

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
10.00 a.m. Altogether Worship and baptism of Beth  
4.00 p.m. Tea-time Church

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**Collect for Today**

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

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**Service Readings**

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20) (*p.123*), Revelation 5:11-14 (*p.246*) and John 21:1-19 (*p.112*)

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**Please pray for**

... Pauline Coulter, Penny Farbridge, Jo & David Garrick, Alan Humphreys and Yvonne Quittenton.

... the family and friends of Francis Goulding, Olive Webber, Elsie Smallpeice and Herbert Doughty whose anniversary of death is at this time.

... those who live and work Hedgeway, Henley Bank, High View Road and Hollow Close.

... our Mission partners, the Koens Family, visiting friends and family in the States.

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**Post Communion Prayer**

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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## Dear Friends

In this Easter season, the weeks between Easter and Pentecost, our lectionary readings take us through the Book of Acts. The Book of Acts is a kind of sequel to the Gospels, and most likely written by St. Luke. It continues the story of Jesus' life and ministry, starting with his Ascension into heaven, and onwards into the life of the earliest Christian communities. And whenever I read it, I think it makes for exciting reading; so much happens in a very short space of time, as the church is born.

And one of the key events comes in chapter 9, with the conversion of St. Paul. When we first meet him, he's called Saul; and we find him approving of the stoning of Stephen, one of the first deacons in the church. It's clear from the outset that Saul is no lover of Christians; in fact, he's one of the first persecutors of the church – having Christians arrested, imprisoned and killed. And to make matters worse, he thought he was doing God's will.

And Acts chapter 9 is the story of God's intervention, on behalf of his church; on behalf of those very first followers of Jesus. It led to the total transformation of Paul's life – and we'll be finding out more about that in our services today. As part of Paul's transformation, he's baptised, as he makes a public declaration of his new-found faith in Jesus. Today we welcome Beth Gallagher, whose parents Christian and Kate, bring her for baptism. As we celebrate this beginning of Beth's journey in faith, we remember the Lord's power to transform each of our lives, by the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us.

**Beverly**

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## Mission Focus for May: Christian Aid

*Everyone is equal in the sight of God.* For over 75 years, this truth has inspired Christian Aid to stand together in solidarity with our most marginalised global neighbours, of all faiths and none. Poverty is an outrage against humanity. It robs people of their dignity and lets injustice thrive. Christian Aid seeks to eradicate extreme poverty by tackling its root causes. Together with people living in poverty, they amplify their voices to speak truth to those in power and create lasting change. Please pray for a successful Christian Aid Week with wide reaching publicity and good fund-raising. Also pray for beneficiaries of the aid that their lives will be transformed.

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## Notices

**Welcome** to the family and friends of Beth Gallagher who is being baptised at our 10am service today.

**Tea time church at 4pm today** – we will be thinking about the transformation of St Paul and how our lives can change for good. Children and adults welcome.

**Morning Prayer** – there will be no Morning Prayer on Monday due to the Bank Holiday.

**Office closed** – Trish is on holiday this coming week, so the office will be closed until Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>.

**PCC Induction Meal at Willow Grange** – 7pm, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May. This will be a chance to welcome our new PCC members into the team.

**Christian Aid Car Wash & Cake Sale** – on 21<sup>st</sup> May at Onslow Village Hall. Put this in your diary now!

**Secretary to Guildford Deanery Synod** - Rebecca Brown stood down as Deanery Synod Secretary a couple of months ago and a successor is now being sought. They're looking for someone who is a good communicator (verbally and through email), an efficient note-taker, and is able to work on their own. There is a small remuneration for hours worked. See Beverly or Trish for the role description if you're interested.

**Confirmation classes** – we're planning to run a confirmation course this term ahead of a deanery confirmation service in September. If you would be interested in attending a 6-week course with a view to being confirmed, please let Beverly know.

**Crucifer** – we'd love to welcome back our crucifers at communion services, but we're a bit thin on the ground. In the past, this has been a role for children, but we'd welcome adults too! If you'd like to do this, have a chat with Beverly or Henrietta.

**Health & Safety Officer** – we have a volunteer vacancy for the role of Health & Safety Officer. This role is to ensure that we are fulfilling all our obligations in keeping All Saints safe for those who work, worship and visit here. Please talk to Beverly if you're interested and would like to see the role description.

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## Diary for the Coming Week

**Morning prayer Tues to Weds 9.15am in church and on Zoom.**

### Holy Communion on Thursday at 9.15am

- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>     *Bank Holiday (note, no Morning Prayer)*  
Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>     Songs of Praise at Guildford Cathedral, 6.30pm  
Weds 4<sup>th</sup>     Sharing & Learning Group, 7.45pm, 6 Scillonian Road  
Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>     Holy Communion, 9.15am, Church  
                Worship Vision Group, 5.30pm, Zoom  
Fri 6<sup>th</sup>        Toddler Group, 9.30am, Church  
                Friday Group, 3pm, Zoom  
Sun 8<sup>th</sup>        Family Communion with Children's Church, 10am  
                Tea-time Church, 4pm  
                Youth Group, Church Hall, 5.30pm

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## Daily Readings for the coming week

- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>     Ps. 139, Proverbs 4:10-18, James 1:1-12  
Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>     Ps. 98, Exodus 20:1-21, Luke 1:26-38  
Weds 4<sup>th</sup>     Ps. 105, Exodus 24, Luke 1:39-56  
Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>     Ps. 136, Exodus 25:1-22, Luke 1:57-end  
Fri 6<sup>th</sup>        Ps. 107, Exodus 28:1-4a,29-38, Luke 2:1-20  
Sat 7<sup>th</sup>        Ps. 110, Exodus 29:1-9, Luke 2:21-40

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## Service Readings for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May: 4<sup>th</sup> of Easter

Acts 9:36-43, Revelation 7:9-17 and John 10:22-30

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