

Parish Press

Sunday May 10th, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sentence

'Those who love me will keep my word,' Jesus promises, 'and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.' John 14.23

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God,
giver of life and love,
we thank you for the gift of mothers
and for all who nurture and care for others.
Pour out your blessing upon them,
that they may know your strength in their labours,
your comfort in their trials,
and your joy in their service.
Grant that we, who have received so much love,
may learn to reflect that love in our lives,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings

Acts 7.55-60	Page 96
Psalms 31.1-5, 17-18	Page (OT) 393
1 Peter 2.11-25	Page 183
Luke 14.1-14	Page 59

Today's services are

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Sung Holy Communion and Baptism Service followed by
morning tea

We welcome the Patterson family for the baptism of Harry

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Mark's Reflection

The Stoning of Stephen (Acts 6–7)

Stephen stands as the first Christian martyr, a man “full of grace and power,” whose life and death echo the very pattern of Christ. Accused falsely, dragged before the authorities, and condemned by an angry crowd, he does not respond with fear or hatred—but with truth, courage, and astonishing grace.

As stones are raised against him, Stephen lifts his eyes to heaven and sees the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of the Father. Even in the face of death, his vision is not of violence, but of victory—Christ reigning, Christ welcoming, Christ present.

Most striking of all are Stephen's final words. Like Jesus on the cross, he prays for his persecutors: “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” In that moment, hatred is met not with retaliation, but with forgiveness. The cycle of violence is broken by love.

Stephen's witness challenges us deeply. How do we respond when we are misunderstood, opposed, or hurt? Do we cling to resentment, or do we dare to forgive? Do we see only the struggle before us, or do we lift our eyes to the greater reality of God's presence and promise?

This story is not only about death, but about faithful living. Stephen reminds us that following Christ may be costly—but it is never without hope. Even in suffering, God is at work. Indeed, from this moment of tragedy, the Church begins to spread, and the gospel reaches new lands.

As we reflect on Stephen's courage, may we be given grace to stand firm in faith, to speak truth with love, and to trust that nothing—not even death—can separate us from the glory of God revealed in Christ Jesus.

God bless

Mark

Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful Mothers. Please join us in praying for them today.

Treasures and Tastes at Trinity Market

Our market is coming up next Saturday. You can support our Church by coming for a slice of cake and a coffee before browsing the stalls. The stallholders will be a wonderful mix of creators, makers, bakers and growers. A reminder to those with the laminated posters that say "This Saturday" to please put them up on their fences today. Thank you

Parish Lunch

Our Parish lunch is coming up on the 31st of May. To RSVP please put your name on the sign up sheet in the narthex.

Food for Asylum Seekers

A huge thank you for the fantastic response to our request for donations. In conjunction with the Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre, your offering has been amazing! Carloads of food have gone to the Migrant Resource Centre, and much has been used for the weekly Food Pantry every Thursday. We would like to suggest a "one-item" continual donation every week. It will make a tremendous difference.

Parish Prayer List

Helen Burston, Stephen Binns, Thelma Fiddymont, Bruce Knox, Helen Morris, John and Sally James, Edith Jenkins, Ann Constable, Gwen Jackson, Verna Hubert, Mark, Leslie Gibbons.

We remember

We give you thanks for your servants in every age. Grant that we, with all your saints, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of your kingdom. Constance Thick, Lloyd Eva, Edna Cartwright, Frederick Petersen, Myrtle Jeffers, Arthur Gulliver, Yvonne Anderson, David Cranwell.

This Week at Holy Trinity

Wednesday

10am Service Holy
Communion followed by
morning tea

Thursday

**Grab something for our
community pantry from the
shops.**

10am Parish Prayer Service
7-10pm Choir Practice

Friday

3pm Market Set up

Saturday

9-1pm Market Day

Sunday

**8am Holy Communion
9.30am Sung Holy
Communion service
followed by morning tea**

Readings this week

Monday John 15.26-16.4
Tuesday John 16.5-11
Wednesday John 16.12-15
Thursday Matthew 28.16-20
Friday John 16.20-23
Saturday John 16.23-28

Sunday

**Acts 17.22-31
Psalm 66.7-19
1 Peter 3.8-22
John 14.15-21**

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