

25 May 2025—Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to our services today

Annual Meetings

At the Annual Meetings last Sunday, the following elections were made:

Churchwardens: Rita Davies, Phil Popay

PCC: Derek Bangs, Allen Brown, Susan Brown, Carol Carter, Jackie Davies, Mike Gunston, Stuart Murton, Jim Rapley, Lorna Wilkinson

Deanery Synod (casual vacancy): Marian King
Additionally, Keith Blanchard continues to serve on the PCC *ex officio* as Deanery Synod representative.

Many thanks to all who have been willing to serve in any capacity, and to those leaving office for their past support and work on our behalf.

In our Parish Charitable Giving ballot, the following charities were chosen for us to support in 2025: Anglo-Catholic Ordination Candidates Fund; Camberley Night Café; The Children's Society; Naomi House; Wheels for the World; White Lodge Centre. (These are in addition to the four to which we standardly give every year.)

Ascension Day; Bible Study Group

This Principal Feast of the Church falls on Thursday, marked with Sung Mass at Holy Trinity at 6.30 pm. The Bible Study Group will not meet this week, but will join the Ascension Day Mass.

Parochial Church Council

Members of the PCC are reminded that we meet on Wednesday at 7.15 pm in Trinity Hall.

Friends of Hawley Churchyard

The Working Party meets next on Saturday week (June 7th), 9 am – 12 noon. Come and do as much or as little as you like, or help with refreshments.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

The sick and infirm:

June Anderton, Margaret Coles, Janet Dadson,
Ian Hasbey, Leah James, Jerold Lee,
Janet Murton, Dave Powers, Pat Rorison,
Christina & Geoff, Graham, Jack & Rosemary,
Kate, Kirk & Karen, Mac, Mike, Sue, Tony

Anniversary of death:

Edith Black, Jim Connal, Doreen Hartfield,
Maud Lusted, William Spence

THIS WEEK

• All events at Holy Trinity—*unless shown otherwise* •
Weekday Readings: Week 6 of Easter

Wednesday

6.30 pm: Mass (6.00: Exposition of Bl. Sacrament)
Psalm R. *Alleluia*.

7.15 pm: PCC meeting—*Trinity Hall*

Thursday **ASCENSION DAY**

N.B. No Bible Study Group

6.30 pm: Sung Mass

Friday

11.00 am: Mass (10.30: Exposition of Bl. Sacrament)
Psalm R. *Alleluia*.

2 – 4 pm: Tea at Two—*All Saints Hall*

Next Sunday—**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

9.15 am: Mass with hymns—*All Saints*

11.00 am: Sung Mass

Trinity Fair: **Saturday 14th June**

To date, we have a BBQ, Bouncy Castle, Cakes and Cream Teas, Cards and Crafts, Plants, and a Raffle. The Pre-School and the Scouts will also have stalls. In Church there will be the usual information about our various groups with information on Baptisms and Weddings. Interested folk can also have a tour of the Church. There will be Bell Tower visits.

There are boxes at the back of both churches for any donations for this day.

Volunteers to help on the day would be welcome. Please speak to Derek Bangs.

The Fair will end with a service of Hymns of Praise at 4 pm. This is your chance to choose a favourite hymn! Maybe one we haven't sung for a while. There are forms in both churches on which you can nominate a hymn to be included. (Please note the expectation on the form that by choosing a hymn you are indicating that you will actually turn up on the day and join in singing it!)

'Tea at Two'

We meet every Friday from 2 – 4 pm in All Saints Hall. Come and join us for great cake, tea/coffee and conversation. We look forward to seeing you!

Weekly news sheet

Please send any items for inclusion on the sheet to Fr William by the end of Wednesday each week.

Living the Word

Psalms 67

This psalm is both a prayer and an expression of adoration. It begins with a prayer of supplication, asking that the very face of God should shine on us, and his ways known among all nations.

Its origins lie in a cultic thanksgiving for the harvest, as verses 6 and 7 show.

However, the orientation of the psalm has undergone a complete change.

There is a profound recognition that God is the source of all life.

Furthermore, He is the ruler and the guide of all nations. This is an important insight given the small size of Israel and the presence of her powerful neighbours.

It is through this psalm – and indeed all the psalms – that the sovereignty of God is proclaimed and revealed. What lies at the heart of this psalm is the deep perception that worship is about the majesty and the holiness of God which draws our devotion away from the things of this world and the narrowness of our earthly limitations.

We are lifted up to a higher level by a vision of universal range and of great power, while looking at all things and all events with the eyes of God.

The result is that it is only by turning to God in gratitude that man avoids being overly burdened by earthly matters.

A right perspective is achieved when man's existence is placed in the light of the unfathomable mystery of salvation.

This is a psalm which excites our worship of God, and which expresses our deep desire for God to bless us so that His face may indeed shine upon us.

Sunday 25th May 2025

6th Sunday of Easter

Gospel: John 14: 23 – 29



Jesus teaches that if we love him we will 'keep his word'. Later he says 'the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me'. The word that Jesus gives us to keep is life and light; it is truth and love. The word is beyond any ownership by any one person, but points beyond every person to the Father. Jesus himself is the Word of the Father, so the one who speaks divine truth is himself the Divine Son of the Divine Father. The eternal origin of the Word is in the Father – who is creator of all things visible and invisible. Jesus in giving us the word has opened up to us the possibility of knowing God's will and his mind.

It is love that is key to his word. As St Julian of Norwich said, 'by thought is God never holden, only by love.'