

Sunday 27th September 2020
Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 a.m.	BCP Communion
10.00 a.m.	Family Communion
4.00 p.m.	Tea-Time Church

Collect for Today

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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

2 Corinthians 5:1-10 *Our heavenly dwelling*; Psalm 23; John 14:1-6

Please pray for

... those in need of our prayers: Sheila Banks, Julie Banks, Rosemary Bailey, Anne Bradbeer, Pauline Coulter, Doris Greenacre, Joy Hunter, Pat Williams, Mike and Rosemary Woodcock.

... those who live and work in Madrid Road and Manor Way.

... our Mission partners, the Koens Family in Papua New Guinea

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**

Mission Focus for September: A Rocha International

A Rocha is a Christian organization engaging communities in nature conservation, and responding to the global crisis of biodiversity loss by carrying out community-based conservation projects around the world, including the UK. For more information read the article in the magazine this month or visit their website.

Dear Friends

It's a pleasure to be with you for this Sunday's services. The re-ordering has worked well, and the Church looks great with its new chairs. I am the Principal of the Diocesan Local Ministry Programme, and we began our new term here on Saturday 12th September, with yr 2 & 3 students, making use of your new space for our 'physically distanced' study day! It worked very well, so thank you.

This week our text from 2 Corinthians opens up one of the most troublesome areas of our Christian discipleship – our relationship with our bodies. The challenge is in two areas: the first is the tendency to prioritise the spiritual life as if it were in competition with our physical life. As if our existence as creatures on the earth is somehow being hampered by our bodies; bodies that constantly let us down thanks to our sinful nature. We don't necessarily have to think of it like that!

The second is the tendency to see our bodily existence as somehow inferior, or lesser than, our hoped for existence in the afterlife. Of course, this can be a very negative experience, and lead to us devaluing our human existence, such that we are always in a state of waiting for perfection in the presence of God. There is certainly something of this in St Paul's letter and we can sense his frustration with his physical existence; so much so that he says he 'would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord'.

So, quite a lot to think about in this week's reading! I look forward to exploring a bit more of it with you.

Steve

Notices

Welcome to Canon Dr Steve Summers who will be presiding at the 8am and 10am services today. Thank you Steve for covering today while Beverly is away.

Online services Today's service will be available by Zoom and later on YouTube.

NHS Test & Trace - We are recording the names of people attending morning prayer, Thursday Communion and all our services on a Sunday. This is so that we can assist with the NHS Test & Trace service if necessary. The attendance information is being held in our church management system (iKnow) which is GDPR compliant. We will delete this information 21 days after the event in

accordance with Government guidelines. If, for any reason, you do not wish us to record your attendance, please tell Beverly or the warden at the service.

Altogether Worship for Harvest next week We are doing a first this year, and having an outdoor service, come rain or shine - this makes it easier to have lots of people come and still keep safe from COVID. And it also allows us to be in nature, and thank God for all that He gives us, with a heart full of the wonders of our beautiful world, and fabulous foods we find in it. Please bring donations of money for the North Guildford Foodbank (we can't collect provisions this year). Please bring whatever the weather dictates and a camping chair to sit on. We shall be appropriately distanced around the field. Masks are not required on the field, which is an added bonus, although you are naturally welcome to wear one if you'd rather. If you are elderly or vulnerable, we would encourage you not to get wet at the 10am service if the weather is bad, but to consider the 4pm service instead.

Harvest Quiz, Saturday 3rd October, 7pm – Last chance to sign-up. Please let Eve know if you'd like to take part (evelynne.gunn@gmail.com). Entry donation towards our Harvest charity A Rocha via <https://www.arocha.org/en/donate/> or in an envelope marked A Rocha to church.

Financial giving at All Saints - Many thanks to all who have continued to make regular financial donations to All Saints during lock-down, either by standing order or via the envelope scheme. Other income has dropped this year, both in terms of donations at Sunday Services, and in rental income from the Hall. If you don't give regularly to our church, you can now do so online through our website. Please give generously to our church this year if you can. Please visit bit.ly/allsaints-donate or use this QR code with your smartphone camera:



Bucket pond bonanza! Read about our plans for bucket ponds in the Vicarage and how you can help:

<https://allsaintschurchgfd.org.uk/news/eco-news/bucket-pond-bonanza/>

Offers of donations for hard landscaping, and help to dig the ponds would be welcome on Sat 10th Oct.

Carolyn Nicholls expects to be running the Virtual London Marathon next Sunday (Oct 4th) in aid of Global Action Nepal. All donations appreciated.

Diary for the Coming Week

Morning prayer 9.15am Mon-Weds in church, Holy Communion 9.15am Thurs in church

- Mon 28th Youth Group, Zoom, 5.00pm
- Weds 30th Pilgrim Course Two: week 5, Zoom, 7.30pm
- Thurs 1st Worship Vision Group, Zoom, 5.30pm
Mission Vision Group, Zoom, 7.30pm
Choir practice, 8.00pm
- Friday 2nd Friday Group, Zoom, 3.00pm
- Sat 3rd Harvest Quiz, Zoom, 7.00pm
- Sun 4th Holy Communion, 8.00am
Harvest Altogether Worship – outside on the field
Zoom 'Coffee after Church' 11.30am
Tea-time service, church, 4.00pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

- Mon 28th Ps. 44, 1 Kings 12:25-13:10, Acts 19:8-20
- Tues 29th Ps. 34, Daniel 12:1-4; Acts 12:1-11
- Weds 30th Ps. 119:57-80, 1 Kings 17, Acts 20:1-16
- Thurs 1st Ps. 57, 1 Kings 18:1-20, Acts 20:17-end
- Fri 2nd Ps. 51, 1 Kings 18:21-end, Acts 21:1-16
- Sat 3rd Ps. 68, 1 Kings 19, Acts 21:17-36

Service Readings for Sunday 4th October:

17th Sunday after Trinity

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

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