

PARISH OF HAWLEY

19 July 2026—Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our services today

Mothers' Union 150th Anniversary Afternoon Tea

You are invited to an afternoon tea tomorrow (20th) from 2.30 pm onwards, in Jackie Davies' garden at 62 Oakfield Road, Hawley GU17 9DZ. All are welcome to attend but please either add your name to the list in the porch or let Jackie know directly (mob. 07986 508713). Please bring some cash for the raffle.

Parochial Church Council

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

'Holy Trinity, Hawley—A Short Guide'

This newly-produced, full-colour guide to our Parish Church is now available in both of our churches. Priced at just £2.00, it shows many notable aspects of the church building (some of them easily overlooked) together with the history behind them. All proceeds go to Hawley Parish. Do buy a copy for yourselves, and another for a friend or two (or three!)

'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!

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:

Edward Bower, Michael Cole, Jackie Phillips

Anniversary of death:

Ron Bainbridge, Thomas Blamires, Betty Bloomfield, John Bullock, Gordon Dallimore, Fr Martyn Neale, Christopher Parry, Cherry Taylor

THIS WEEK

• All events at Holy Trinity—*unless shown otherwise* •
Weekday Readings: Week 16 in Ordinary Time, Year II

Monday

2.30 pm: MU Afternoon Tea—62 Oakfield Rd

Wednesday *St Mary Magdalen*

11.00 am: Funeral Mass of Peter Gardner

6.30 pm: Mass (6.00: Exposition of Bl. Sacrament)
Psalm R. *For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.*

7.15 pm: PCC meeting—Trinity Hall

Thursday *St Bridget of Sweden, Abbess,*
[Co-Patron of Europe]

1.00 pm: Funeral of Michael Cole

Friday

11.00 am: Mass (10.30: Exposition of Bl. Sacrament)
Psalm R. *The Lord will guard us as a shepherd guards his flock.*

2–4 pm: Tea at Two—All Saints Hall

Next Sunday—*Eighth Sunday after Trinity*

9.15 am: Mass with hymns—All Saints

11.00 am: Sung Mass

Mass and Garden Party with Bishop Luke

Make sure you have this event in your diary! A summer celebration will be held at St Augustine's Church, Aldershot GU12 4SE on **Friday week (31st)**, commencing with Angelus and Mass at 6.00 pm and followed by a Garden Party in the grounds (or in the hall if the weather is inclement). Light refreshments will be provided, together with drinks, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic. Luke, Bishop of Richborough, will be with us to preside at Mass and to join us afterwards. Tom Middleton, National Director of Forward in Faith, and Libby Holden, FiF Administrative Assistant, also intend to be present. Do come along and meet them. Everyone is invited!

Weekly news sheet

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

Wisdom 12: 13 – 19

The wise man recognises in his search for God that the Almighty is always just. It is sometimes hard for us to understand why a certain thing has happened to us or a loved one. There are rarely emphatic answers to these kinds of questions during our own lifetimes, which is why faith is just that: faith in what is to come. Christians should never lose sight of the fact that we are preparing ourselves for the life to come. Our hardships, our difficulties – all are as nothing compared to the happiness we shall experience on that last day if we are counted among the righteous. And what must we do to be righteous? Showing kindness, as suggested in this reading, is a good place to start. Loving as God loves, being just in our dealings with the world – this is the beginning of the search for God and thus the beginning of Wisdom.

A sermon by St Peter Chrysologus

The sacrament of Christ's incarnation

A virgin conceived, bore a son, and yet remained a virgin. This is no common occurrence, but a sign; no reason here, but God's power, for he is the cause, and not nature. It is a special event, not shared by others; it is divine, not human. Christ's birth was not necessity, but an expression of omnipotence, a sacrament of piety for the redemption of men. He who made man without generation from pure clay made man again and was born from a pure body. The hand that assumed clay to make our flesh deigned to assume a body for our salvation. That the Creator is in his creature and God is in the flesh brings dignity to man without dishonour to him who made him.

Sunday 19th July 2026 Trinity 7 / 16th Ordinary Gospel: Matt 13: 24 - 43



In many passages of teaching about the Kingdom of Heaven, it becomes obvious that Christ uses everyday examples to show how, by ignoring the glorious kingdom God, we create our own hell around us. Christ deliberately used images that the people could see so as to make the Kingdom of God more accessible; a place we can identify with and participate in its establishment and growth. It is for us to read or listen to God's Word and, like the seed being sown around us, nurture and raise up spiritual crops to reap a harvest of the Christian life. The innocence and simplicity of St Francis's message was that all around us is the beauty of God's Kingdom if we will but see it. What frustrated St Francis was that we look around us and see ugliness where there is beauty, decay where there is hope, and evil of our own making, when just beyond the darkness there is good and the fruit of Christ's teaching. It is for us to let the light of Christ dispel the darkness and establish God's Kingdom which surrounds us. We are to listen and, by doing so, we shall hear His truth.