PARISH OF HAWLEY

8 March 2026—Third Sunday in Lent

Welcome to our services today

Bishop Andrew
Please pray for the soul of Bishop Andrew, late Bishop of Guildford, a faithful pastor of the flock and friend to this parish, who died on Tuesday morning. Pray too for his widow Beverly and their children.

This Wednesday's Mass will be a Requiem for him. Funeral arrangements will be notified in due course.

Hawley Anglican Men's Society
HAMS meets this Monday (9th) at 7 pm in Trinity Hall, for a talk by Chris Parrott from the Missionary Aviation Fellowship. This is an open meeting and all are welcome.

Mothering Sunday Posies
Please see Diane Brown after Mass if you would like to make six daffodil posies for distribution at Holy Trinity.

Our **Lenten Lunches** (vegetarian soup and bread) continue on Fridays throughout Lent at 12.15 pm. All are welcome. There will be the opportunity to make a donation in support of our **Lent Charity**, Step by Step, a locally-based charity doing vital work with young people facing homelessness and similar challenges.

Mothers' Union
The next Mothers' Union meeting, focussing on Lent, will be held at 7 pm on Monday week (16th) in Trinity Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

Chrism Mass
The Regional Chrism Mass will be on **Saturday 28th March** at **12 noon**, when we will join with Bishop Luke at **Guildford Cathedral**. As it is near at hand this year, we hope our parish will be well represented!

Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)
Many thanks to those who joined the Parish Giving Scheme in February: you together with those who joined earlier will save your treasurer team many hours during 2026 and beyond! Still haven't joined? Lost your application form? Got a question? Our acting treasurers Keith Blanchard, Allen Brown, Susan Brown and Tony Evans, with assistance from Stella Nettleton and Jan Reed, will be happy to help you. If you have not yet applied to join please do so. You can also join by phone direct to PGS on 0333 002 1260, or apply online at www.parishgiving.org.uk.

THIS WEEK

• All events at Holy Trinity—*unless shown otherwise* •
Weekday Readings: Week 3 in Lent

Monday
7.00 pm: HAMS Open Meeting—*Trinity Hall*

Wednesday
6.30 pm: Requiem Mass for Bishop Andrew
(6.00: Exposition of Bl. Sacrament)
Psalm R. *To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*

Thursday
11.00 am: Bible Study group

Friday
11.00 am: Mass (10.30: Exposition of Bl. Sacrament)
Psalm R. *I am the Lord your God, listen to my warning.*
12.15 pm: Lenten Lunch
2 – 4 pm: Tea at Two—*All Saints Hall*

Next Sunday—*Mothering Sunday (4th in Lent)*
9.15 am: Holy Communion—*All Saints*
11.00 am: Sung Mass

Electoral Roll
The annual revision of the Electoral Roll will begin next Sunday (15th) and last for six weeks.

'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.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

The sick and infirm: June Anderton, Janet Dadson, Ian McRea, Paul Moore, Janet Murton, Roy & Jackie Phillips, Dave Powers, Mike Reed, Pat Rorison, Shirley Whiteley, Jack & Rosemary, John, Kirk & Karen, Mark, Phil
and the needs of the peoples of the Middle East

The recently departed & their families:
Ian Armstrong, Bishop Andrew Watson, Neville

Anniversary of death: Ray Blackman, John Boyles, Nesta Glynn-Williams, Lillian Pallett, Mary Perry, Frederick & Marjorie Poyntz

Exodus 17: 3 – 7

The people are journeying through the desert to the south of modern Israel, whose very name (Negeb) means 'dry', and they are consequently 'tormented by thirst', being forced to encamp where there is no water at all. Their faith in the Lord and in Moses' leadership failed. On this occasion the Lord allows Moses to remedy the situation, but their failure is marked by the two placenames. For us, there are moments when our experience of God appears non-existent in the midst of the trials and tribulations of life. We are spiritually dry. The temptation is to complain and to fall away from the Christian faith because 'it is not working'. At times like this we are not to follow the example of the rebellious Israelites but place our dryness into the hands of God in prayer and trust.

The Litany

The Litany is a form of prayer consisting of a series of petitions to which the people respond. Pope Gelasius in the fifth century introduced a litany into the Mass of which the Kyrie Eleison alone survives. Two hundred years later the pattern of the Litany for the Western Church throughout the Middle Ages was established under Pope Sergius in form of The Litany of the Saints, and it is from this that the roots of other litanies can be found. Today we are so used to singing or saying Litanies in many different forms that we often take this unique form of prayer for granted. During the Lenten season we are asked to make space in our lives to prepare ourselves to meet Christ anew at the Easter Feast. Perhaps we should take time to pray the Litany one day each week as part of our preparations?

The Society
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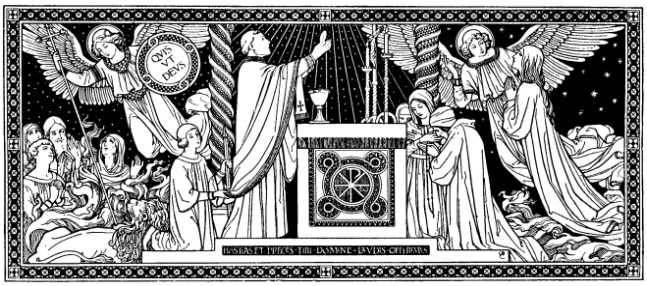
Sunday 8th March 2026
3rd Sunday of Lent
Gospel: John 4: 5 – 42



The Christian life begins in Baptism. Through the waters of the Font, we can share in the death and resurrection of Christ. In today's Gospel, Jesus offers living water to the Samaritan woman at the well. He knows her story even better than she does, yet her first reaction is to simply think of his gift in physical terms, that it will be the end of a repetitive and awkward chore of drawing water regularly from the well. Yet the water he gives is the living spring, welling up to eternal life. We cannot live without water, and we cannot truly live without Christ. As Moses in the desert struck the rock and brought forth living water, so Christ, buried in the cave in which his dead body is placed, brings forth the Resurrection life. Through the living water of baptism, we are adopted and forgiven, that we may be fed with the pilgrim's food of the Holy Eucharist.

From today's Collect

We beseech thee, Almighty God: look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies.