



Tom Pote Curate

#### Dear Friends,

In November, the Church celebrates All Saints and All Souls. These are two moments in which we give thanks for the saints of the church – not just those whom the Church has canonised as saints (John, Benedict, Theresa of Avila for example) – but all those who have lived faithful lives and who have gone about their business quietly getting on with the work of the Gospel.

In the New Testament 'the saints' are the 'faithful people of God' who bear witness to Christ - just like you and me

today. All of us are called to be saintly following the example of our forebears. It's also a time for us to remember those loved ones who have gone before us and whom we want to commend to God's safe keeping. This year, this celebration feels rather different as we remember all who have lost their lives as a result of the Coronavirus and we pray especially for all who have been unable to grieve together with family and friends in the past nine months.



This year the parish will mark this season in several different ways. St. Mary's, in association with Common Ground, will be hosting an exhibition entitled 'Good Grief' by the Christian textile artist Jacqui Parkinson (click on image below to download flyer). St

Mary's will be open from 11am-3pm on Thursday 29th, 11am-3pm and 7pm-9pm Saturday 31st, and 12pm-4pm on Sunday 1st November. St Mary's will reopen 11am-3pm on Tuesday 3rd, Thursday 5th and Saturday 7th November in the week running up to Remembrance Sunday for quiet prayer, an opportunity to light a candle in memory of loved ones and to look at the artwork.

There will also be a mini <u>Night Vision</u> at St. Mary's on Saturday 31st October and on Sunday 1st November at 10.30am there will be a special service of Holy Communion for All Saints' Day featuring the St. Mary's choir.

At Holy Trinity we celebrate All Saints' Day with a Sung Eucharist at 10am and then, in a break with our usual tradition of a come-and-sing Requiem Eucharist in the evening, we gather for a special service of evening prayer commemorating the faithful departed. At this service we will pray by name for all those who have died in the past twelve months, recognising specifically the impact of the pandemic, and pray over the names of other loved ones we wish to remember before God.

From this Sunday, there will be two clearly labelled lists at the back of Holy Trinity and St Mary's, for recording the names you wish us to remember during the service. During the service there will be an opportunity to light a candle as we remember those who now live with Christ. If you are unable to get to church to write names on either of the two lists, please email them to the parish office.

## **Nazareth Way**

Last week we prayed for prisoners, their families and prison staff as part of National Prison Week. The Rev'd Lesley Mason, chaplain at HMP Send has recorded <u>this video</u> about the challenges of prison ministry during Covid. We support <u>Nazareth Way</u> as a part of the parish's Outward Giving.

#### **Street Angels**

Jenny Nockolds has shared this kind message of gratitude from the <u>Street Angels</u>, "Thanks to St Mary's for hosting us – the church looks so lovely and we all remarked that it feels so "right" to be based in a church right in the middle of the community we seek to serve."

- Tom



Pippa Mitchell hildren & Families Co-ordinato

#### **News from Young Holy Trinity**

We have missed our young families so much this half term – Holy Trinity just isn't the same without you all! It is wonderful though that we have reached half term with most of our children still in school and able to learn in the classroom and be with their friends. Café Club has continued to enjoy getting together on Thursdays before choir practice and hearing our young people sing again has been a joy for all of us.

Children & Families Co-ordinator We all really hope that you feel in touch — if you feel that you are not, <u>please get in contact!</u> As Robert said, we want to know that you are okay, and if you are not, to help where we can. I hope you all have a good half term break, whatever form that may take, and stay safe and well. - *Pippa* 

# Girlguiding Guilaford



#### **Brownies update**

You may not have seen much of the Brownies in the last six months, but the unit has been very active! Within a few weeks of lockdown we were up and running on Zoom in our normal Friday afternoon slot. We carried on through the Easter and half term breaks, as the girls were very much enjoying our weekly meetings. In addition to

adapted versions of programme activities, we enjoyed a few specials, such as a sharea-pet evening (stuffed animals for those of us who don't have live pets), quizzes and scavenger hunts, several national and international online events and challenges; and we finished off the summer term with a virtual sleepover, which saw me setting up camp under the dining table. Last month, we met at a safe social distance in the churchyard (having jumped through quite a few hoops). As the evenings become darker and colder, we we've reverted to Zoom for the time being.

One of the activities we have undertaken is to compile a scrapbook of our pandemic experiences which will be donated to the archive at Guildford Museum. We've also said goodbye to our two young adult leaders, Sophie and Victoria, who have gone off to study at Exeter University. - Helen Lee

# Dates for your diary

## Brigadier Philip Pratley MBE: The Armed Services in the Modern World

We are very pleased to invite Brigadier Philip Pratley MBE to talk to us at the next meeting of the virtual **Trinity Club 10.30am - 12 noon Tuesday 27 October**. This promises to a very interesting and challenging talk. Please put the date in your diary and join in the ensuing discussion with some equally challenging questions. To join the meeting on Zoom <u>click</u> here. - Brian Roberts & David Uzzell

**Organ Recital at St Mary's Wednesday 11th November at 1:10pm** with Carl Jackson (Chapel Royal). Admission is free. Please inform the Parish office by <u>email</u> or telephone: 01483 567716 if you wish to attend. <u>Click here</u> for additional Organ Recitals planned at St Mary's Church.

Click here for the full schedule of What's On in the parish.

#### HTSM videos this week - click images below to play



What does it mean to be 'sent out'? Sunday 18th Oct sermon at Holy Trinity by Jonathan Hedgecock (9 mins)



Walking with God A meditative prayer walk with Jonathan Hedgecock in Wisley RHS Garden. (16 mins)

# Links to services, morning prayer and service sheets: 23rd - 30th October

<u>SUBSCRIBE</u> to this newsletter to receive the Zoom Links to services (sent by email only) A reminder that the clocks go back one hour at 2am Sunday 25th October

Sunday 8am Holy Communion	SERVICE SHEET
Sunday 10am Holy Trinity Eucharist	SERVICE SHEET
Sunday 10:30am St Mary's Worship	SERVICE SHEET
Sunday 6pm Evening Service	SERVICE SHEET
*Wednesday 12pm Communion Service*	SERVICE SHEET
Weekday 8:30am Morning Prayer	WEEKDAY PRAYER
Sat 9:30am Morning Prayer on Zoom	<u>SATURDAY PRAYER</u>
Download Zoom links and call-in details	HTSM VIDEOS

If there is news that we should know please pass it on:
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