

Parish Press

Sunday November 16th, 2025

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

Sentence

May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways.
2 Thessalonians 3.16

Prayer of the Day

Lord God of all the ages,
the One who is, who was, and who is to come:
stir up within us a longing for your kingdom,
keep our hearts steady in times of trial,
and grant us patient endurance until the Sun of justice dawns.
We make our prayer through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 65.17-25	Page (OT) 539
Song of Isaiah	APBA p. 391
2 Thessalonians 3.6-13	Page 160
Luke 21.5-19	Page 65

Today's services are

8am Holy Communion
9.30am Sung Holy Communion Service followed by morning tea
5pm Youth Group

This week we pray for all who live in Rawlings Street, Surrey Hills

You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast,
because they trust in you. (Isaiah 26.3)

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Mark's Reflection

In today's Gospel, Jesus' disciples admire the beauty and grandeur of the Temple in Jerusalem. It was a place of pride and stability for the people of Israel—a sign of God's presence among them. Yet Jesus responds with startling words: "The days will come when not one stone will be left upon another."

It must have been a shocking thing to hear. The Temple seemed permanent, immovable, unshakable. But Jesus is reminding his followers that even the greatest human achievements do not last forever. Kingdoms rise and fall. Buildings crumble. Certainties fade. What endures is not the work of our hands, but the steadfast love of God.

Jesus goes on to speak of wars, earthquakes, and persecutions—frightening images that mirror the instability of every age. But notice his message: "Do not be terrified." Faith does not protect us from hardship, but it gives us strength to face it. When the world feels fragile, our calling is not to retreat in fear, but to bear witness—to show through our words and actions that our hope is in Christ alone.

He tells us, "By your endurance you will gain your souls." Endurance is not about grim determination, but about trusting God's faithfulness when everything else seems uncertain. It's about keeping our eyes on Christ, who walks with us through every trial.

As we approach the end of the Church's year, this Gospel calls us to reflect on what truly lasts. Not our possessions, our status, or even our buildings—but the enduring faith, hope, and love that God plants in our hearts.

May we, like the first disciples, learn to stand firm in faith and to bear witness to God's kingdom, even when the world feels shaky around us.

God Bless

Mark

Notices

- The Parish AGM will be on November 23 at 11am.
- The Thanksgiving Service for Barry Fry will be at Holy Trinity on Friday November 21st at 1.30pm. Refreshments in Trinity Hall will follow

HT WOMEN'S GROUP HIGH TEA – SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER

The planning is complete for the 2025 High Tea. The details are:

DATE: Saturday 29 November

VENUE: Carter Hall, HT

TIME: 2.00-4.00 pm

COST: \$30 –

THEME: Christmas Trivia Quiz – please bring your thinking caps!

Catering via Fiona Croker, including sparkling wine, soft drinks, tea and coffee. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the Narthex in early November.

Please pay in cash via labelled envelopes in the Narthex, either hand to Maureen, Sheila or Kaye or place in the offertory bowl. For further information please speak to Maureen, Sheila or Kaye or email office@holytrinity.sh

FIRST AID COURSE.

We are running a First Aid course tomorrow, **Monday, November 17th from 1.30pm – 3pm in Carter Hall.**

Please let us know asap if you wish to attend via the sign up sheet in the Narthex or by contacting the parish office.

Treasures and Tastes Market

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped to make yesterday run so smoothly.

Parish Prayer List

Helen Burston, Stephen Binns, William Stewart (Stu) Parry, Robyn Foskett, Thelma Fiddymment, Rachel Hayman, Bruce Knox, Helen Morris, John and Sally James, Edith Jenkins, Sue Hand, Ann Constable, Gwen Jackson, Verna Hubert, Hayden Daley, Joy Hayman, Mark, Paul Carver.

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. Charles Danvers, Coszette Probert, Ruth Gibbins, Sean Dillon, Thora Marie McGill, Susan Lovell, Margaret James.

This Week at Holy Trinity

Monday

1.30-3pm First Aid Course in
Carter Hall

Tuesday

9.30-12.30pm Office Hours

Wednesday

10am Thanksgiving and
Healing Service followed by
morning tea

Thursday

10am Prayer Service
9.30-12.30pm Office Hours
7.30-9.30pm Choir Practice

Sunday

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

Readings this week

Monday Luke 18.35-43

Tuesday Luke 19.1-10

Wednesday Luke 19.11-28

Thursday Luke 19.41-44

Friday Luke 19.45-48

Saturday Luke 20.27-40

Sunday

Jeremiah 23.1-6

Song of Zechariah (sing)

Colossians 1.11-20

Luke 23.33-43

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