

PARISH OF HAWLEY

26 July 2026—Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Welcome to our services today

Mass and Garden Party with Bishop Luke

A summer celebration will be held at St Augustine's Church, Aldershot GU12 4SE **this Friday (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!

Please remember in your prayers this week:

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

The recently departed & their family:
Jackie Phillips

Anniversary of death: Henry Cooper,
Rose Gardner, Stanley Goddard, Michael Harding,
Don Leppard, Mina Long, Doug Mason

THIS WEEK

• All events at Holy Trinity—*unless shown otherwise* •
Weekday Readings: Week 17 in Ordinary Time, Year II

Wednesday *Martha, Mary & Lazarus, Companions
[of our Lord]*

6.30 pm: Mass (6.00: Exposition of Bl. Sacrament)
Psalm R. *I will bless the Lord at all times.*

Friday *St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest*
N.B. No Mass at Holy Trinity today

2–4 pm: Tea at Two—*All Saints Hall*

6.00 pm: Summer Mass & Garden Party
—*St Augustine's, Aldershot*

Saturday

9 am–12 pm: Working Party

Next Sunday—Ninth Sunday after Trinity

9.15 am: Mass with hymns—*All Saints*

11.00 am: Sung Mass

'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. All proceeds go to our Parish.

'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.

Romans 8: 28 – 30

The human desire to be in control is a difficult one to suppress. We like to have a handle on everything that is going on in order not to be surprised when something occurs. This need to be prepared often leads us into being nosey or gossiping in an inappropriate way. Paul's letter to the Church in Rome helps us to see that there are many occasions when we forget that God is in control of what is going on. Even in times of strife and woe, we should trust that God can use events to complete His purposes. When we feel as though we have lost control, perhaps those words of St Teresa of Avila should be on our mind, urging God to work through our hands, our eyes, our feet, remembering that God's purposes are what must be fulfilled over the passage of time.

St James, Apostle: Feast on 25th July
St James was the brother of St John and, like him, a fisherman. He was one of the witnesses of the Transfiguration and one of those who slept through most of the Agony in the Garden. He was the first of the apostles to be martyred, being beheaded by King Herod Agrippa I to please the Jewish opponents of Christianity. There is a tradition that the relics of St James were brought to Spain at some point after his martyrdom, and his shrine at Compostela grew in importance until it became a great pilgrimage centre in western Europe. The Confraternity of St James continues to work to restore and the route which remains in very active use by pilgrims from across the world.

St James, Apostle of Christ, you left your nets without looking back when He called your name. St James, patron of pilgrims, walk with me on the road I am travelling now. St James, pray for us!

Sunday 26th July 2026 Trinity 8 / 17th Ordinary Gospel: Matt 13: 31 - 52



Chapter 13 of St Matthew's Gospel is dense with parables. The Lord uses parables to communicate God's way of working, God's way of seeing, God's priorities and not ours. Parables always overturn expectations and shift perspectives. In today's Gospel, the Kingdom of God is described variously as 'a treasure hidden in a field', 'a merchant looking for fine pearls', and 'a dragnet cast into the sea'. This parable is about the startling reality of finding the treasure, or better still, the treasure finding you, in the everyday circumstance of life. Sometimes, in the course of life, something happens that vividly and surprisingly summons us to union with God. The reaction of the man who finds the treasure is telling; he does not simply carry on with his everyday work as if nothing had occurred, rather he goes off rejoicing, sells all he has, and buys the field in which the treasure resides. His whole life is changed; nothing matters more than the treasure he has found. We should hold nothing back when the treasure of union with God finds us; and we must be open to finding it as we walk through the fields of life.