with Genesis. If we're honest, the Bible often intimidates us, confuses us, and reading it doesn't always thrill us. And yet, the Bible is where God reveals His loving character and incredible plan of redemption. In a practical and engaging manner, Matt Smethurst - managing editor of The Gospel Coalition - presents nine heart postures that will prepare

you to unpack all that's awaiting you in God's Word, for without the 'right heart postures', we're not yet ready to start reading.



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Answers on page 34

Across

- 1 'I pray that out of his glorious he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being' (Ephesians 3:16) (6)
- 4 'Saul's father Kish and father Ner were sons of Abiel' (1 Samuel 14:51) (6)
- 7 'Praise the Lord, 0 my ' (Psalm 103:1) (4)
- 8 See 5 Down
- 9 Laws (1 Kings 11:33) (8)
- 13 'Who of you by worrying can a single hour to his life?' (Luke 12:25) (3)
- 16 Artistry (Exodus 31:5) (13)
- 17 'Your young men will see visions, your men will dream dreams' (Acts 2:17) (3)
- 19 How David described his Lord (Psalm 19:14) (8)
- 24 'If this city is built and its — restored, you will be left with nothing in Trans-Euphrates' (Ezra 4:16) (5,3)
- 25 'The holy Scriptures, which are able to make you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus' (2 Timothy 3:15) (4)
- 26 Intended destination of arrows (Lamentations 3:12) (6)
- 27 Eve hit (anag.) (6)

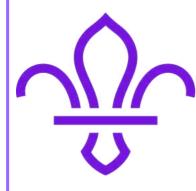
Down

- 1 'For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find for your souls' (Matthew 11:29) (4)
- 2 Where Peter was when he denied Christ three times (Luke 22:55) (9)
- 3 Remarkable early 20th-century Indian evangelist, a convert from Hinduism, Sundar Singh (5)
- 4 'Now the king had put the officer on whose — leaned in charge of the gate' (2 Kings 7:17) (3,2)
- 5 and 8 Across The Lover describes this facial feature of the Beloved thus: 'Your is like the tower of Lebanon looking towards ' (Song of Songs 7:4) (4,8)
- 6 'Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled your waist' (Ephesians 6:14) (5)
- 10 Trout (anag.) (5)
- 11 Easily frightened (1 Thessalonians 5:14) (5)
- 12 The ability to perceive (Ecclesiastes 10:3) (5)
- 13 One of the clans descended from Benjamin (Numbers 26:38) (9)
- 14 "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who bread into the bowl with me" (Mark 14:20) (4)
- 15 Resound (Zephaniah 2:14) (4)
- 18 Traditional seat of the Dalai Lama (5)
- 20 Precise (John 4:53) (5)
- 21 Build (Ezekiel 4:2) (5)
- 22 Beat harshly (Acts 22:25) (4)
- 23 Darius, who succeeded Belshazzar as king of the Babylonians, was one (Daniel 5:31) (4)

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Solution on page 42

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5TH GUILDFORD SCOUT GROUP NEEDS YOU!

5th Guildford Scout Group is currently formed of three sections: Cubs $(8-10\frac{1}{2})$, Scouts $(10\frac{1}{2}-14)$, and a recently reinvigorated Beavers (6-8). There is an ambition to start a Squirrels section (4-6)...watch this space for further news.

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David Jesson, Chair of Trustees, 5th Guildford Scout Group 5th.guildford.trustees@gmail.com

Crossword answers (grid on page 32)

ACROSS: 1, Riches. 4, Abner's. 7, Soul. 8, Damascus. 9, Statutes. 13, Add. 16, Craftsmanship. 17, Old. 19, Redeemer. 24, Walls are. 25, Wise. 26, Target. 27, Thieve.

DOWN: 1, Rest. 2, Courtyard. 3, Sadhu. 4, Arm he. 5, Nose. 6, Round. 10, Tutor. 11, Timid. 12, Sense. 13, Ashbelite. 14, Dips. 15, Echo. 18, Lhasa. 20, Exact. 21, Erect. 22, Flog. 23, Mede.

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WORSHIP AND READINGS

2025	8am	10am	4pm
6 th July, Trinity 3 Jesus sends out the seventy- two	Holy Communion Isaiah 66:10-14, Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16 and Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Altogether Worship: Godparents' Sunday 2 Kings 5:1-14	Tea Time Church: Godparents' Sunday 2 Kings 5:1-14
13 th July, Trinity 4 The parable of the Good Sa- maritan		Church Family Communion with Children's Church Deuteronomy 30:9- 14, Colossians 1:1- 14 and Luke 10:25- 37	Tea Time Church: Pet service Deuteronomy 30:9-14, Colos- sians 1:1-14 and Luke 10:25-37
20th July, Trinity 5 Jesus at the home of Mary and Martha	Genesis 18:1-10a, Colossians 1:15- 28 and Luke 10:38-42	Morning Worship with Children's Church Genesis 18:1-10a, Colossians 1:15-28 and Luke 10:38-42	Tea Time Church Genesis 18:1- 10a, Colossians 1:15-28 and Luke 10:38-42
27th July, Trinity 6 Jesus' teaching on prayer		Church Family Communion (no Children's Church) Genesis 18:20-32, Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19) and Luke 11:1-13	Tea Time Church Genesis 18:20- 32, Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19) and Luke 11:1- 13

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - JULY

Wednesday 2nd, 10.30am	Men's Coffee Morning
Wednesday 2nd, 7.45pm	Sharing & Learning Group
Friday 4th, 10.00am	Baby & Toddler Group
Saturday 5th, 10.00am	Band Rehearsal
Sunday 6th July	Godparents' Sunday
Monday 7th, 12.30pm	Women's Bible Study
Tuesday 8th, 7.30pm	Altogether Worship Planning
Wednesday 9th, 7.15pm	PCC Meeting
Thursday 10th, 7.30pm	Men's Group 'Exploring the Way'
Friday 11th, 10.00am	Baby & Toddler Group
Friday 11th, 3.00pm	Friday Group
Saturday 12th, 9.00am	Prayer Breakfast
Sunday 13th, 4.00pm	Pet Service
Monday 14th, 10.00am	Pastoral Team Meeting
Monday 14th, 4.00pm	Barnabas Group
Tuesday 15th, 10.00am	Finance Vision Group
Tuesday 15th, 7.30pm	Big Build Meeting
Tuesday 15th, 7.30pm	Men's Wellbeing Social
Wednesday 16th, 10.00am	Central Team Meeting
Wednesday 16th, 2.30pm	Dray Court Service
Wednesday 16th, 7.45pm	Sharing & Learning Group
Friday 18th, 10.00am	Baby & Toddler Group
Sunday 20th, 5.30pm	Youth Group BBQ
Monday 21st, 10.00am	Small Group Leaders Meeting
Monday 21st, 2.00pm	Hear Here Clinic
Wednesday 23rd, 8.00pm	Premises Group
Thursday 24th, 7.30pm	Men's Group 'Exploring the Way'

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY CONT

Friday 25th, 3.00pm	Friday Group	
Saturday 26th, 10.30am	Orchard Volunteer Morning	
Monday 28th, 4.00pm	Barnabas Group	
Wednesday 29th, 7.45pm	Sharing & Learning Group	
Thursday 31st	Hall decorating - day 1 of 3	

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