

Sunday 26th January 2025

Third Sunday of Epiphany

10.00 a.m. Church Family Communion with Children's Church

3.00 p.m. Licensing of the Dean of Guildford Cathedral

Collect for Today

God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Service Readings

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (*p.449*); 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a (*p.170*) and Luke 4:14-21 (*p.58*)

Please pray for

... Anne Bradbeer, Yvonne Jesson, Mark Knott and Roger Young.

... the family and friends of Elsie Rice, Gladys Martin and Kenneth Lambert whose anniversary of death is at this time.

... those who live and work in Scholar's Walk, Scillonian Road and Stag Hill.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Financial Giving

We take a collection during our services. If you don't give regularly by standing order or the envelope scheme, please put your donation in the bag, tap the card reader on your way out, or use the QR code on the back of this news-sheet. Thank you.

Dear Friends

Well, it's been quite a week for the United States - and the world beyond it - as a vast swathe of executive actions was signed by the 45th-turned-47th President. America's official attitude to everything from climate to immigration to gender to workplace culture has suddenly shifted, with Donald Trump using his first day in office to state his priorities for his second term.

None of this should really be a surprise. His 2024 manifesto stated his goals, and enough US voters got behind that to make this change. Mission statements matter.

We in the Christian church are people of mission. We're also people who got behind a leader from two thousand years ago, but who's still in our lives today. It's good that we have a mission statement then. On the cover of this news-sheet, you see that we are "Joyfully Living Jesus - Welcoming Everyone, Growing Disciples, Deepening Community". Count me in for that.

In today's gospel reading, we'll hear Jesus' mission statement. What are his goals? What are his priorities? Is his mission statement one that we'll follow? We don't vote in Jesus every four years - but we can make a choice, daily, to follow him anew. So, let's hear what he's got to say.

Bless you today and in the days ahead,

Paul Young

Mission Focus for January: Church Mission Society (CMS)

After a gap of five years, CMS returns to the list of Organisations being financially supported by All Saints' Church. CMS is one of the main overseas mission groups supported by the Church of England. Its current aims are to bring the Gospel of Jesus to all parts of the globe, but especially to those people whom Jesus would now regard as living at the edges of Society. That might include migrants and displaced peoples, but there are many more who would fit that description. More information may be found in the magazine and at the CMS website: churchmissionsociety.org

Notices

Installation & Welcome of the Dean of Guildford Cathedral: TODAY at 3pm. Please let Trish know if you would like a free ticket. (Note, there will be no Tea Time Church today).

Electoral Roll: Many of you have filled your electoral roll form. If you haven't done so yet, please do – the easiest way is online at https://bit.ly/as_er or pickup a form at the back of church.

Baby & Toddler Group Leader, paid role: We'd like to recruit someone to oversee our Baby & Toddler group from Easter onwards. Working hours will be Friday 9am-12 noon during term time. If you're interested in the role, or know someone else who might be, please let Beverly know.

Admission to Communion: in Children's and Young People's Church, from TODAY, we will be running an 'Admission to Communion Course' for anyone over the age of 7 and been baptised. The course will be over 6 weeks on each Sunday except for the first Sunday of the month and Sunday February 23rd. Children will need to attend each of the 6 sessions in order to complete the course. Children and Young People's Church will be running as usual, so you don't have to be doing the course to come along each Sunday.

Board Games Afternoon: Saturday 22nd February, 2-4pm in church. Back by popular demand, our board games afternoon! There will be games suitable for young and old, plus a play area for the smallest ones. Also, homemade cakes and tea/coffee for sale. Under 16s to be accompanied by an adult. Everyone welcome!

Welcome Tea for Newcomers: On Sunday 23rd February, 2.30-3.30pm, we'll be offering 'Tea at the Vicarage', for anyone who has joined All Saints in recent months. The event will be hosted by the Pastoral Team, and offers an opportunity to meet others who are relatively new to All Saints, to ask questions, and to find out more about what goes on in our church. If you'd like to come, please let Beverly know.

Lent Course 2025: Our Lent course will start on Wednesday 12th March 7.30pm. This year we'll be meeting in person at the Vicarage for 5 Wednesday evenings in a row. We will be studying the Archbishop's Lent Book for 2025, 'Wild Bright Hope'. If you'd like to come, please purchase a copy of the book and let Trish know.

APCM: This year we'll be holding our APCM on Sunday 16th March at 11.15am in church. We'll be electing new PCC members and appointing a new warden to work alongside Robin. Please let Beverly know if you'd like to serve All Saints by taking on one of these roles.

Carolyn & Peter: We'll be holding a leaving service, followed by tea, at 4pm on Sunday 23rd March. Please put this date in your diary. If you'd like to make cakes for this, please let Trish know.

Advert for additional Crucifers: Would you like to help serve as a crucifer (carrying the cross and assisting Beverly at the communion table)? Children aged 9 or over are welcome as well as adults. If you are interested to know more, please talk to Carolyn or Henrietta. Thank you.

Diary for the Coming Week

Morning prayer Mon, Tues and Weds 9.15am in the Reading Room and Zoom. Thurs Holy Communion at 9.30am in the Reading Room.

Mon 27th Barnabas Group, 26 Manor Way, 4.00pm
Worship Vision Group, Vicarage, 5.30pm
Wed 29th Premises Vision Group, Reading Room, 8.00pm
Thurs 30th Holy Communion, Reading Room, 9.30am, Revd Paul Fenner
presiding
Friday Group, Reading Room, 3.00pm
Fri 31st Baby & Toddler Group, Church, 9.30am
Sun 2nd Holy Communion, Reading Room, 8.00am
Café-style Altogether Worship, 10.00am
Tea Time Church, Reading Room, 4.00pm

Daily Readings for the coming week

Mon 27th Ps. 108, Hosea 2:18-end of 3, 1 Corinthians 9:15-end
Tues 28th Ps. 36, Hosea 4:1-16, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Weds 29th Ps. 46, Hosea 5:1-7, 1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1
Thurs 30th Ps. 47, Hosea 5:8-6:6, 1 Corinthians 11:2-16
Fri 31st Ps. 65, Hosea 6:7-7:2, 1 Corinthians 11:17-end
Sat 1st Ps. 68, Hosea 8, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Service Readings for Sunday 2nd February:

Presentation of Christ in the temple

Malachi 3:1-5, Hebrews 2:14-end and Luke 2:22-40

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