

PARISH OF HAWLEY

28 June 2026—SS. Peter & Paul, Apostles

Welcome to our services today

Mass and Garden Party with Bishop Luke

You are warmly invited to a summer celebration at St Augustine's Church, Aldershot GU12 4SE on **Friday 31 July**, commencing with Mass at 6.00 pm and followed by a Garden Party in the grounds of the church (or in the hall if the weather is inclement). There will be light refreshments together with drinks, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic.

We are delighted that Luke, Bishop of Richborough, will be with us to preside at Mass and join us afterwards. Tom Middleton, National Director of Forward in Faith, and Libby Holden, FiF Administrative Assistant, also intend to be there. Please do come along and meet them.

This event is under the auspices of Forward in Faith Guildford and The Society together with the Parishes of Hawley and St Augustine's. The invitation is open to all members of either parish and to anyone who would just like to come along and join us! Do make a note of the date in your diary and we look forward to seeing you there.

Please remember in your prayers this week:

The sick and infirm: June Anderton, John Darcy, Ian McRea, Janet Murton, Mike Reed, Pat Rorison, Lauren Scammell, Shirley Whiteley, Jack & Rosemary, Jill, John, Kirk & Karen, Mark, Pete

The recently departed & their families: John Baldari, Peter Cooper, Christopher Fooks, Peter Gardner, Rhys Morgan, Kenneth Nelson

Anniversary of death: Lucy Bailey, Jack Barnes, Peter Lyne, Kenneth Perry, Jack Rorison, Maud Scott

THIS WEEK

• All events at Holy Trinity—*unless shown otherwise* •
Weekday Readings: Week 13 in Ordinary Time, Year II

Tuesday

7.30 pm: Deanery Synod—*St Mary's, Ash*

Wednesday

6.30 pm: Mass (6.00: Exposition of Bl. Sacrament)
Psalm R. *I will show God's salvation to the upright.*

Friday St Thomas, Apostle

11.00 am: Mass (10.30: Exposition of Bl. Sacrament)
Psalm R. *Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.*

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

2.30 pm: Holy Communion—*Camberley Woods*

Saturday

9am–12pm: Working Party

Next Sunday—Fifth Sunday after Trinity

9.15 am: Mass with hymns—*All Saints*

11.00 am: Sung Mass

Poppy display

We have been asked by the Royal British Legion Yateley and Hawley Branch if we could knit or crochet poppies to display on the hedge at the corner of Holy Trinity.

We need lots of knitted or crocheted poppies please. The pattern can be found on: parishofhawley.org.uk/remembrance, or see Diane Brown for further information.

'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: 2 Timothy 4

In this brief epistle Paul, the seasoned preacher of the Good News, encourages and instructs his child in the faith, Timothy. Paul's life is coming to its end, 'poured away as a libation', and as he reflects on his own ministry, he urges Timothy to be faithful at all times and to preach the Gospel with conviction, however unpopular it might be.

He is to refute falsehood, correct error and present the saving message of Jesus in its fullness to those attracted by myths and novel doctrines. For this he would need to be bold and courageous; it would mean dedicating his life entirely to the task entrusted to him. No half measures!

Timothy could look to Paul as his example. He had fought the good fight to the end, he had run the race to its finish, he had kept the faith, and he suffered for it – gladly, for this was his vocation, and that comes with a cost.

His strength came from the Lord alone. Paul's reward, for which he longed, was the crown of righteousness in the kingdom of heaven. Yes, his life on earth was coming to an end, but there is a triumphant tone in his message, for he knew his sufferings would soon be over and he would find new and everlasting life in the presence of the Lord he had served on earth.

Paul's instruction to Timothy is to be bold, be steadfast, keep the faith. That message is for us, too. We have a message of hope to bring to a world.

The task is urgent, and we must not shy away from witnessing to the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Sunday 28th June 2026

Saints Peter & Paul

Gospel: Matt 16: 13 - 19



St Augustine writes:

'In a virtually unique way Peter represented the entire Church. In his capacity as representative of the whole Church, these words were fittingly addressed to him: "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven." It was not one man, but the whole Church, which received these keys. That you may understand that the Church received the keys of the kingdom of heaven, remember that our Lord said to all his apostles, "Receive the Holy Spirit", and added immediately, "Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven. Whose sins you shall retain, they are retained."'

It is good to remember that the entire Church has received the Lord's command to forgive sins in his name, to bind and loose on earth what will be bound and loosed in heaven.

May the prayers of the apostles Peter and Paul unite the Church in her witness to the forgiving love of Christ.